

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Susan Baxter, John Conte, Cedric Dettmar, Bryan Eichfeld-online, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Michael Karabin, Tracy Magnotta, Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Also present were Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor, and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:01 PM - Susan Baxter, *President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*
9-present, 0-absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Special Ed Legal Issues & Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – Pennsylvania Future Problem Solvers were recognized for their achievements: Sara Bocchini, Rocco Vangelo, Lila Parsons, Maggie Gorman, Saydee Skiba, Vaughn Kaye, Ryan Pakzad, and Victoria Dyvago.
- VIII. **Presentation** –
 - A. High School Representative – Alana Weirbach
 - B. NCC Presentation
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Commented on the recent
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only**
 - J. Reilly – Commented on Program of Studies
 - P. Silverthorn – Commented on Program of Studies
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$382,346.61
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$19,167.13
 - C. Health Benefits – \$446,659.24
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above presentation of bills.
Director Karabin, seconded by Director Dettmar moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XII. Treasurer's Report – Cedric Dettmar/David Bonenberger

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report
- C. Capital Project Finance Report
- D. Budget Transfers - None
- E. Middle School Activity Report – December 31, 2022 & January 31, 2023
- F. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report

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

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS**A. Education**

- A. Changes to the 2023-24 Program of Studies – Walter Pawlowski

1. Approve the 2023-2024 High School Program of Studies.
2. Approve the High School Bell Schedule starting May 26, 2023.

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Karabin moved to approve Education Items #1&2. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

3. Approve a trip request for the Middle School Future Problems Solvers group to attend the Future Problem Solvers State Bowl, March 24 – March 25, 2023, at the Penn Harris Hotel. The cost is \$952.50 coming from Title II funds.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons moved to approve Education Item #3. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

1. Approve David Michaylira as a Part-Time Paraprofessional, hourly rate and benefits per the current Educational Support Compensation & Benefits Plan, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
2. Approve unpaid medical leave for Cindy Kichline, Food Service. Her first day out will be March 7, 2023, and she will be using her accumulated sick time. Her unpaid leave will begin on March 21, 2023, and continue until she returns on April 24, 2023.
3. Approve a Study Sabbatical for Christina Higgins for the 2023 – 2024 School Year.

- 4. Approve the retirement of David Sell, full-time Bus Driver effective February 15, 2023.
- 5. Approve the resignation of Richard Hacker, part-time Bus Driver effective November 1, 2022.
- 6. Approve the following Homebound Instructor for the 2022-2023 school year at \$40.00/hour.
Ryan McCann
- 7. Approve the following mentors for the 2022-2023 school year. Salary is per the current professional agreement, which may be prorated if not a full year of mentorship.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Beth Ravier*	Sara Fritz
Samantha Faulkner*	

*they will split the stipend
- 8. Approve an unpaid half day for Jamie Frey, paraprofessional, on March 6, 2023.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Welch moved to approve Personnel Items #1-8.
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

No Recommendations for Approval

D. Finance

A. Finance Committee Summary – February 15, 2023

2022-2023 Budget Timeline for the 2023-2024 School Year

May 31, 2023 - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2023-2024 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

June 10, 2023 (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2023-2024 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

June 20, 2023 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2023-2024 final budget.

No Recommendations for Approval

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 –

C. Hay – Commented on the After School Satan Club.

S. McGee - Commented on the After School Satan Club.

K. Reiner - Commented on the After School Satan Club.

C. Komoroski - Commented on the After School Satan Club.

S. Katz - Commented on the After School Satan Club.

Z. Kraft - Commented on the After School Satan Club.

R. Mules – Commented on Superintendent doing a good job.

L. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ March 14, 2023

March 28, 2023

M. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Magnotta, seconded by Director Welch moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

9:00 PM

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President