

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter- online, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Tracy Magnotta, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:09 pm - *Dr. Shamim Pakzad, 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 Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – BAVTS Agreement
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Magnotta, moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – Winter Sports – District Champions & State Qualifiers
  - Wrestling:** Carter Chunko- District Champion, Aiden Grogg – District Champion, Jackson Albert – District Champion & State Qualifier, Cole Hubert – District Champion & State Qualifier.
  - Swimming:** Julia Cort – District Champion & State Qualifier;  
400 Relay Team – Katryna Price, Angelina Dechert, Clair Smith, Julia Cort – District Champion & State Qualifiers  
200 Relay Team – Katryna Price, Angelina Dechert, Amanda Dettmar, Julia Cort – State Qualifiers
  - Boys Basketball Team** – State Qualifiers
  - Competitive Spirit Team** - State Qualifiers
- VIII. **Presentation** – Northampton Community College – Dr. David A. Ruth - President
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – No Report
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
  - S. Houck – Commented on A&P meeting and Head Curriculum writers
  - M. Lomangino – Commented on subbing issues in the district.
  - S. Miller – Commented in support of the Charter Funding Resolution
  - M. Reid – Commented about a weapon in her child’s classroom and not being notified.
  - V. Opthof-Cordero – Commented on the Bullying Policy and the Bullying Task Force.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures – \$550,685.10
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$15,575.05
  - C. Health Benefits – None
  - D. Capital Projects – None

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Conte, 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
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report
- C. Budget Transfers – None
- D. Middle School Activity Report – December 2023 and January 2024
- E. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

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

## **XIII. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. Education**

- A. Academic & Personnel Committee Meeting Summary – 3/6/2024
  1. Review the current Policy #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying. According to the PA School Code, 24 PS 13-1303.1-A, Policy relating to bullying: (c) each school entity shall review its policy every three (3) years and annually provide the office with a copy of its policy relating to bullying.

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

2. Approve the attached agreement between Saucon Valley School District and East Stroudsburg University regarding the participation of East Stroudsburg University students in practicum experiences or student teaching at SVSD.

Director Magnotta, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Education Item #2. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

3. Approve the Expulsion Hearing Waiver for student #3726375627.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Education Item #3. Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Broun)

Public Comment: A. Atkinson – Commented as the parent of A. Seip, she will accept & sign the waiver.

The Board President called for a recess. Vote: 7-yes, 2-no (Broun, Demko) Time: 8:25

Back in session at 8:43 pm

**B. Personnel**

1. Approve the following individuals as Head Curriculum Writers, for 15 hours/\$45 per hour:  
Robert Kachmar (K-4 Science)  
Kellie King (SS)  
Leah Mickey (EIA)  
Stephanie Hand (math)  
Raymond Barrata (5-8 Science)  
Lara McCarthy (5-8 ELA)  
Amanda Holveck (5-8 Social Studies and 6-8 Math)  
Jessica Friday (9-12 Social Studies)  
Eric Focht (split 9-12 Science)  
Kimberly Mertz (split 9-12 Science)  
Lynn Cheddar (9-12 English)  
Lisa Allen (9-12 Math)
2. Approve the following individuals for providing Extended School Year instruction, July 1-25, 2024, Monday -Thursday, with a set-up day on June 27, 2024.  
Teachers – 8:00-12:00, at a rate of \$45/hour, 4 days/week.  
Megan Bath  
Dave Michaylira  
Jessica Johnson  
Sara Fritz
3. Approve the resignation of Chad Miller from the position of Music Department Chair, effective February 27, 2024.
4. Approval of Jamie Frey for additional hours as the paraprofessional supporting the Unified Track Team.
5. Approve the resignation of Kelly Moser, ELD Long Term Substitute effective March 3, 2024.
6. Approve the resignation of Susan Adam, food service, effective March 15, 2024.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Items #1-6. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

**C. Facilities**

**No Agenda Items for Approval**

**D. Finance**

**No Agenda Items for Approval**

**2023-2024 Budget Timeline for the 2024-2025 School Year**

**May 31, 2024** - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2024-2025 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

**June 10, 2024** (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2024-2025 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

**June 20, 2024** (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2024-2025 final budget.

**E. Community Updates**

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte*
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta* – Robotics State Competition March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at SVMS.

**F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* – March 25<sup>th</sup> begins registration for summer and fall classes.

**G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* – Discussed renewal of agreement next summer and teacher negotiations continue.

**H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* – IU Budget was discussed.

**I. PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter*

**J. New Business –**

1. Approve the attached Resolution calling for Charter School funding reform.

Director Magnotta, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Resolution.

Vote: 7-yes, 2-no (Dettmar & Pakzad)

**K. Old Business - None**

**XIV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –**

K. Nepomuceno – Commented that her child was the 4<sup>th</sup> grader with a knife on the bus and she would like the Board to review and change Policy 218.1.

M. Reid – Read a statement to the Board calling for the Superintendent's termination.

M. Lomangino – Commented on weapons and said she has talked to her children about this topic. She would also like staff to inform students of their responsibilities and be available to students who are having difficulties with this situation.

V. Opthof-Cordero – Commented on Bullying Task Force and the IU task force that assists families of special needs students.

**XV. Announcements**

**Future Meetings ~**

March 26, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

April 9, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

**XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Director Conte, moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no 8:58 PM

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Secretary

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President