

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, August 24, 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** – 7:05 pm - *Susan Baxter, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – August 24, 2021
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021 and August 16, 2021 with a correction on page #4362. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Dr. Craig Butler, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
M. Opthof – She would like to make sure the masked children are not mingled with the un-masked children in the cafeteria.
V. Opthop-Cordero – Thanked the Board for following the last Board meeting and for a great start to the school year.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$614,181.27
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$498.12
 - C. Health Benefits – \$473,674.05
 - 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: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- 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 – None
 - F. High School Activity Report – None
 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve the Treasurers Report.
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

A. Education

- A. Discussion of utilization of students using the cafeteria under the Health and Safety Plan.

Director Magnotta joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:26 pm.

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

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

B. Personnel

- A. Congratulate Michael Marini on him acquiring tenure on August 20, 2021.
 - 1. Approve the retirement of Diane Chernaskey administrative assistant at the high school. Mrs. Chernaskey's last day will be September 3, 2021
 - 2. Approve the following resignations:
 - Deb FaRannte, food service, effective August 19, 2021.
 - Janet Heimbach, dedicated day to day substitute, effective August 20, 2021
 - Melissa Miller, long term high school English teacher, effective August 13, 2021
 - Cheryl Salgado, middle school instructional assistant, effective August 18, 2021.
 - 3. Approve Michael Weider as a full time flexible custodian, with salary and benefits per the current Educational Support Professional Contract.
 - 4. Approve Mark Davis 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.
 - 5. Approve the leave for Lori Ross, middle school family consumer science teacher, beginning August 23 2021 and continue until approximately October 11, 2021. Mrs. Ross will be using 21 sick days prior to starting unpaid leave which will run concurrently with FMLA. She will apply for income protection.
 - 6. Approve the unpaid medical leave for Michelle Horvath, high school social studies teacher, for the first semester of the 2021-22 school year.

7. Approve Amanda Rushinski as a substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.39, on a “call as needed” basis, no benefits, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
8. Approve the attached 2021-22 substitute teacher list.
9. Approve the following long term substitutes:
Christina Harrison, high 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.
Logan Hanley, middle school social studies long term substitute, beginning August 18, 2021 and continue until approximately December 10, 2021. Base salary is \$54,182 (B, Step 1), which will be prorated for the number of days worked.
Michael Yoder, high school social studies 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.
10. 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.
Dzana Krcic – Elementary School
Paige Borger – Elementary School
Andrea Watkins – Middle School
11. Approve the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year. Salary is per the current professional agreement, which may be prorated if not a full year of mentorship.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Becky Harvey	Cory Thomas
Ann LeMaster	Lindsay Permar
Lauren Moyers	Molly Cook
Nicole Dilenno	Dzana Krcic
Karen Krupa	Olivia Reichley
Rich Simononis	Deirdre Morales
Samantha Faulkner	Alison Odin
Amanda Hicks	Kathryn Fisher
Rachel Alderfer	Joanna Suriel

Director Welch, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve Personnel Items #1 - 12.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

12. Approve the attached conference/travel request(s).

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Item #12.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

13. Approve the following 2021-22 fall coaches: *(New coaches are in italic)*.

<u>Football</u>
Kurt Woener – HS Assistant Coach – Volunteer
Kevin Dizenzo – MS Assistant Coach – Volunteer
<u>Girls Soccer</u>
Rocco Policare – Assistant Coach – Volunteer

- 14. Approve the rescinding of Deirdra Morales as high school long term substitute. She will be a day to day substitute.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Pakzad moved to approve Personnel Items # 13 & 14.
 Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Andres) for Item #13 only

C. Facilities

No Reports or Recommendations

D. Finance

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 – 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

XIII. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

L. Opthof – Feels that it is important that the District continue to follow CDC guidelines as this is a dangerous illness.

XIV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

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

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

October 12, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

7:40 PM

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

President