

Saucon Valley School District
Academic and Personnel Committee
June 16, 2020 – 5 pm
ZOOM Meeting

Welcome to the meeting of the Academic and Personnel 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 - Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta,
Shamim Pakzad**

Committee Agenda

- I. Call to the Order – Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Recording of Attendance – Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair**
- IV. Motion to Approve Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2020**
- VI. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only – Visitors should state their name and address**
- VII. Discussion**
 - 1. SVHS Graduation Requirements
 - 2. Instructional Technical Tools
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – Visitors should state their name and address.**

XI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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Academic and Personnel Committee of the Board
June 3, 2020 5pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order 5:00pm by Mrs. Baxter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Committee: Mr. Dettmar, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Magnotta, Dr. Pakzad, Additional Board Members: Mrs. Sandy Miller, Mr. Ed Andres, Mr. Shawn Welch, Mr. Mike Karabin, Mr. Eichfeld. Administration: Dr. Butler, Dr. Rosenberger, Mrs. Jaime Vlasaty, Mr. Bob Frey, Ms. Lynn Cheddar, Mr. Tom Halcisak, Mr. Sakelarides, Visitors: 120+

Agenda approved for the meeting this evening, 06/03/2020 motion by Mr. Dettmar and second by Mrs. Magnotta.

Minutes from the 05/19/2020 meeting were approved – motion by Mrs. Magnotta and second by Mr. Dettmar.

Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors: None

Agenda:

1. **Food Allergy Management Regulations Review** – Dr. Butler will share out to the committee and board the recent updates.
2. **Cyber Education** – Dr. Rosenberger updated the committee on preliminary information shared with the full Board regarding options for external online providers. The providers were Colonial Virtual Program through IU20 and VLN Partners from Pittsburgh. This was informational and part of a discussion regarding online instruction for students who may be seeking cyber options or online courses for varying needs.
3. **Computer Science for All** – Dr. Rosenberger provided an overview for the growth of computer science in the buildings for the 2020-2021 school year that have no request for funding or personnel. In the elementary school, students K-4 students receive 7-8 integrated lessons during quarters 3&4 while in their library rotation. This CS/Library model guides students in developing a variety of literacies in reading, research and computer science. In the middle school, a cohort class of grade 8 students engage in a CS Discoveries course during the PAW period. Programming, physical computing, web development, and data are the emphasis. In the high school, the Robotics course was added to the 2020-21 Program of Studies in the winter of 2020.

New Business – None

Old Business - Multiple parents gave thanks for the teachers and their work conducted with students during the closure. Some conveyed concerns for their

learners and the amount of screen time students have had or will have in a synchronous environment. Additionally, a parent asked for reconsideration for the elementary students to have a send off with their teachers.

Meeting adjourned 7pm (motion by Mrs. Magnotta and second by Dr. Pakzad).