

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, October 8, 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-online, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Judith Riegel, Board Secretary; Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor; and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:00 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 Dettmar, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Discussion of Safety & Security and Legal Matter
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **High School SGA Representative’s Report** – Peter Albano
- X. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent*
Superintendent Vlasaty reported that Hellertown will be searching for and hiring a crossing guard.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$601,241.04
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$27,158.83
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.
Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Presentation of 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 – \$300.00
 - D. Middle School Activity Report – None
 - E. High School Activity Report – None

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

- A. Academic & Personnel Committee Summary – October 2, 2024
- B. IXL Presentation – Dr. Lensi Nikolov and Pam Dobson
 1. Approve the attached agreement with Capstone Academy for student #6601856266 for the 2024-2025 school year.
 2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Community Services for Children, Inc., Head Start/Early Head Start of the Lehigh Valley and Saucon Valley Services
 3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for "Title III Nonpublic Equitable Services" for the 2024-2025 school year.

Director Broun, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Education Items #1-3.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

- A. Congratulate the following professional employees on receiving tenure:
 - Joanne Suriel – August 1, 2024
 - Katie Fisher – August 17, 2024
1. Approve the retirement of:
 - Mark Nuss, mechanic effective December 23, 2024.
 - Karen Werner, bus driver effective December 20, 2024.
2. Approve Susan Williams as General Kitchen Help at \$15.00/hour and benefits per the current Food Service Agreement, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
3. Approve a maternity leave for Ashley Yestrumskas, high school teacher, which she anticipates starting on December 9, 2024. She will be using 10 sick days prior to enacting FMLA which will run concurrently with 3.5 personal days and 8 unpaid days. She will be on an educational sabbatical during the 2nd semester and anticipates returning to her teaching position at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Approve Ryan McCann as a Homebound Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$45.00.
5. Approve Ruth Sterner and Liam Stoneback as the Recreational Swim Membership Lifeguards for the 2024-2025 season at \$13.00/hour for lifeguarding and \$15.00/swim lesson, no benefits.
6. Approve the resignation of Gina Zimpfer, part-time paraprofessional, her last day will be October 17, 2024.
7. Approve Jonathan Girton as Technology Specialist/Content Director at a salary of \$70,000.00, prorated, with benefits per the current Technology Department agreement. Employment pending completion of paperwork.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Personnel Items #1-7.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

1. Approve the attached list of surplus/obsolete items.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Facilities Item #1.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

D. Finance

1. Motion to accept and approve the vendor(s) for fuel oil for the 2025-2026 school year as to be recommended by the Northampton/Monroe/Pike County Joint Purchasing Board and to be approved by the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board of Directors at the October, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Approve the quotes from IXL Learning for site licenses for Math, ELA, and Spanish.
3. Approve the attached contract with S.J. Thomas to provide electrical work for two digital signs in the amount of \$35,976.11. The contract is pending review and approval of the solicitor.
4. Approve the agreement with Soliant Health, LLC, for virtual speech services.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Finance Items #1-4.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* – No report
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta* - No report

- F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* – No report
- G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* – Director Demko reported on the October 1, 2024 meeting where a 1.3 million dollar capital improvement project was approved. She also reported on several events they are having: 10/10- National Honor Society Induction, 10/13 – Fundraiser with the Bridges Foundation, 10/23 – Open House
- H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* – Director Pakzad reported that the IU, which was part of PA IUnet, will discontinue providing internet services.
- I. PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter* – Director Carpenter reported on several webinars offered by PSBA.
- J. New Business** - None
- K. Old Business** – Director Carpenter reported on the progress of the BAVTS negotiation team. He has sent out two communications and had a response from BASD to the first email and NASD responded to the second email. Neither response was favorable.

XV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – None

XVI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

October 22, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion
 November 12, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

October 9, 2024, Finance & Facilities Committee Meetings are canceled.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Board President Pakzad adjourned the meeting.

Time: 7:48 pm

ATTEST _____
Secretary

President