

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Tracy Magnotta, and Dr. Shamim Pakzad. Director Jay Santos was absent. Judith Riegel, Board Secretary; Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor; and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:21 pm - *Dr. Shamim Pakzad, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Santos)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Personnel & BAVTS
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2024. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - None
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$ 1,497,221.14
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – None
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

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

- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*

No Treasurer’s Report for Approval

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:
 - Policy 114 – Gifted Education
 - Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities
 - Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - Policy 123.1 – Concussion Management
 - Policy 123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - Policy 143 – Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
 - Policy 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
 - Policy 218 – Student Discipline
 - Policy 218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts
 - Policy 218.3 - Placement of Students Convicted-Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
 - Policy 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
 - Policy 222-AR-0 – Tobacco and Vaping
 - Policy 222-AR-1 - Tobacco and Vaping Product Violation Parental Notification
 - Policy 226 - Searches
 - Policy 227 - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - Policy 227-AR-0 – Controlled Substance Paraphernalia
 - Policy 233 - Suspension and Expulsion
 - Policy 237 - Electronic Devices
 - Policy 309 – Assignment and Transfer
 - Policy 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
 - Policy 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse
 - Policy 351-AR-0 – Drug Free Workplace Notice
 - Policy 351-AR-1 – Record of Reasonable Suspicion
 - Policy 409 – Assignment and Transfer
 - Policy 913.1 AR – Flyers
 - Policy 916 – Volunteers
 - Safe to Say Procedures

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Education Item #1.

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

2. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:
 - 204 - Attendance
 - 218.1 - Weapons
 - 236.1 – Threat Assessment
 - 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - 252 – Dating Violence
 - 249 & 252 AR1 – Discrimination/ Sexual Harassment/ Bullying/ Hazing/ Dating Violence/ Retaliation Report Form
 - 913 – Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Education Item #2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

3. Authorize the administration to make the necessary revisions to applicable policies to ensure the Groups as listed in Policy 707 align and are consistent with other applicable policies that list such groups.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Education Item #3. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

B. Personnel

1. Approve Stacy Kemmerer as Full Time Middle School Administrative Assistant at an hourly wage of \$18.40, AA3, with benefits per the current Administrative Assistants Compensation & Benefits Plan, pending completion of employment paperwork.
2. Approve Jessy Severino as a Licensed Social Worker for the Summer of 2024 at \$45.00 per hour.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Personnel Items #1 and 2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

3. Approve Jessy Severino as a Licensed Social Worker, Masters +18, Step 3 at \$ 71,619.00, effective the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of employment paperwork.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #3. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

4. Approve Zachary Rosamalia as a High School Science Long-Term Substitute High for the 2024-2025 school year. The base salary is \$59,182 (B, Step 1), pending completion of employment paperwork.
5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Unit Clarification with the SVEA.
6. Approve Catherine Krencs as a Part-Time Instructional Paraprofessional at an hourly wage of \$20.98, effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year and upon completion of employment paperwork.
7. Approve Tyler Horton as the Boys Varsity Head Coach for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$5,600.
8. Approve the following curriculum writers at \$45 per hour, maximum 40 hours per subject/grade level:
 - Laurie Paulson-PA Core 5
 - Jennifer Steirer – PA Core 5/6
 - Genia Miller – Public Speaking

- Amie Geissinger – Science 5
- Stephanie Hand – K-4 Math
- Raymond Baratta - 6&7 Science
- Elizabeth Ravier – 3rd & 4th SLA
- Stacy Daly – Science 8
- Robert Svitilla – Robotics
- David Lloyd – PA Core 8
- Amanda Holveck – Math 6, Math 6/7, Math 7/8
- Jacquelyn Febbo – Business Communication, Entrepreneurship,
and Personal Finance
- Robert Kachmar – K-4 Science

- 9. Approve the following dedicated building substitutes for the 2024-25 school year, working four days of a five-day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings effective August 21, 2024. Their salary will be \$175 per day:

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| Paige Borger | Lynne Maynard |
| Sydney Derr | Robert Pasternak |
| Hannah Christina Forendo | Matthew Sueta |
| Lee-Anne Graham | William Waliginda |
| Kristen Kallert | Michael Wechtler |

- 10. Approve the following mentor for the 2024-2025 school year. Salary is per the current professional agreement, which may be prorated if not a full year of mentorship.

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| <u>Mentor</u> | <u>Inductee</u> |
| Eric Focht | Zachary Rosamalia |

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Personnel Items #4-10. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

C. Facilities

No Agenda Items for Approval

D. Finance

- 1. Approve the ABA Support Services Contract for independent services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2. Approve the agreement with Carbon Lehigh IU#21 for Special Education Services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Finance Items #1 and 2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Santos)

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* - None

- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta* - None

F. Northampton Community College – *Susan Baxter* - None

G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* – Director Dettmar reported on the BAVTS Articles of Agreement and expansion meeting.

H. Colonial Intermediate Unit – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* - None

I. PSBA Representative – *Donald Carpenter* – Reported that PSBA does offer some communication support services.

J. New Business - None

K. Old Business - None

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

O. Frey – commented on her positive experiences at BAVTS.

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

July 23, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

August 13, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Board President Pakzad adjourned the meeting.

Time: 9:07 pm

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President