

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Susan Baxter, John Conte, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta-online, Dr. Shamim Pakzad-online, and Shawn Welch. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:02 pm - Susan Baxter, *President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*  
9-present, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Legal Matters
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Eichfeld, moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –  
V. Demko – Commented on the BAVTS resolution
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures – \$1,420,760.59
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$20,480.22
  - C. Health Benefits – None
  - D. Capital Projects – None
  1. Approve the above presentation of bills.  
Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- XII. **Treasurer's Report** – *Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger*

**Recommendations for Approval**

None

### **XIII. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. Education**

##### **A. Academic & Personnel Committee Summary – September 6, 2023**

1. Approve the first Reading of the following policies:

##### Policy 701.2 - District Facilities Advertising

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Education Item #1.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Motion to approve a Resolution surrounding the Board of Director's commitment to vocational education in the District and authorizing the Superintendent to discuss and negotiate the District's relationship with Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School moving forward.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Education Item #2.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

#### **B. Personnel**

1. Approve the resignation of:

Francesca Lesisko, elementary school guidance counselor effective 60 days from receipt of resignation.

Colleen Avia, Middle School Paraprofessional, her last day will be September 14, 2023.

Rhonda Amber, High school Paraprofessional, her last day will be September 15, 2023.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item #1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Approve Jay Zingley as a dedicated day-to-day substitute for the 2023-24 school year working four days of a five-day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings effective August 23, 2023. Salary will be \$175 per day, with no benefits.
3. Approve Jeffery Greenawalt as a Part-Time Transportation driver, hourly rate & benefits per the current Educational Support Professionals Contract, pending completion of employment paperwork.
4. Approve the following 2023-2024 Co-curricular positions:  
Dan Andree – Drumline Instructor - \$3,000  
Robyn Bender – Marching Band Instruction Team - \$2,700  
Teresa Romano - Heart and Soul Grades 5/6 Fall Semester - Volunteer  
Heather Stauffer - Heart and Soul Grades 5/6 Fall Semester – Volunteer

Kaela Bitting – Jazz Ensemble - \$2,200  
 Brianna Keeney – Class Advisor (Sophomore) - \$1,000

5. Approve the following list of substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year:  

Michelle Geipel	Eric Barr
William Waligunda	Ryan Meyers
6. Approve the following individuals as Homebound Instructors for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly rate of \$45.00.  

Lara McCarthy	Beverly Sparling
Chad Shirk	Amanda Holveck
Thomas Koch	Ryan McCann
7. Approve Sean Fenoff as the Recreational Swim Membership Pool Supervisor, \$15.00/hour, 10 hrs./week, no benefits, pending completion of employment paperwork.
8. Approve Katryna Price and Kylie Johnston as the Recreational Swim Membership Lifeguards, \$13.00/hour, no benefits, pending completion of employment paperwork.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item #8. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

9. Approve Martin Lewis as an athletic Worker for the 2023-2024 school year.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-6 & 9. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

## C. Facilities

### Recommendations for Approval

None

## D. Finance

1. Approve the consulting and services agreement between LVCIL and Saucon Valley School District to provide services to Student # 8137082727.

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

2. Approve the following contracts with CIU#20:  
Special Education  
Child Find Evaluations for Private & Non-Public Schools  
Alternate and Regular Education Transportation

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

3. Approved the attached 2023-2024 Saucon Valley Recreational Swim Membership "Hours & Fees," effective September 18, 2023, pending approval of lifeguards.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Finance Item #3. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

**E. Community Updates**

- **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** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*

**I. New Business** – None

**J. Old Business** – None

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

V. Opthof-Cordero - Commented on the Special Education Department and the changes to the Middle School schedule

B. Broun – Commented on Special Education Legal Fees

J. Santos – Asked if the District had a roadmap for the changes being made.

**L. Announcements**

**Future Meetings** ~ September 26, 2023  
October 10, 2023

**M. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

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

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

7:29 PM

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

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President