

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors Edward Andres, Susan Baxter, John Conte, Cedric Dettmar, Michael Karabin, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Shawn Welch. Attending virtually was Director Bryan Eichfeld. Director Tracy Magnotta was absent. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent; Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:00 pm Dr. *Shamim Pakzad, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Karabin, second by Director Conte moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – May 10, 2022 - Special Education Legal Matters, Negotiations, Personnel Matters
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Karabin, second by Director Dettmar moved to minutes of April 26, 2022. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- VII. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent - None*
- VIII. **Recognition** – None
- IX. **Presentation** – None
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - A. Ramsberger – Commented on the 2022-2023 budget
 - B. Geyer – Commented on the current economic conditions and the proposed 2022-2023 budget.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$298,495.12
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$24,633.87
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Dettmar, second by Director Conte moved to approve the Presentation of Bills.
Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

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

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity - None
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report - None
- C. Capital Project Finance Report - None
- D. Budget Transfers - \$25.00
- E. Middle School Activity Report - None
- F. High School Activity Report - None

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report

Director Dettmar, second by Director Karabin moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

A. Academic & Personnel Committee Meeting Summary – April 27, 2022

- 1. Approve the attached list of Surplus/Obsolete items.
- 2. Approve the contract with Hogan Academy for student placement.

Director Welch, second by Director Conte moved to approve Education Items #1&2.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

B. Personnel

- 1. Approve the retirement of Larry Kichline, Part-Time Bus Driver, effective May 5, 2022.
- 2. Approve the resignation of Ron Rosenberg, part-time bus driver, effective April 25, 2022.
- 3. Approve Elizabeth Ravier as a homebound teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at \$40.00 per hour.
- 4. Approve an extension of unpaid sick leave for Michael Wieder, custodian, until June 30, 2022, or earlier if released by his physician.
- 5. Approve the following unpaid time off:
 Megan Filchner (MS Administrative Assistant) – May 9 - May 13, 2022
 Doris Everhart (ES Administrative Assistant) – June 6 - June 10, 2022

Director Karabin, second by Director Dettmar moved to approve Personnel Items #1-5.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

C. Facilities**Recommendations for Approval**

None

D. Finance**2022-2023 Budget Timeline for the 2021-2022 School Year**

May 31, 2022 - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2021-2022 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

June 10, 2022 (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

June 20, 2022 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2021-2022 final budget.

1. Approve the 2022-2023 proposed final budget, consistent with school code, in the amount of \$52,763,676.00, with \$2,743,692.00 coming from fund balance and a 1.8166 millage increase which generates tax revenue of \$1,099,205. The new millage rate will be 55.2466 mills.

Director Dettmar, second by Director Welch moved to approve Finance Item #1.

Director Dettmar, second by Director Karabin moved to remove Finance Item #1 from the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

The Board directs the Administration to bring back to the Board a 10% decrease and a 15% decrease list at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Jason Banonis encouraged the board to not increase the school tax rate.

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 – *Bryan Eichfeld*

I. New Business - None

J. Old Business - None

XIV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – None

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

May 24, 2022

June 14, 2022

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Dettmar, second by Director Karabin moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

8:19 pm

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

President