

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Susan Baxter, John Conte, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, Tracy Magnotta, and Shawn Welch. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent; Judith Riegel, Board Secretary and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:01 pm - Dr. *Shamim Pakzad, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*
9-yes, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte moved to approve the agenda as amended with new language for Personnel Item #5.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

Director Andres, seconded by Director Welch moved to amend the agenda by removing Education Item #1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – February 2, 2022 - Superintendent Search; February 7, 2022 – Superintendent Search; February 8, 2022 - Special Education Legal Matter, support Staff Negotiations, Personnel Matters
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Baxter moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
Dr. Pakzad would like any comments received via website be summarized as in person comments are summarized.
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** –
 - A. High School Student Representative – Avia Weber
- IX. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Acting Superintendent*
Kindergarten registration is now open, contact the Elementary School with any questions. If parents have not received any communication from Ms. Vlasaty regarding winter weather they are asked to update their contact information with their child's school. Since District is experiencing optional masking there will be a Zoom link available for any student isolating or parent quarantine.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - S. Houck – Commented about Elementary iPad usage.
 - R. Mules – Asked about a possible tax increase.

XI. Election of Superintendent

Dr. Pakzad commented on the Superintendent search process. The following people participated in interview process; Michael Hanssen, Sara Heintzleman, John McCabe, Gary Gorman, George Kramer, Vicki Schuller, Tracey Raven, Joel Wasel, Theresa Romano, Bob Frey, Melody Weisman, Rachel Alderfer, Pam Dobson, David Lloyd, Lara McCarthy, Danielle Lewis, Blair Patterson, Lisa Basara, Elizabeth Bowers, Gail Nolf, Alicia Kichline, Lynn Kasper, Liz Babashak, Avia Weber, Roberta Silverthorn, Jenny McKenna, Lisa Allen, Katie Fisher, Kelly Spradlin, Brianna Barona, Meredith Lesney, Lisa Sydlow, Julie Vautrin, Hunter Gress, Amanda Hicks, Nancy Geyer, Erin Ruyak, Dan Reese. Dr. Nikolov, Mr. Deegan and Mrs. Gary were moderating the sessions.

1. To elect in accordance with 24 P.S. 10-1071 and 10-1073, Jaime Vlasaty for a term commencing on February 8, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Baxter, moved to approve the election of Jaime Vlasaty as Superintendent for the term February 8, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Approve, in accordance with Public School Code of 1949, the Contract of Service between Jaime Vlasaty and the Saucon Valley School District as presented, effective February 8, 2022 for a term ending on June 30, 2026.

Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve the contract with Jaime Vlasaty effective February 8, 2022 to June 30, 2026. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XII. Presentation of Bills – David Bonenberger

- A. General Expenditures – \$271,088.65
- B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$21,177.26
- C. Health Benefits – None
- D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XIII. 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 - \$2,143.98

- E. Middle School Activity Report
- F. High School Activity Report

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XIV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

- A. Academic & Personnel Committee Summary – January 26, 2022
- B. Data Presentation Grades K-8
- C. Elementary iPad Presentation

- 1. ~~Approve modification to masking requirements.~~ Removed

- 2. Approve the 2022-23 High School Program of Studies.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Education Item #2.
Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Andes)

- 3. Approve the first reading of policy:
Policy 006 – Meetings

Director Welch, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Education Item #3.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

- 4. Approve the attached agreement between Saucon Valley School District and Moravian University regarding participation of Moravian University students in practicum experiences or student teaching at SVSD.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte moved to approve Education Item #4.
Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Andes)

B. Personnel

- 1. Approve Eric Holmqvist as a full-time maintenance technician at an hourly rate of \$31.02 with benefits per the current Educational Support Professionals Contract, effective upon completion of all employment paperwork. Mr. Holmqvist is replacing Troy Pearson who recently retired.

- 2. Approve the following unpaid medical leave extensions:

Lori Ross, Family & Consumer Science Teacher until February 9, 2022.
James Bartley, Bus Driver until March 31, 2022.

3. Approve the extension of an unpaid maternity leave for Julie Arena, Kindergarten teacher until the end of the 2021-2022 school year. She will use .5 personal days on March 1, 2022, the remainder of her leave will be unpaid. Mrs. Arena will return to her teaching position for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve Ann Weikert as a part time paraprofessional, for 5.5 hours per day, 27.5 hours per week, \$19.67 per hour with benefits per the current Educational Support Staff Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
5. Motion to appoint Betsy Gustafson as Acting Director of Special Education, contingent upon development of an employment contract that is approved by the Administration and Solicitor's office and obtaining the necessary approvals of PSERS and PDE as may be applicable. Compensation for Ms. Gustafson shall be \$100.00 per hour.
6. Approve the following part-time bus drivers at \$10.00/hour riding and \$27.02/hour driving with benefits per the current Education Support Professional contract. Effective upon completion of employment paperwork:
 - James Rao
 - Ronald Rosenberg
7. Approve the following 2021-22 spring coaches: *(New coaches are in italic)*
 - Baseball:**
 - Joshua Hein – Assist. Coach - \$2485*
 - Boys Lacrosse:**
 - Charles Austin – Assist. Coach - \$3171

Director Conte, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Personnel Items #1-7.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

Recommendations for Approval

None

D. Finance

- A. 2022-2023 Budget

2022-2023 Budget Timeline for the 2021-2022 School Year

February 16, 2022 (90 days prior to primary election) – *District Deadline* to adopt the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget unless a Resolution was adopted.

February 21, 2022 (85 days prior to primary election) – *District Deadline* to submit the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget containing proposed tax rate increases to the Department of Education.

May 31, 2022 - *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, 2022 (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, 2022 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2021-2022 final budget.

1. Approve the attached service agreement with CIU#20 for a bus monitor.
2. Motion to dissolve the Middle School Knitting Club due to inactivity. Any money allocated for this club shall be reallocated to the District's general fund.

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

E. Community Updates

- **SV Partnership** – *Michael Karabin and Shawn Welch*
- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte*
- **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 - None

J. Old Business - None

XV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –

R. Mules – Commented on Saucon Valley Wrestling

A. Ramsberger – Commented on masking in the Spanish Immersion Program and how her daughter is being treated differently for not wearing a mask.

XVI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

February 22, 2022

March 8, 2022

March 22, 2022

XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no,

8:53 pm

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

President