

Saucon Valley School District

Meeting of the Finance Committee

March 20, 2024 – 5:00 pm

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Welcome to the Saucon Valley School Board Ad Hoc Finance Committee meeting. Our objective is to serve our community's students, parents, and residents. 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 – Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, Donald Carpenter

Agenda

- I. Call to the Order – Cedric Dettmar, Committee Chair**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Recording of Attendance – David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary**
- IV. Motion to Approve Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2024**
- VI. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only – Visitors should state their name and address.**
- VII. Discussion: Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School Articles of Agreement**
- VIII. Presentation & Discussion:**
 - Elementary School Budget – Amy Braxmeier, Principal
 - Middle School Budget – Dr. Lensi Nikolov, Principal
 - High School Budget – Teresa Casimire, Principal
 - Special Education Budget – Jillian Brodhead – Director of Special Education & Student Services
- IX. New Business**
- X. Old Business**
- XI. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors - Visitors should state their name and address.**
- XII. Future Meetings – April 17, 2024**
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the District Office Conference Room. Finance Committee members Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Donald Carpenter were present. Also present were David Bonenberger - Committee Secretary and Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 5:05 pm - *Cedric Dettmar, Committee Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary*
4-present, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the agenda. Vote 4-yes, 0-no
- V. **Approval of Minutes** –Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the January 17, 2024 minutes. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no
- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- VII. **Discussion & Action:** Campus Chiller – Replacement - Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve sending the purchase and installation of a Trane chiller to the Board for approval. Vote 4-yes, 0-no
- VIII. **Discussion & Action:** The Finance Committee authorizes the administration to place on the School Board agenda the proposed settlement for the property located at 1245 Easton Road, Bethlehem City, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons, moved to send the above recommendation to the Board for approval. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no
- IX. **Discussion & Action:** Repository Property – N7SE4 29 4 0719C

Dr. Shamim, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, moved to approve sending this item to the Board for approval. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no
- X. **Discussion:** Transportation, Facilities, Technology, Athletics and Activities Budgets

Michael Hanssen presented the Technology Department budget.

James Deegan presented the Facility and Transportation budget

Dr Pakzad asked if there was anything we could do to look at the runs and eliminate or try to consolidate runs. He asked if you bump the time for runs, for example, to change from 30-mile route to 35 and see what the changes would be to transportation.

Dr. Erickson-Parsons left at 5:56 pm

Mr. Carpenter asked a question regarding maintenance. On what is Jim basing the increases for disposal services, repairs, and maintenance? Is it just a ballpark? Mr. Deegan stated that is what he is seeing in a trend.

Dr. Pakzad asked that if the money is not needed based on Mr. Deegan's guess, the money doesn't just find somewhere else to spend it but that it reverts to the fund balance.

Robert Frey presented the Athletics and the Activities budgets.

XI. New Business – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the District had another check stolen.

XII. Old Business - None

XIII. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors - None

XIV. Future Meetings – March 20, 2024

XV. Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, moved to adjourn.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Erickson-Parsons)

7:25 pm