

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via an online meeting. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta, Sandra Miller and Shawn Welch. Directors Bryan Eichfeld 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** – 7:01 pm - *Susan Baxter, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*
6-present, 3-absent (Eichfeld, Magnotta, Pakzad)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the agenda with correction to the date under Remediation. 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Eichfeld, Magnotta, Pakzad)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – March 9, 2021
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Miller, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Eichfeld, Magnotta, Pakzad)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
Director Magnotta arrived 7:04 pm.
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent*
Dr. Butler thanked everyone for their efforts during COVID and having the students in school.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – 385227.09
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$13,246.35
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

XII. Treasurer’s Report – Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity - None
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report - None
- C. Capital Project Finance Report - None
- D. Budget Transfers - \$24,374.00
- E. Middle School Activity Report – None
- F. High School Activity Report – None

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

A. Education

- A. Academic and Personnel Committee Summary – February 24, 2021
- B. After School Remediation Update

- 1. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

- Policy 317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- Policy 417 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- Policy 517 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #1. Vote:
7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

- 2. Approve the After School Remediation program through March 23, 2021.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Education Item #2.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

- 3. Approve the 2020-21 Revised School Calendar due to additional snow days. Students will now be in session on Monday, April 5th and Friday, June 4th (early dismissal for all students). Friday, May 28th will become an Act 80 In-Service Day (no students). Last day for students will be Friday, June 4th (early dismissal for all students). Last day for teachers will be Monday, June 7th.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Education Item #3.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

- 4. Approve Friday, June 4, 2021, as the Graduation Day for the Class of 2021.

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

5. Approve a contract with Mobil Technologies Graphics in the amount of \$9,233 for the Class of 2021 Graduation ceremony.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #5. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

6. Approve the expulsion of student #12286 for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #6. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

B. Personnel

1. Approve the resignation of Elizabeth Meadows, instructional paraprofessional, her last day was March 2, 2021.
2. Approve the following long term substitute:
Logan Hanley as high school English beginning March 10, 2021 and continue for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Base salary is \$53,182 (B, Step 1), which will be prorated for number of days worked. Mr. Hanley is replacing Mary Pope, who recently resigned.
3. Approve the rescinding of the spring health sabbatical for Amy Pulli.
4. Approve MaryBeth Jacavage as a cafeteria monitor at an hourly rate of \$18.46 and benefits per the current Educational Support Staff Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective February 26, 2021. Ms. Jacavage was formerly employed in the food service department and is replacing Rachel Kade, who recently resigned.
5. Approve the following mentor for the 2020-2021 school year. Salary for mentor is per the current professional agreement, which will be prorated.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Jennifer Falcaro	Logan Hanley (English)

6. Approve the following 2020-21 spring coaches: *(New coaches are in italics.)* (See NOTE below)

<u>Baseball</u>
Tyler Kessler - Assist. JV Baseball - \$1,0350
<u>Middle School Soccer</u>
Trent Seibert - Head Coach - \$2,985

NOTE: *The District's obligation to pay the coaches and supplemental positions above is subject to the District's ability to hold and/or participate in the activity in light of the COVID-19 Crisis. In the event (1) the District is closed or providing modified services, (2) unable to hold the activity as the result of direction from outside agencies such as PDE, PIAA, the*

CDC, the Governor's Office, District XI, etc., or (3) the Administration determines not to hold such activities for the safety of the students and community, the District shall have no obligation to pay athletic and non-athletic contracts appointed herein. In the event the fall sports and/or activities are reduced, the athletic and non-athletic contracts approved above shall be paid a pro-rated amount of the stipend based on the percentage of the season/ activity that was held and students participated. The decision to cancel and/or discontinue the activities or sports season shall be at the exclusive discretion of the Administration based, in part, on guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, other health agencies, and student participation in such activities.

7. Approve the following 2020-21 substitute teacher:

Lucas Kramer – SV Emergency Certified

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Personnel Items #1 – 7.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

C. Facilities

A. Facilities Committee Summary - February 10, 2021

No Reports or Recommendations

D. Finance

2020-2021 Budget Timeline for the 2021-2022 School Year

May 31, 2021 - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2021-2022 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

June 10, 2021 (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

June 20, 2021 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2021-2022final budget.

A. Finance Committee Summary – February 17, 2021

No Reports or Recommendations

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

No report

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

BAVTS has passed their 2021 – 2022 Budget. Our share has gone up due to increased enrollment of our students. We will be asked to vote on the 2021-2022 budget in an upcoming meeting.

G. Colonial Intermediate Unit – Sandra Miller

Update on COVID activity in the IU, update on the Comprehensive Plan that has been submitted to the state for approval, reviewed activities for staff and children and opportunities for professional development. They also had several activities for Black History month in which students participated.

H. PSBA – Sandra Miller and Shamim Pakzad

PSBA has requested that the District consider reviewing and possibly approve the Charter School Resolution that 383 out of 501 school districts have already approved.

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

The Chamber is only having ribbon cutting type events.

J. Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation – Tracy Magnotta

No Report

K. Northampton Community College – Susan Baxter

The 2021-2022 Budget will be coming forward for the District to vote on.

L. New Business**M. Old Business - Director Miller asked about tracking for those who are being vaccinated. Director Welch warned about the possibility of a conflict with HIPPA policies.****XIII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –**

V. Opthof-Cordero – Appreciated the info on Charter Schools. Would like to know how much we spend on Charter Schools. Would like us to consider how to be pro choice and balance the funding so it is fair.

XIV. Announcements**Future Meetings ~**

March 23, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Auditorium

April 13, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Auditorium

April 27, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Auditorium

XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Welch, seconded by Director Karabin moved to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Eichfeld and Pakzad)

8:00 pm

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

President