

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta, Sandra Miller, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Directors Susan Baxter and Tracy Magnotta were absent. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Acting Superintendent; David Bonenberger, Business Manager; Judith Riegel, 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** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*  
7-present, 2-absent (Baxter , Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Magnotta)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – November 9, 2021
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** –  
Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Magnotta)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – A. Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School  
B. High School Student Representative – Avia Weber
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Acting Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures – \$179,856.75
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$16,070.99
  - C. Health Benefits – None
  - D. Capital Projects – None
    1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Magnotta)
- 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 – \$450.00
- E. Middle School Activity Report – None
- F. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

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

#### **A. Education**

1. Approve the affiliation agreement between Cedar Crest College and Saucon Valley School District for placement of a student to complete a school nurse practicum.

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

#### **B. Personnel**

1. Approve the following professional retirements:  
Theresa Andreucci, high school Spanish teacher, effective November 27, 2022  
Monique Bredbenner, middle school science/social studies teacher, effective October 3, 2022.
2. Approve the retirement of Janet Frankenfield, instructional paraprofessional, her last day will be November 19, 2021.
3. Approve Laura Hoch as a Speech Therapist at Masters Step 7 \$68,038. Ms. Hoch's effective date is upon release from her current position and completion of employment paperwork.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Andres moved to approve Personnel Item #3. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Magnotta)

4. Approve a medical leave for Grant Geiger, from October 28, 2021 until December 3, 2021. FMLA will be running concurrently with his paid sick time.
5. Approve the extended sabbatical leave for Amy Pulli, middle school social studies teacher, for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year for restoration of health.
6. Approve an extension for Jeanne Reilly, middle school social studies long term substitute, for the second semester of the 2021-22 school year. Base salary is \$55,425 (B, Step 2). Ms. Reilly is replacing Amy Pulli, who will be on sabbatical leave during this time.

7. Approve the following part time support staff:  
Robert Gearhart, 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.  
Jessica Burns, part time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$19.67 for 5.5 hours per day, with benefits per the Educational Support Staff Agreement, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.  
Veronica Gress as a Food Service employee, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, with benefits per the current Food Service agreement, effective upon completion of employment paperwork. Ms. Gress is replacing Diane Nickles who resigned last year.
8. Approve the following substitute support staff:  
Emma Barrell as a substitute Cafeteria Monitor, at an hourly rate of \$9.99, no benefits, on a “call as needed” basis, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
9. Approve the following 2021-2022 substitute teachers:  
Gina Rex – SV Emergency School Nurse
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 November 10, 2021. Their salary will be \$175 per day, no benefits:  
Susan Lutz – Elementary School  
Lorraine Grossett – High School  
Frank Behum – High School  
Billy Kozero – High School
11. Approve the following 2021-2022 Elementary After School Homework Club Advisors. Homework Club will begin on November 15, 2021, and run until April 21, 2022. Salary is \$40 per hour for 1/2 hour per day. Total salary not to exceed \$5,311.  
Tamara Humphries  
Kaitlyn Dennington  
Molly Cook  
Erin Ruyak  
Kathy Jackson  
Owen Divers  
Paige Borger  
Elizabeth Ravier
12. Approve the following 2021-22 winter coaches:  
**Boys Basketball**  
Cody Zrinski - Assist. Coach - \$5226  
Glenn Boyer - Assist. Coach - \$3731  
Scott Albert - Head Jr. High Coach - \$2985  
Dan Miller - Assist. Jr. High Coach - \$828  
Michael Kiak - Head MS Coach - \$2991

Director Miller, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Personnel Items #1, 2, 4-12. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2- absent (Baxter, Magnotta)

**C. Facilities**

**No Recommendations for Approval**

**D. Finance**

- 1. Approve an addendum to the Pediatric Therapeutic Services for Psychological Bilingual Services at an hourly rate of \$92.00. Effective 11/1/2021 to June 30, 2022.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Finance Item #1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2- absent (Baxter, Magnotta)

**E. Community Updates**

- **SV Partnership** – *Michael Karabin and Shawn Welch*
- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Michael Karabin*
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta*

**F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter*

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

**H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Bryan Eichfeld*

**I. New Business**

**J. Old Business**

**XIII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments** –

- S. Houck – Commented on iPads and K-2 usage and social studies curriculum
- R. Mules – Commented on mask mandate and vaccines for 5-12 year old children.

**XIV. Announcements**

**Future Meetings ~ High School Audion**

- November 23, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting
- December 7, 2021 – 7 pm – Reorganization Meeting/Business Meeting
- December 21, 2021 – 7 pm – Business Meeting

**XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Director Welch, seconded by Director Karabin moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 1-(Baxter, Magnotta)

7:54 PM

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary President