

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Charles Bartolet, Susan Baxter, John Dowling, Bryan Eichfeld, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin, Sandra Miller, Ralph Puerta and Mark Sivak. Also present were Monica McHale-Small, Superintendent, David Bonenberger, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** at 7:10pm – *Michael Karabin, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Secretary*  
8-present, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Baxter moved to approve the agenda with the addition under Personnel of a Resolution and under Education a Special Education settlement. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** - April 28, 2015 – Personnel and Legal
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller approved the minutes of April 14, 2015 and a correction to page 3646 in the March 24, 2015 minutes, which is the motion to approve a facilities ad hoc committee of 4 people.  
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)
- VII. **Recognition**
- VIII. **Presentation**
  - A. Student Recognitions  
**WRESTLING:**  
Jason Lynch – 2015 District XI AA 170lb Champion & 7th Place PIAA AA State Championship  
Jack Hill – 2015 5th Place PIAA AA State Championship  
Wrestling team – 2015 Colonial League Champions
- IX. **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Monica McHale-Small, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only**
  - J. Altemose – inquired about non-binding arbitration
  - K. Denzel – inquired about the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - P. Spohn – offered the Ministerium's assistance at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - M. Moyer – commented on graduate study, asked for the board to attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - C.Fowler – commented on negotiations.
  - H.Hefflefinger – concerned about healthcare retirement.
  - A.Kruetzer – Commented on negotiations and what the board is offered.
  - K. Denzel – Asked if people coming to the table are the decision makers.
  - C.Free – Concerned for future, professional development.
  - D.Walter – Salary increases not kept up with COLA and salary decreases because of premium share.
  - D. Lloyd – Would love to have a real discussion on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - T.Koch – Commented on negotiations.
  - T.Lipp – questioned the Resolution and May 7, 2015 meeting.

**XI. Presentation of Bills – David Bonenberger**

- A. General Expenditure – \$412,788.28
- B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$18,928.40
- C. Health Benefits – \$394,714.55
- D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

**XII. Treasurer’s Report - Edward Inghrim/David Bonenberger**

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report
- C. Capital Project Finance Report
- D. Budget Transfers - \$10,863.00
- E. Middle School Activity Report – March 31, 2015
- F. High School Activity Report – March 31, 2015

1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

**A. Education**

- A. Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)

1. Approve the second and final reading of the revisions of Policy 204 – Attendance. This policy will now incorporate Policy 204.1

Director Baxter, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Education Item #1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

2. Approve the following 2014-15 mini grants and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Excellence Grants sponsored by the Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovations: Descriptions are attached.

Small Grants

Boogie Board eWriters

World Music

Guitar Class

U.N. Essentials: Global Issues – Continuing Education

21<sup>st</sup> Century Excellence Program

Elementary School Literacy Week (new)

3D Printer Protection Plan (renewal)

Freedom Writers Interactive “Webinar” (renewal)

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Education Item #2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

3. Approve the attached list of Obsolete Textbooks. Attachment

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve the Education Item #3.  
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

**B. Personnel**

1. Approve day without pay for:  
Rebecca Harvey, kindergarten teacher, on April 30, 2015
2. Approve Michael Koehler as a part time bus driver at an hourly rate of \$18.67 for driving and \$10.00 for riding, no benefits, based upon availability.
3. Approve Joshua Byerley as a substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.39, no benefits, on a call as needed basis.
4. Approve an unpaid medical leave for Cynthia Kichline, food service, beginning May 21<sup>st</sup> until the end of the school year. She will be using 14 sick days prior to her unpaid leave.
5. Approve the request to invoke the sick day bank for professional employee #346 in accordance with the professional contract.
6. Approve the following 2014-15 teacher substitute(s):  
Trish Murphy – Elementary, Special Education

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to approve Personnel Items #1-6.  
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

7. Approve attached negotiation Resolution of 4-28-2015.

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Puerta moved to approve Personnel Items #7.  
Vote: 6-yes, 2-no (Karabin & Dowling), 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

8. Approve the special education settlement for student #4632319147.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Sivak moved to approve Personnel Item #8.  
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

Recess called at 8:19pm.

Reconvened at 8:23pm.

**C. Facilities**

No Reports or Recommendations

**D. Finance**

**2015-2016 Budget Timeline for the 2014-2015 School Year**

**May 29, 2015** - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2014-15 proposed final budget and mail Certification of Use of PDE-2028 to the Department of Education.

**June 10, 2015** (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2015-16 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

**June 19, 2015** (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2014-15 final budget.

**June 30, 2015** (annual deadline) – *District Deadline* to adopt the 2014-15 final budget.

- A. Discussion of 2015-16 Budget
- B. Athletic Uniform Bid Information

No Reports or Recommendations

**E. Community Outreach**

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is scheduled for May 13, 2015, at 7 pm at Saucon Valley School District.

**F. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Jack Dowling and Bryan Eichfeld*

**G. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Susan Baxter*

**H. PSBA** – *Mark Sivak and Sandra Miller*

**I. Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jack Dowling*

**J. Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Sandra Miller*

**K. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter*

**L. Old Business**

**M. New Business**

**XIII. Citizen’s Inquiries and Comments**

C. Dettmar – commented on fund balance and PSERS effect on it.

S. Sefranek – Commented on healthcare costs.

**XIV. Announcements**

**Future Meetings ~**

May 12, 2015 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – Audion

May 26, 2015 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – Audion

June 9, 2015 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – Audion

**XV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller moved to adjourn.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Inghrim with prior notice)

Time: 9:44

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

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President