

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Tracy Magnotta, Sandra Miller, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Director Michael Karabin was absent. Also present were Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent; David Bonenberger, Board Secretary and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:08pm - *Susan Baxter, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Karabin)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – July 6, 2021 and July 27, 2021
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar move to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
Ashley Wilson – (Email) We do not agree with the optional mask wearing at the elementary level. None of our children are able to receive the vaccine and with the delta variant becoming more prominent it does not seem wise to be allowing students to not wear masks. If masks are going to remain optional the parents should have the choice to do virtual learning if they are uncomfortable sending their child to school under these circumstances. As an alternative you could ensure parents that their child Will be placed in a classroom with children that will be wearing masks as I am sure we are not the only parents who feel this way. We’d be fine with the optional masks once vaccines are readily available for her age group(will be a second grader this year). Our daughter wearing a mask won’t really protect her from sick people who AREN’T wearing masks. It feels like we kept her out of school for a year and a half for no reason, since cases are back up and even less people will be wearing masks. Why are we back pedaling when we are so close to the finish line. We were proud with how you handled things last year and was hoping to send our daughter to in person this year under the same precautions, however with the lack of masks it is making our decision tough. We hope you take these recommendations into consideration.

XI. Presentation of Bills – David Bonenberger

- A. General Expenditures – \$1,761,603.64
- B. Cafeteria Expenditures - \$225,896.78
- C. Health Benefits – \$431,610.61
- 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: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

XII. 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 – None
- E. Middle School Activity Report – May, 2021 Revised
- F. High School Activity Report – June, 2021

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the Presentation of the

Bills. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

A. Education

- A. Academic and Personnel Minutes – June 23, 2021

- 1. Approve the deletion of the following policies due to the expiration of policies:

- Policy 248 – Pupils
- Policy 348 – Administrative Employees
- Policy 448 – Professional Employees
- Policy 548 – Classified Employees

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Education Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent

B. Personnel

- 1. Approve the following retirements:
 - Andrew Romano, special education teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
 - Martin Yuhas, custodian, his last day will be August 3, 2021.
- 2. Approve the resignation of Martha Kelemen, part time administrative assistant; her last day was July 1, 2021.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Items #1&2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

3. Approve the following professional appointments:

Kathryn Fisher as career and collegiate counselor effective August 1, 2021, pending completion of employment paperwork, at a salary of \$60,351. (M, Step 2).

Alison Odin as emotional support teacher effective upon release from current district and pending completion of employment paperwork, at a salary of \$71,552. (M+6, Step 8).

Joanna Suriel as guidance counselor effective August 1, 2021, pending completion of employment paperwork, at a salary of \$58,960. (M, Step1).

4. Approve Scott Sutter as a full-time maintenance mechanic at an hourly rate of \$31.02 with benefits per the current Educational Support Professionals Contract and effective upon completion of all employment paperwork. Mr. Sutter is replacing Jim Fluck.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Items #3&4. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

5. Approve the following health sabbatical request:

Eugenia Miller, high school English teacher, will continue her health sabbatical until October 18, 2021. She will return to her teaching duties on October 19, 2021.

6. Approve the following 2021-20 fall coaches:

Sideline Cheerleading

KristiJoy Fedorowicz – Head Coach - \$2,985

Tara Baier – Asst Coach - \$1,989

Angela Kouros – MS Head Coach - \$2,239

Cross Country:

Ed Kolosky - Head Coach - \$3,731

Field Hockey:

Mary Kathryn Omdahl - Head Coach - \$5,174

Rebecca Rasmuson - Assist. Coach - \$2,956

Matthew Omdahl - Assist. Coach - \$738

Football:

Brad Trembler - Head Coach - \$8,501

Sam Anojulu - Assist. Coach - \$5,544

Teddy Airoidi - Assist. Coach - \$5,544

Keith Riefenstahl - Assist. Coach - \$5,544

Jay Zingley - Assist. Coach - \$2,500

Rob Hinson - Assist. Coach - \$2,500

Robert Pacchioli - Assist. Coach – Volunteer

Anthony Frey - Assist. Coach - Volunteer
Greg Trexler - MS Head Coach - \$3,548
Mark Mixa - Assist. Coach/Equipment Manager - \$6,081

Golf:

Matt Evancho - Head Coach - \$3,731

Boys Soccer:

Chris Nagy - Head Coach - \$5,226
Zac Estojak - Assist. Coach - \$758
Kevin Silvoy - Assist. Coach - \$1,500

Girls Soccer:

Trent Seibert - Head Coach - \$5,226

Girls Tennis:

Dr. Michael Krentz - Head Coach - \$4,106
Deb Philpotts - Assist. Coach - \$776

Girls Volleyball:

Kendall Turk - Head Coach - \$4,479
Cristal Fernandez - Assist. Coach - \$2,985

- 7. Approve the transfer of sick days for Lensi Nikolov. She will be transferring 19.5 days.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Items #5,6,&7.
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

C. Facilities

- A. 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan
- B. Facilities Committee Summary – July 14, 2021
 - 1. Approve the 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan.

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the Health & Safety Plan.

Director Andres, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to amend the Health and Safety Plan with the following amendment. Vote: 7-yes, 1-no (Miller), 1-absent (Karabin)

Page 1, bullet point #1, delete the sentence "Should an individual choose to wear face-covering the mask should cover the nose and mouth at all times, other than when eating or drinking."

Director Andres, seconded by Director Pakzad moved to amend the Health and Safety Plan with the following amendment. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

Page 2, bullet point #2 add additional language so the sentence will now read "All students using school transportation will be required to wear face coverings during transport, except a student who has a health or medical exemption submitted through standard medical procedures."

Director Andres, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to amend the Health and Safety Plan with the following amendment. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

Page 5-6, i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The first sentence stays the same.

New 2nd sentence - "The administration may coordinate with state and local health officials to respond to an emergency outbreak."

Amended 3rd sentence will now read "The Board may change mitigation strategies based on transmission levels in the county, in addition to locally within the school district community."

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Health & Safety Plan as amended. Vote: 7-yes, 1-no (Miller), 1-absent (Karabin)

2. Approve the list of Obsolete/Surplus Items.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Finance Item #2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

D. Finance

A. Finance Committee Summary – July 21, 2021

1. Approve Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the high school window replacement including base bid and contingency funds for a total of \$1,123,987.70. This is dependent on the contract review and approval of the solicitor.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve Finance Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

2. Approve the replacement of the two existing high school roof top heat pump units for a total of \$87,050. This is dependent on the contract review and approval of the solicitor.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Finance Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

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 – Bryan Eichfeld

H. PSBA – Sandra Miller and Shamim Pakzad

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

J. Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation – Tracy Magnotta

K. Northampton Community College – Susan Baxter

L. New Business – Director Miller asked about virtual or cyber options for those that aren't comfortable attending school.

M. Old Business

XIII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – None

XIV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

August 10, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

August 24, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

September 14, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Karabin)

9:21 pm

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

President