

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta, Sandra Miller, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Also present were Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent; David Bonenberger, Board Secretary and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:00 PM - *Susan Baxter, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*
9-present, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the agenda with the modification of moving the Health & Safety Plan discussion to after Finance. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – August 10, 2021
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - A. Ramsberger – Is concerned about masking in the Spanish Immersion classrooms.
 - J. Banonis – Likes that the Board is giving masking options.
 - V. Ophhof-Cordero – Comment via website - Please accept this comment in response to the current health and safety plan and various polls sent out for the upcoming school year. As the parent of an elementary student and preschooler who are not yet able to obtain a vaccine, I find it irresponsible for the district to take the position that masks are optional. Furthermore I am extremely concerned that my child’s 2nd grade educational placement will be determined based upon whether she wears a mask. Masking is not like choosing between different colored crayons, or about personal choice. It’s about protecting our community from the spread of Covid and the life threatening complications that can come with it. If you wear a mask you will protect yourself and those around you from spreading a highly contagious virus that kills. If you don’t wear a mask, you threaten the lives of every person you come in contact with. You won’t get sick from wearing a mask, I’ve not heard of any student last year having any medical complication from masking. Yet here we sit with a sawgrty plan that is NOT safe! There is not one group of pediatricians and contagious disease experts who recommend masks OPTIONAL for elementary students in the classroom setting. Our district was successful last year due to the very specific and well enforced safety measures. I implore the board to protect our children and families from a virus Instead of bowing to a select minority who do not believe masking is in their best interest. Their choice to be vulnerable to the vaccine ends at the tip of Their nose. classes should not formed Based upon masking selections. require masks for elementary students and everyone is protected. Thank you for your consideration. I hope you make the informed science based responsible decision to protect our community.

XI. Presentation of Bills – David Bonenberger

- A. General Expenditures – \$998,813.67
- B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$484.75
- 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: 9-yes, 0-no

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 – None
- E. Middle School Activity Report – June 30, 2021
- 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: 9-yes, 0-no

A. Education

- A. Academic and Personnel Minutes from July 28, 2021.
1. Approve the attached resolution of the Saucon Valley School District Board of Directors declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 520.1 Of The Pennsylvania School Code.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve Education Item #1.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Approve the changes to the 2021-22 Elementary School Student Handbooks.(Just the changes are attached.)

Director Miller, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve Education Item #1.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

1. Approve the resignation of Shannon Morris, paraprofessional, effective August 3, 2021.
2. Approve Christino Pomaes as a part time bus driver at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for riding and \$27.02 for driving per the current Support Professionals Contract, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

3. Approve the transfer of Janet Frankenfield from a Non-Instructional Paraprofessional to an Instructional Paraprofessional. Per the current Educational Support Staff Agreement her salary will be \$19.67 per hour.
4. Approve the following sabbatical leave:
Jennifer Campbell, kindergarten teacher, for the second semester of the 2021-22 school year for educational study. Mrs. Campbell previous request for first semester sabbatical was approved on November 10, 2020. She now needs to take a full year educational sabbatical leave. Mrs. Campbell will return to her teaching duties at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.
5. Approve the following maternity leave request:
Julie Arena, kindergarten teacher, beginning approximately October 11, 2021 through approximately February 28, 2022. She plans on using 30 sick days prior to using 22 sick days, which will run concurrently with 12 weeks of FMLA leave, followed by an unpaid leave from approximately February 18, 2022 to February 28, 2022. Mrs. Arena will return to her teaching duties on approximately March 1, 2022.
6. Approve the intermittent FMLA for Fran Marsilio, fifth grade teacher, for the 2021-22 school year.
7. Approve Kelly Spradlin as ESY instructor for no more than 50 hours during the 2021-22 school year. Her salary will be \$40 per hour.
8. Approve the following long term substitutes:
Dzana Krcic, kindergarten long term substitute, beginning approximately October 11, 2021 and continue until approximately February 28, 2022. Base salary is \$54,182 (B, Step 1), which will be prorated for the number of days worked. Ms. Krcic is replacing Julie Arena, who will be on maternity leaving during this time.
Deirdre Morales, business education long term substitute, for the first semester of the 2021-22 school year. Base salary is \$54,182 (B, Step 1), which will be prorated for the number of days worked. Ms. Morales is replacing Kimberly Flueso, who will be on sabbatical leave during this time.
Jeanne Reilly, middle school social studies long term substitute, for the first semester of the 2021-22 school year. Base salary is \$55,425 (B, Step 2), which will be prorated for the number of days worked. Ms. Reilly is replacing Amy Pulli, who will be on sabbatical leave during this time.
Cory Thomas, kindergarten long term substitute, for the 2021-22 school year. Base salary is \$54,182 (B, Step 1). Ms. Thomas is replacing Jennifer Campbell, who will be on sabbatical leave during this time.

9. Approve the following dedicated day to day substitutes for the 2021-22 school year working four days of a five day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings effective August 23, 2021. Their salary will be \$175 per day, no benefits:
Janet Heimbach – High School
Robert Pasternak – High School
10. Approve the following 2021-22 fall coaches: *(New coaches are in italic)*
- Football**
Brad Trembler - Head Coach - \$8,586
Sam Anojulu - Assist. Coach - \$5,600
Teddy Airoidi - Assist. Coach - \$5,600
Keith Riefenstahl - Assist. Coach - \$5,600
Jay Zingly - Assist. Coach - \$2,555
Rob Hinson - Assist. Coach - \$2,555
Anthony Frey - Volunteer
Mark Mixa - Assist. Coach/Equipment - \$6,081
Greg Trexler - MS Head Coach - \$3,584
Even Deily - MS Assist. Coach - \$2,239
- Field Hockey**
Mary Kathryn Omdahl - Head Coach - \$5,226
Rebecca Rasmuson - Assist. Coach - \$2,985
Matthew Omdahl - Assist. Coach - \$745
Kerry Murrello - MS Head Coach - \$2,985
Leah Kramer - MS Assist. Coach - \$2,623
- Girls Soccer:**
Rocco Policare - Volunteer
- Cross Country:**
Alex Evangelista - Assist. Coach - \$2,986
Ben Siegel - Volunteer
Lisa Niescier – Volunteer
11. Approve the following department/team leaders/grade level chairs for the 2021-22 school year. Salary will be \$2,000 per position.
- High School Department Chairpersons**
Karen Krupa – English
Lisa Allen – Mathematics
Jessica Friday – Social Studies
Thomas Koch – Science
Amber Sams – Related Arts
Richard Simononis – Business
Theresa Andreucci – World Language
Brianna Barona – Special Education
- Middle School Team Leaders**
Karen Kemper – Grade 5
Victoria Gazzana – Grade 6
Daniel Mack and Amanda Holveck – Grade 7 (will split stipend)
Robert Kachmar and Stacy Daly – Grade 8 (will split stipend)
Lauren Sakasitz – Related Arts
Dana Russo – Special Education

Elementary Grade Level Chairpersons

Nicole Dilenno – Kindergarten
 Jennifer Davison – Grade 1
 Holli Conrad – Grade 2
 Debra Lacey – Grade 3
 Beth Ravier – Grade 4
 Emily Aragona-Young – Encore
 Courtney Best – Special Education

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Amanda Hicks – K-12 Guidance

12. Approve the co-curricular positions for the 2021-22 school year.

High School

Brianna Keeney – Class Advisor of 2022 - \$1,941
 Jeremy Kittek – Class Advisor for 2023 - \$1,941
 Mike Yoder – Class Advisor for 2024 - \$746
 Katie Roberts – Class Co-Advisor for 2025 - \$373**
 Cheri Chisesi – Class Co-Advisor for 2025 - \$373**
 Jessica Friday – Debate Team - \$1,791
 Amber Sams – Environmental Club - \$295**
 Kim Mertz – Environmental Club - \$295**
 Kim Flueso – FBLA (2nd Semester) - \$746
 Amber Sams – i-Team - \$590
 Katie Roberts – MiniTHON - \$295**
 Kerry Schultz – MiniTHON - \$295**
 Jessica Friday – Model UN - \$590
 Mario Marcozzi – National Honor Society - \$746
 Melissa Maynard – Newspaper (2nd Semester) – \$1,492.50
 Robert Svitilla – Robotics Club - \$2,000
 Brian Welsko – Scholastic Scrimmage - \$868
 Cheri Chisesi – Student Government - \$1,865.50**
 Katie Roberts – Student Government - \$1,865.50**
 Chad Miller – Vocal Music - \$5,600
 Brianna Keeney – Yearbook - \$2,985
 Michael Marini – Jazz Band - \$1,496
 Michael Marini – Band - \$7,075
 Chip Bachman – Drumline - \$3,106
 Robyn Bender – Color Guard - \$2,749
 Stephen Roman – Front Ensemble - \$1,355
 Rachel Ewaniuk – Drill - \$2,071
 Robert Frey – Band – Volunteer
 Ashley Yestrumskas – Aavidum – Volunteer
 Lisa Allen – Calculus Club – Volunteer
 Andrew Koch – Digital Photography Club – Volunteer
 Theresa Andreucci – Global Scholars – Volunteer
 Kim Mertz – GSA – Volunteer
 Mario Marcozzi – History Club – Volunteer
 Richard Simononis – Investment Club – Volunteer
 Andrew Koch – Medical Science Club – Volunteer
 Mario Marcozzi – Paranormal Investigation & Research – Volunteer
 Cedric Dettmar – Robotics – Volunteer

Peter Pequeno – Robotics – Volunteer
Brianna Keeney – SADD – Volunteer
Grant Geiger – Ski Club – Volunteer
Mel Moyer – Ski Club – Volunteer ** - splitting stipend

- 13. Approve the following doctors for the 2021-22 school year:
Dr. Kimberly DeWire – District Dentist
Dr. David Skillinge – District Doctor and Athletic Team Physician

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld, moved to approve Personnel Items #1-9 and 11-13. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

The Board recessed to have an Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

The Board returned at 7:40 PM.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld, moved to approve Personnel Item #10 with removing Girls Soccer Coach. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

- 1. Approve the attached list of Surplus/Obsolete items.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Facilities Item #1.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

- 2. Approve the 2021-2022 bus routes and bus drivers subject to change based on enrollment.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve Facilities Item #2.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

D. Finance

- 1. Approve the contract for independent services between the Caron Foundation and the Saucon Valley School District for the 2021-22 school year. Monies for this contract will be from the Ready to Learn Grant.
- 2. Approve the contract for independent services between the SBS Consulting Inc. and the Saucon Valley School District for the 2021-22 school year. Monies for this contract will be from the Title II Grant.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Finance Items #1 & 2.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

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

F. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – Cedric Dettmar and Bryan Eichfeld
Directors Dettmar and Eichfeld reported that BAVTS is looking into starting a program for repairing electric cars.

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

M. Old Business

XII. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – Visitors should state their name and address.

V. Demko – Would like to hear the class sizes based on masked vs. non masked classrooms for the entire District.

J. Banonis – Commented that masking is in question as to the effectiveness of it.

T. Smith – Feels that children are individuals and they do not want to be masked.

M. Salgado – asked what is preventing the Board for voting on anything regarding the Health & Safety Plan tonight.

L. Krady – Wants the Board to stick to their guns and leave the masking decision to the parents.

XIV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

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

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

September 28, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

9:30 pm

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

President