

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Michael Karabin, Dr. Shamim Pakzad – online, and Shawn Welch. Directors John Conte and Tracy Magnotta were absent. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:10 pm - Susan Baxter, *President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*
7-present, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Eichfeld, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Legal Agreement
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Welch, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – NCC – High School and Beyond - Lauren Loeffler
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Mrs. Vlasaty reported that they have completed the first round of interviews for the Athletic Director and the High School Assistant Principal and hope to have candidates for the next meeting,
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$401,504.52
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$575,000
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above presentation of bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger*

No Recommendations for Approval

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

No Recommendations for Approval

B. Personnel

1. Approve the retirement of Susan DeSmet, elementary school nurse effective January 16, 2024.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to approve Personnel Item #1.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

2. Approve Teresita Perlaza as an Elementary Teacher for the start of the 2023-24 school year at B+15, Step 6 \$66,544. Pending completion of employment paperwork.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons moved to approve Personnel Item #2.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

3. Approve Dina Innocenti, as a part-time instructional paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$20.46, 28 hours/week, benefits per the current Education Support Staff Agreement, effective the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Item #3.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

4. Approve Brian Campbell for the 2022-2023 Jazz Band director at a stipend of \$1,496.00.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Item #4.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

5. Approve Glenn Brown as the Home/School Visitor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Personnel Item #5.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

C. Facilities

No Recommendations for Approval

D. Finance

1. Approve the ABA Support Services Contract for independent services for the 2023-24 school year.
2. Approve the contract with PowerSchool for Unified Classroom Curriculum and Instruction Subscription for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$14,765.00 which is coming out of Title II Grant.
3. Approve the contract with Hire to Inspire for Consultant services for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Approve the contract with The Donovan Group, LLC for school communication services for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$3,750 per month.
5. Approve the attached agreement with TeamSnap in the amount of \$1631.15 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons moved to approve Finance Items #1-5.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

- ~~6. Approve the agreement with St. Luke's Health Network upon review and approval of the solicitor. Removed from the agenda for further review.~~

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte*
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta*

F. Northampton Community College – *Susan Baxter*

G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – *Cedric Dettmar and Bryan Eichfeld*

H. Colonial Intermediate Unit – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*

I. New Business – None

J. Old Business – None

K. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –

L. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ July 25, 2023

August 8, 2023

M. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Welch, seconded by Director Eichfeld moved to adjourn.

Vote:7-yes, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

Time: 7:50 pm

ATTEST

Secretary

President