

**Saucon Valley School District
Academic and Personnel Committee
Minutes of February 3, 2021 ~ Zoom Meeting**

Present were Academic and Personnel Committee Board Members: Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta, and Shamim Pakzad. Also present were: Amy Braxmeier, Craig Butler, James Deegan, Robert Frey, Tamara Gary, Thomas Halcisak, Board Member Sandra Miller, Jamie Vlasaty, Michael Sakelarides, and Board Member Shawn Welsh.

Meeting commenced at 6:04 pm

Agenda approved by Dr. Pakzad, second by Mr. Dettmar

Meeting approved by Dr. Shamim Pakzad, second by Cedric Dettmar.

Courtesy of the floor

Amber Sams spoke regarding concerns of courses being removed from the HS Program of Studies.

Agenda Items

I. Review and approval of the High School Program of Studies to move to the full Board meeting.

The Program of Studies was presented by Ms. Gary including historically low enrolled courses, newly added courses, courses that will be offered and may run based on student registration, and courses removed from the POS due to low enrollment and other factors. These courses were reviewed and highlighted by Ms. Gary. She followed then with a comprehensive review of the changes to the Program of Studies. This item moved to the full Board meeting.

II. After School Remediation Program Grades 7 through 12.

Dr. Butler presented an After School Remediation Plan to the committee. The Plan includes securing a team of teachers to work after school with students who are failing or in danger of failure, need academic assistance, or are in need of credit recovery. Elements of the presentation included the goals of the program, impact on students, transportation costs, and instructional staff costs as well as projected student participation. The committee requested additional information prior to Tuesday's Board meeting including a process for student sign up, scheduling, identifying goals for individual students, and data documenting student progress while in the program. This item moved to the full Board meeting.

III. Policies 317, 417, and 517

These policies were reviewed by the committee and moved to the full Board meeting.

IV. Policy 216

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Citizens' inquiries and comments – No comments

No new business or old business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Announcement of future meetings:

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Wednesday, June 23, 2021