

**Saucon Valley School District**  
**Meeting of the Facilities Committee**  
**District Office Conference Room**  
**January 10, 2024 – 5:00 pm**  
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*Welcome to the meeting of the Saucon Valley School Board Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Our objective is to serve the students, parents, and residents of our community. You are an important part of this meeting, and we look forward to your questions and comments. We are all here for the same reason. All opinions are welcomed and equally valuable. Our only request is that we address each other with civility and respect. Our courtesy toward each other is the best way to show our students how much we respect them as well.*

**Committee Members: John Conte, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Jay Santos**

- I. Call to the Order –*John Conte, Committee Chair***
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Recording of Attendance – *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary***
- IV. Motion to Approve Agenda –**
- V. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2023**
- VI. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only**
- VII. Update: SVHS Exterior Wall**
- VIII. Update: Security Window Film**
- IX. Update: SVSD Campus, High School & Stadium HVAC**
- X. Update: Smart Sheet**
- XI. Discussion: Draft of 2023 – 2031 Projects**
- XII. New Business –**
- XIII. Old Business –**
- XIV. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – *Visitors should state their name and address.***
- XV. Future Meetings – February 14, 2024**
- XVI. Motion to Adjourn**

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the District Office Conference Room. Committee Members John Conte, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Jay Santos were present. Also present were David Bonenberger - Committee Secretary; Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent; and James Deegan, Director of Campus Operations.

**I. Call to the Order** – 5:00 PM - *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary*

3-present, 1-absent (Santos)

**IV. Motion to nominate Committee Chair**

Dr. Laurel Erickson nominated Mr. John Conte, and Mrs. Demko seconded.  
Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

Mr. John Conte was voted to be the chair of the Facilities Committee

**V. Motion to Approve Agenda** – Dr. Erickson Parsons, seconded by Mrs. Demko, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no

**VI. Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Erickson Parsons, seconded by Mr. Conte, moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2023. Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (Demko), 1-absent (Santos)

**VII. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only - None**

**VIII. Update:** SVHS Gym & Pool Windows and Transite - This project was started in September. We are at 75% completion; areas that are completed are around the gym and pool area for the transite. Current panels have been on the building since 1969. This project will keep the water from penetrating the building.

Mr. Santos arrived 5:12 PM

**IX. Update:** Campus Roof - This project was started in July 2023. The only areas still needing to be done are 7,8 and 19. There is a 25-year warranty on the roof refurbishment.

**X. Update:** SVSD Campus, High School & Stadium HVAC – The District will be replacing six units at the High School on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and then another three units at ES/MS

**XI. Update:** High School Stage Lighting - Mr. Deegan reported that the upgrade has been completed.

- XII. Update:** Security Window Film - The installation of the film will start on December 13th in the 8th-grade hallway.
- XIII. Discussion & Action:** Trane Chiller - Components failed and we discussed repairing these a few months ago. We had Trane remove refrigerant and do a pressure check and unfortunately, we found more leaks than what we expected.

The current Trane unit is beyond the recommended ashra requirements says 23-year life. Trane is recommending a for-like replacement to avoid additional piping requirements that we would need to replace

The cost to replace the unit is \$384,312.00 with a 5 year warranty  
Renewal option \$278,772 new motor, rework the economizer. Welder to repair underneath. 7-year warranty. Need to check on the tubes and if they need to be replaced that isn't included in the renewal option price. Renewal can be done on a 30 year old unit.

Dr. Pakzad asked what are the other options. To redo the system you would need to redo everything and replace all the piping and units within the schools.

All this is under the omni co-op.

Eddy current test the tubes \$13,000 to \$16,000 This test no guarantee how long the tubes will last.

Trane uses the 1514 refrigerant monitors which is less toxic. 28 week lead time on the new chiller.

Ashra says the new one should last 25years.

Install on a new machine would be 2 weeks from delivery day.

Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Mrs. Demko moved to send this item to the finance committee with the amendment that we bring other quotes to finance. Vote: 4 yes, 0-no

Mr. Santos would like more information on other units Mr. Deegan was going to get other quotes from other companies.

**XIV. Discussion & Action:** Air Compressor

This item was brought to the committee in beginning of November. Operates pneumatics and dampers for campus (ES-MS) original installed in with the building in 98 and 99. When additions got added to the buildings the compressor wasn't upgraded to account for the additional building space which is causing the pneumatics not work properly.

Quincy is quoting \$20,999 to replace the unit and an additional cost for the electrical upgrade of \$3,498.38 for a total of \$24,497.38. Quincy is deducting the cost of the

existing compressors we have as a trade-in. 2 months is the lead time to get the compressor. Saucon employees will do the installation with the help of JCI with the contract service we already have. Other quotes JCI \$48,250 and ASL \$52,320

Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Mr. Santos moved to send this item to the finance committee using Quincy and B&B and JCI hours. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no

**XV. Discussion & Action: Transportation**

In October and November, there was a discussion about the replacement of buses or getting mini-buses to be more cost-efficient as we have an older fleet. We are looking to get away from 84-passenger buses and go with more 43-passenger buses because of the runs for special ed, private runs, and charter schools where we don't need to run the bigger 84-passenger buses

Mr. Santos asked if we could get info on the number of routes we have added to justify the need for two mini buses.

The committee is recommending the purchase of two mini buses without air conditioning be sent to the finance committee.

Mr. Santos, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons moved to send this item to the Finance Committee. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no

**XVI. New Business – None**

**XVII. Old Business – None**

**XVIII. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – None**

**XIX. Future Meetings – January 10, 2024**

**XX. Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Mr. Santos moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: 4-yes, 0-no

Time: 7:05