

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta and Sandra Miller. Directors Susan Baxter and Dr. Shamim Pakzad were absent. Also present were Dr. Craig B. Butler, Superintendent, David Bonenberger, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:05 – *Michael Karabin*
- II. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*
7-present, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)
- III. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)
- IV. **Announcement of Executive Session** – February 11, 2020
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)
- VI. **Recognition** – None
- VII. **Presentation** –
 - A. High School Student Representative Report
- VIII. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent*
- IX. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- X. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$309,941.79
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$9,615.38
 - C. Health Benefits – \$385,995.51
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)
- XI. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger*
 - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
 - B. Condensed Board Summary Report
 - C. Capital Project Finance Report
 - D. Budget Transfers – \$205,497.00
 - E. Middle School Activity Report – None
 - F. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

A. Education

1. Approve the 2020-2021 High School Program of Studies.

Director Eichfeld will be voting against because Gender Studies is in the Program of Studies.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #1.
Vote: 7-yes, 1-no (Eichfeld), 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

2. Motion to approve a Charter for the Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School as presented effected July 1, 2020 for a five year period ending June 30, 2025.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #2.
Vote: 7-yes, 1-no (Miller), 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

B. Personnel

1. Approve the retirement of Ron Jones, bus driver effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Approve the resignation of Jessica Figueroa, Food Service effective February 11, 2020.
3. Approve the following long term substitute:

Helaine Young as high school librarian long term substitute beginning approximately March 2, 2020 and continue until approximately May 28, 2020. Base salary is \$52,382 (B, Step 1), which will be prorated for number of days worked. Mrs. Young is replacing Amber Sams, who will be on maternity leave during this time.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve Personnel Items #1-3.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

4. Approve the following rate increases for athletic workers effective February 12, 2020:

Clock Operators - \$14.00/hr (previously \$12.00)

Announcer - \$11.25/hr (previously \$11.00)

Track Workers/Statisticians - \$12.50 (previously \$12.00)

Ticket Seller - \$12.25 (previously \$12.00)

Ticket Taker & General Workers - \$10.25 (previously \$10.00)

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve Personnel Item #4.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

- 5. Approve David Sell as a Part Time Bus Driver at a starting rate of \$10.00 per hour for riding and \$21.65 per hour for driving, with benefits per the current Educational Support Professionals Contract, effective upon completion of employment requirements.
- 6. Approve the following 2019-20 homebound instructor. Salary is \$40 per hour:
Brianne Barona
- 7. Approve the following 2019-20 substitute teacher(s):
Paige Borger – Emergency Certified
Jade Gery – Elementary Certified
Molly McLaine – Emergency Certified

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Personnel Items #5-7.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

- 8. Approve the attached conference/travel requests

Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Item #8.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2 absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

C. Facilities

No Reports of Recommendations

D. Finance

2020-2021 Budget Timeline for the 2019-2020 School Year

May 31, 2020 - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2020-2021 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

June 10, 2020 (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2020-2021 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

June 20, 2020 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2020-2021 final budget.

No Reports or Recommendations

E. Community Outreach – SV Partnership – Michael Karabin and Shawn Welch

F. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – Cedric Dettmar and Bryan Eichfeld

G. Colonial Intermediate Unit – Sandra Miller

H. PSBA – Sandra Miller

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

J. Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation – Tracy Magnotta
April 3rd fundraiser will be a Murder Mystery at the Steel Club.

K. Northampton Community College – Susan Baxter

L. New Business – Math Club placed 4th in their competition, Director Dettmar was thanked for his volunteer work with the club.

Attorney Fitzgerald updated the Board on the a notification received from the Independence Law Center which raised concern with policy 913. At the next Board meeting there will be an updated version of the policy brought forth.

M. Old Business - None

XII. Citizen’s Inquiries and Comments –

J. Schmell – distributed a report she compiled on the reasons the District needs a SRO.

A. McFetridge – Spoke on the need for a SRO in the District.

B. Stoneback – Spoke on the topic of a SRO.

V. Opthof-Cordaro – Spoke about bullying. She appreciated the Climate Survey but the follow-up email saying comments could be sent to Dr. Butler was not good.

L. Fisher – Stated that families need to be fully informed about the “Safe to Say” tip line.

A. Kichline – Feels that “Safe to Say” can be used as a form of bullying.

XIII. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

February 25, 2020 – 7 pm –Business Meeting – Audion

March 10, 2020 – 7 pm –Business Meeting – Audion

March 24, 2020 – 7 pm –Business Meeting – Audion

XIV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter & Pakzad)

8:33pm

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

President