

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons-online, Tracy Magnotta-online, Dr. Shamim Pakzad-online, and Jay Santos-online. Judith Riegel, Board Secretary; Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor; and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:05 pm – *Cedric Dettmar, Vice-President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
9-present, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Personnel and Contract
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Broun, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the minutes of August 27, 2024. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – High School Representative Report – Peter Albano
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent*
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$550,868.58
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – None
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*
 - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity - None
 - B. Condensed Board Summary Report - None
 - C. Budget Transfers – None
 - D. Middle School Activity Report – May 31, 2024 and June 30, 2024
 - E. High School Activity Report – None
 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

Director Demko, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

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

Policy 709 – Building Security

Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response

Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Education Item #1.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

1. Approve the following individuals as dedicated building substitutes for the 2024-25 school year at a rate of \$175 per day, working four days of a five-day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
Michael DePaul
Cole Naylor
2. Approve Michael Petruny as a Part-time Instructional Paraprofessional at \$20.98 an hour, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
3. Approve Glen Fluck as General Kitchen Help at \$15.00/hour and benefits per the current Food Service Agreement, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Director Broun, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #1-3.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

4. Approve the retirement of:
Kathy Florindi, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of Campus Operations, effective January 31, 2025.
Lisa Harkins, Administrative Assistant to the Elementary Principal, effective October 3, 2024.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Personnel Item #4.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

5. Approve the resignation of Beverly Hendricks, Director of Food Service, effective September 12, 2024.
6. Approve the resignation of Angela Muzzicato, Part-time RBT paraprofessional, effective August 21, 2024.

7. Approve the following 2024-2025 athletic coaches:
Kenneth Termini – Boys Basketball Assistant Coach - Volunteer
Chris Farkas – MS Football Assistant Coach – Volunteer
Sydney Derr – Unified Track Head Coach - \$1,500.00
8. Approve Amanda Holveck as a Homebound Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$45.00.
9. Approve Teresa Romano as the Middle School Girls on the Run Volunteer Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

C. Facilities

1. Approve Saucon Valley Alumni Association as a School Affiliated Organization, which allows the use of the School or District name and operating in relation to the school district's program.

Director Demko, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Facilities Item #1.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

D. Finance

1. Approve the proposal from Tri-Boro Fencing for a Varsity Softball outfield fence in the amount of \$18,196.00.
2. Approve the attached agreement with School Food Service Solutions, LLC for consulting services.
3. Approve the following contracts with Colonial IU 20:
Special Education
Internet and DDoS
Homebound
4. Approve the agreement with empowerEd School Solutions for educational consulting services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve Finance Items #1-4.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* - None
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta* – None

- F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* - None
- G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* – The meeting consisted of discussing the proposed Articles of Agreement.
- H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* – The meeting reviewed the beginning of the school year and that they can now transport all students that need transportation and they have employed more paraprofessionals.
- I. PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter* - None
- J. New Business** – None
- K. Old Business** - Director Carpenter commented on the current situation with BAVTS.

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

- C. Ziegler – Current student at BAVTS and commented on the agreement.
- B. Kelly – His son attends BAVTS and commented on the program and agreement.
- J. Bender – 2024 graduate of Saucon Valley and BAVTS.
- R. Yardumian – Father of two students who graduated from BAVTS
- R. Mules – Commented on his daughter’s experience at BAVTS
- K. Roberts – Commented on the need for more communication regarding the BAVTS situation.
- T. Lehr – Commented on life skills obtained by attending BAVTS.
- S. Miller – Commented on the funding formula and that the district is fortunate to have access to such a quality program.
- K. Lockett – Parent of a BAVTS student.
- J. Kelly – Current student, BAVTS gave him a purpose and life skills
- C. Yardumian – Commented on his positive experience at BAVTS.
- K. Johnston – Commented that BAVTS also gives the students opportunities for scholarships.

Director Broun read a statement that he and Director Dettmar wrote regarding the current situation with Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School.

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

- September 24, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion
- October 8, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Dettmar adjourned the meeting. 8:29 pm

ATTEST _____
Secretary

President