

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Susan Baxter, John Conte, Bryan Eichfeld, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta-online, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Director Cedric Dettmar was absent. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:01 pm - Susan Baxter, *President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Dettmar)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – SVEA, Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – Dr. David A. Ruth – Northampton Community College
- IX. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Superintendent Vlasaty reported on ParentSquare, Fall Festival, ACE Program, and our contract with LVHN.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$1,385,022.82
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$27,266.37
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

- XII. **Treasurer's Report** – *Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger*

No Recommendations

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS**A. Education****A. Academic & Personnel Meeting Summary – October 4, 2023**

No Recommendations

B. Personnel

1. Approve the following individuals for ACE program positions, prorated per number of days:

Academic Discovery – (Total Stipend \$5,250.00)

Tamara Humphries

Gail Isbell

Elizabeth Ravier

Scholar Athlete Monitoring – (Total Stipend \$3,750.00)

Michelle Geipel

Cathy Leibensperger

David Houck

Keith Riefenstahl

Natisha Jones

Greg Trexler

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

2. Approve Eric Cooper as the middle shift campus head custodian. His salary will be adjusted to \$30.11, which includes a .85/hour head custodian stipend.
3. Approve Jivan Faillone as a Full-Time Floating Custodian with salary and benefits per the SV Educational Support Professionals Contract, effective October 11, 2023.
4. Approve Sydney Derr and David Michaylira as Special Education long-term substitutes for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The base salary is \$57,182 (B, Step 1), prorated, effective October 16, 2023
5. Approve the following pay rates for support staff substitutes:
Custodial Substitute - \$18.00/hour
Food Service Substitute - \$15.00/hour
Paraprofessional Substitute - \$18.00/hour
Secretarial/Clerical Substitute - \$18.00/hour
Staff Nurse Substitute - \$27.85/hour

6. Approve Abra Veres as a Substitute Custodian at \$18.00 per hour, no benefits, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
7. Approve Kendra Schessler as the K-2 Theater Director.
8. Approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2023-2024 school year:
 Deb Kimball – Environmental Club - \$600
 Robert Svitilla – MS Robotics - \$2,200

Director Welch, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Items # 2 – 8. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

9. Approve the retirement of Cindy Kichline, Food Service, effective October 1, 2023.
10. Approve the resignation of Amber Sams as the advisor to the HS iTeam and Environmental Clubs.
11. Approve the resignation of Steven Williams, full-time Bus Driver, effective October 9, 2023.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Personnel Items # 9 -11. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

C. Facilities

- A. Update on Facilities Projects – James Deegan

No Recommendations

D. Finance

1. Approve the attached MOU with Community Services for Children for the 2023-2024 school year.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Finance Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

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** – Dr. Pakzad asked when the new Athletic Director is starting.
- J. **Old Business** – None
- K. **Citizens' Inquiries and Comments** –
R. Mules – Thanked Superintendent Vlasaty, Mr. Deegan & the Board. He also commented on a teacher in the Middle School.
- L. **Announcements**
Future Meetings ~ October 24, 2023
November 14, 2023
- M. **Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte moved to adjourn.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Dettmar)

Time: 8:47 pm

ATTEST _____
Secretary President