

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Audion. Present were Directors Charles Bartolet, Susan Baxter, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin, Lanita Lum, Sandra Miller, Lachlan Peeke, Sharon Stack, and Ralph Puerta. Also present were Sandra G. Fellin, Ed.D, Superintendent; and David Bonenberger, Board Secretary.

An Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, negotiations, and legal matters was held prior to the Business Meeting.

- I. Call to the Order – *Mr. Ralph Puerta, President, presiding*
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recording of Attendance – *Mr. David Bonenberger, Secretary*  
9-present; 0-absent;
- IV. Announcement of Executive Sessions –
- V. Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2009 and September 8, 2009

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2009 and September 8, 2009. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

- VI. Recognition
  - A. George Torrella – Board Member
- VII. Presentation
- VIII. Superintendent's Report – *Dr. Sandra Fellin, Superintendent*
- IX. Citizens' Comments – Agenda Items Only – *Visitors should state their name and address.*
- X. Presentation of Bills – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures - \$1,633,368.65
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures - \$45,721.88
  - C. Health Benefits - \$341,994.69

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 9-yes, (Directors Baxter and Karabin abstained from Check #16795 and Check #16846), 0-no.

- XI. Treasurer's Report – *Edward Inghrim/David Bonenberger*
  - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
  - B. Expansion Project Finance Report
  - C. High School Activity Report and Middle School Activity Report

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

- XII. Motion to Approve Agenda

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Peeke, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

- A. *Education*

- 1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:
  - Policy 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
  - Policy 206 – Assignment within District
  - Policy 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings
  - Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
  - Policy 246 – Student Wellness
  - Policy 626 and 626AR – Federal Fiscal Compliance
  - Policy 818 – Contracted Services
  - Policy 906 – Public Complaints

Director Miller, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Education Item 1. Vote: 7-yes, 2-no (Baxter, Peeke)

- B. *Personnel*

- 1. Approve, with regret, the resignation of Todd Gombos, high school principal, effective November 14, 2009.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Personnel Item 1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

2. Approve the support staff substitute employee salaries for the 2009-10 school year. Substitute Support Staff Salaries

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Personnel Item 2. Vote: 6-yes, 3-no (Baxter, Karabin, Stack)

3. Approve the following substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

Colleen Bell – Emergency  
Joseph Davis - Science  
Nicholas DeBias – Elementary  
Carin DeWitt – Elementary/Special Education  
Margaret Dredge - Art  
William Kerchner II – Elementary  
Michael Krueger – Special Education  
Krista Laverly – Art  
Fred Levy – Emergency  
Emily Powers - Elementary  
Julie Severance – Elementary  
Judith Venturini - Emergency  
Ryan Yurchick – Health/Physical Education

4. Approve the attached conference/travel requests.

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve Personnel Item 4. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

5. Approve Karen Carolan as 2009-10 elementary choral director. Salary per the current professional contract.
6. Congratulate Sharon Bender, professional employee, who will receive tenure on September 27, 2009.
7. Approve a request from Deborah Kurter, Permanent Part-Time Food Service employee, for an additional four weeks of leave without pay due to a medical hardship in her immediate family.
8. Approve Grant Geiger as high school guidance department chairperson. Salary commensurate with current professional salary.

9. Approve the following salary adjustments for:  
James Deegan, K-12 Supervisor of Assessment and Instruction – \$5,000 – for additional duties and added supervisory requirements.  
Sharon Shipe, Database Specialist – \$2,000 – to perform the duty of central registration.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Personnel Item 9. Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Karabin)

10. Approve Stanley Smith as a District Custodian effective October 11, 2009. Mr. Smith, a Transportation Bus Driver, will fill the vacant custodial position of Frank Zemba, who will retire effective October 10, 2009.
11. Approve Frank Gallo as a Substitute Bus Driver at an hourly rate of \$10 for riding (training) and \$15.22 for driving.
12. Approve Frances Schumann as an addition to the Substitute Clerical List, to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$9.70, no benefits, effective immediately.
13. Approve Nancy Cawley as a Substitute Food Service Worker, to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$9.52, no benefits, effective immediately.
14. Approve the following as homebound teachers for the 2009-10 school year.

Jean Ruhf

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Personnel Items 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Peeke, moved to approve Personnel Items 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

C. *Facilities*

- A. Discussion of Stadium
- B. Discussion of Additional Playing Fields – TAS Proposal

Discussion of additional playing fields and discussion of tennis courts will be items on the next board agenda.

D. *Finance*

E. *Community Outreach*

- 1. The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is scheduled for October 14, 2009 at 7 pm at Hellertown Borough.

F. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – Lachlan Peeke/Sharon Stack  
*(Meetings are first Tuesday of every month)*

G. Colonial Intermediate Unit – Susan Baxter  
*(Meetings are fourth Wednesday of every month)*

H. PSBA – Susan Baxter/Sandra Miller

I. Northampton Community College – Charles Bartolet  
*(Meetings are first Thursday of every month)*

J. Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce – Michael Karabin

K. New Business

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Citizen's Inquiries and Comments – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ October 13, 2009 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting  
High School Audion

October 27, 2009 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting  
High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller, moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

Time: 8:33PM

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

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President