

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, May 14, 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, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. David Bonenberger, Temporary 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. **Temporary Board Secretary** – Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve David Bonenberger as the temporary Board Secretary for the May 14, 2024 meeting.
- IV. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Temporary Board Secretary*
9-present, 0-absent
- V. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VI. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Personnel & Legal
- VII. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VIII. **Recognition** – None
- IX. **Presentation** – None
- X. **Superintendent’s Report** – None
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$699,121.10
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$ 35,423.57
 - 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 the Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- XIII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*
 - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity - None
 - B. Condensed Board Summary Report - None
 - C. Budget Transfers – \$22,106.54

D. Middle School Activity Report – February, March, April 2024

E. High School Activity Report – March, April 2024

1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

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

XIV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following

Policy 137 – Home Education

137 AR-0 – Home Education Requirements

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

B. Personnel

1. Approve Kendra Schessler as Sound & Lighting Technician at \$35/hr, no benefits.
2. Approve the resignation of Theresa Patterson as a Food Service worker effective April 26, 2024.
3. Approve the following Fall Athletic Assistant Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:

Football	Garret Bisbing	\$5,000.00
Football	Angelo Lucci	\$3,250.00
Football	Chris Casciotti	\$550.00
Football	Mason Stewart	\$2,000.00
Football	Brett Zieber	\$1,500.00
Football	Michael McLarin	\$5,000.00
Football	Gordy Frack	\$3,000.00
Football	Jalen Richardson	\$2,000.00
Football	Josh May	\$1,500.00
Football	Tyler Donchez	\$2,000.00
Football	Andrew Brett	\$2,000.00
Football	Kyle Oberly	Volunteer
FB-Equip.Manager	Jason Dankel	\$2,250.00
Football-MS	Tanner Morgan	\$2,250.00
Football-MS	Greg Trexler	Volunteer
Football-MS	Dan Detello	Volunteer
Cross Country- Boys/Girls	Michael Vidumsky	\$1,550.00
Cross Country- Boys/Girls	Sydney Utesch	\$1,550.00
Tennis-Girls	Deborah Philpotts	\$1,100.00
Volleyball	Melissa Parsons	\$3,200.00
Field Hockey	Matt Omdahl	Volunteer
Field Hockey-MS	Doug Chambers	\$2,800.00

Soccer – Boys	Terry Baker	\$3,500.00
Soccer – Boys	Chris Nagy	Volunteer
Soccer – Boys	Tracey Nicolas	Volunteer
Soccer – Girls	Rocco Policare	\$3,500.00
Golf	Robert Pasternak	Volunteer
Golf	Brian McCall	Volunteer

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

C. Facilities

- A. Facilities Committee Meeting Summary May 8, 2024
 - 1. Approve the attached list of Surplus/Obsolete items.

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

D. Finance

- A. Finance Committee Meeting Summary – May 1, 2024

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.

- 1. Approve the agreement with Lakeside Youth Service for educational and therapeutic support services, rates per the attached agreement summary.
- 2. Approve the agreement with Buxmont Academy for 2 special education slots at a rate of \$214.54 per day for the 2024-2025 school year. Additional slots will be \$238.37 per day.
- 3. Approve the agreement with Hogan Learning Academy to provide education and related services at a rate of \$490 per student who is enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 4. Approve the 2024-2025 Tuition Agreement from Capstone Academy for student # 66018562266.
- 5. Approve the attached revised Scoreboard proposal with Mobile Technology Graphics pending review and approval of the solicitor.
- 6. Approve the attached proposal for engineering services for the Scoreboard project.

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

7. Approve the 2024-2025 proposed budget, consistent with school code, in the amount of \$54,811,237.00, with \$_____ coming from the fund balance and a _____ millage increase. The millage rate will be _____. Inspection of the budget will only be done electronically via the district website.

The Finance Committee has recommended bringing forth a budget with a 5.3%, 2.65%, or 0% increase.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Broun, moved to amend the above motion to remove the blanks. Vote: 7-yes, 2-no (Dettmar & Pakzad)

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve a 2.65% increase for the 2024-2025 budget.

Director Demko, seconded by Director Broun, amended the previous motion of a 2.65% increase to a 2.375% increase.

Public Comment:

M. Reid—As a taxpayer, she would appreciate not having sticker shock when it comes to a tax increase. She asked about possibly revising the percentage amount to 1% and revisiting later.

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

Approve the 2024-2025 proposed budget, consistent with school code, with a 2.375 % tax increase. Vote: 5-yes, 4-no (Conte, Dettmar, Magnotta, Pakzad)

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* - None
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta*
Thank you to Embassy Bank for a \$10,000 donation to the SVFEI.

F. Northampton Community College – *Susan Baxter* - Spring semester had a 4% growth in credit hours, the baseball team had their 40th win of the season, Summer classes begin May 20, graduation is on May 21 (Pocono), and May 23 (Bethlehem)

G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* - Food Truck Tuesdays are continuing through the summer. Discussion is continuing regarding the BAVTS agreement.

H. Colonial Intermediate Unit – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* – The meeting had Budget presentations regarding transportation and other operations budgets.

I. **PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter* – PSBA voting delegates need to be approved by the Board.

J. **New Business** - None

K. **Old Business** – Dr. Erickson-Parsons suggested combining some of the committee meetings.

XV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

C. Ziegler – Commented regarding BAVTS and comments that were made on WFMZ.

K. Lockett – Commented on the importance of vocational-technical programs.

M. Reid – Commented that the Elementary School Playground is in disrepair and many things need to be replaced. She also asked about the Weapons policy that was supposed to be on the agenda 6 weeks ago and has not been on yet.

XVI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

May 28, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

June 11, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

9:19PM

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President