

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, November 28, 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, and Shawn Welch. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:08 p.m. - 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 Karabin, seconded by Director Erickson, moved to approve the agenda with the removal of #2 under Finance. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Karabin, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – Susan Baxter, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin, and Shawn Welch
- VIII. **Presentations** – None
- IX. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
D. Hollowell – Commented on the Business Manager's contract.
W. Broun – Thanked the Board for their service and commented on the proposed increases for the Business Manager and the Superintendent.
S. Wittenberg – Commented on pay raises.
V. Demko – Commented on pay raises.
V. Schuller – Commented on pay raises.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – None
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – None
 - C. Health Benefits – \$ 240,195.28
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

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

XII. Treasurer's Report – Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger**No Treasurer's Report****XIII. AGENDA ITEMS****A. Education**

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

Policy 105 – Curriculum Development

105 AR – Curriculum Development

Policy 106 – Guide for Planned Instruction

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

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. The following students are requesting the option to graduate early:

Brianna Arrington

Salvo Cutietta

Lilly LaBelle

Luis Rivera

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Education Item #2. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

1. Approve a base salary increase of 3% for David Bonenberger, Director of Fiscal and Operations Management, with an effective retroactive date of July 1, 2023
2. Approve a base salary increase of 3% for Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent of Schools, with an effective retroactive date of July 1, 2023.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Personnel Items #1&2.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

3. Approve William Walligunda 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 November 29, 2023. Salary will be \$175 per day, with no benefits.
4. Approve the following 2023-2024 Winter Athletic Coaches pending completion of employment paperwork.
Girls Basketball
Varsity Head Coach – Michael Petruny

JV/VAR Assistant Coach – Spence Pierce
 JV/VAR Assistant Coach – *Greg Best*
 MS Head Coach - Rich Glover
 MS Assistant Coach – John Tone

Swimming

Varsity Head Coach - Sean Fenoff
 Varsity Assistant Coach – Kelly Spradlin
 Volunteer – Edward Kolosky

-new coaches in italic

5. Approve Michelle Grida as an Athletic Worker for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of employment paperwork.

Director Welch, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Personnel Items #3-5.
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

6. Approve the resignation of Chad Miller as the Sound and Lighting Technician, effective November 7, 2023.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Personnel Item #6.
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

No Agenda Items for Approval

D. Finance

1. Approve the sale of the property Q8-1-6-0719C in the Northampton County Repository by the Tax Claim Bureau of Northampton County.

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

- ~~2. Approve the Agreement with Colonial IU20 for student # 5082727311.~~

3. Approve the commitment of \$14,500,000 by the Board of Directors from the fund balance of the General Fund, of which \$4,000,000 is for PSERS, post-retirement costs per GASB 45 in the amount of \$3,000,000, and Capital Improvements/Reimbursement in the amount of \$7,500,000 retroactive to June 30, 2023.

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

4. Approve a settlement agreement for student # 4463525195.

Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Welch, moved to approve Finance Item #4.
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

5. Approval of the contract with Homestead Suites, with funds coming from the High School student activity accounts.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Finance Item #5. 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 – Change December 19, 2023 Business Meeting to December 12, 2023.

J. Old Business – Director Eichfeld and Director Welch thanked the community and staff for their support.

K. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –

D. Carpenter – Thanked the Board for their service and commented on the use of Roberts Rules of Order.

V. Demko – Commented on the Superintendent goals, objectives and the raises that were previously given on December 20, 2022.

R. Mules – Thanked the Board for their hard work.

P. Silverthorn – Thanked the departing Board members.

A. Ramsberger – Thanked the Board members.

L. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ December 5, 2023 – Reorganization

M. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Welch moved to adjourn.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

8:01 p.m.

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President