

Saucon Valley School District

Meeting of the Finance Committee

District Office Conference Room

November 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm

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Welcome to the Saucon Valley School Board Ad Hoc Finance Committee meeting. Our objective is to serve our community's students, parents, and residents. You are an important part of this meeting, and we look forward to your questions and comments. We are all here for the same reason. All opinions are welcomed and equally valuable. Our only request is that we address each other with civility and respect. Our courtesy toward each other is the best way to show our students how much we respect them as well.

The District reserves the right to move agenda items up to other committees as needed.

Committee Members – Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, Donald Carpenter

Agenda

- I. **Call to the Order** – *Cedric Dettmar, Committee Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary*
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda**
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – September 11, 2024
- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – *Visitors should state their name and address.*
- VII. **Discussion & Action: DCED Solar Grant** – David Bonenberger
- VIII. **Discussion & Action: Extra Curricular Expenditures** – Robert Frey
- IX. **New Business**
- X. **Old Business**
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors** - *Visitors should state their name and address.*
- XII. **Future Meetings** – December 11, 2024 – District Office Conference Room
- XIII. **Motion to Adjourn**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in the District Office Conference Room. Finance Committee members Mr. Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, and Dr. Shamim Pakzad were present. Mr. Donald Carpenter was absent. Also present were David Bonenberger - Committee Secretary, and Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 6:00 pm – *Cedric Dettmar, Committee Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *David Bonenberger, Committee Secretary*
3-present, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Dr. Pakzad, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- V. **Approval of Minutes** –Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Dr. Pakzad, moved to approve the August 14, 2024 minutes. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- VII. **Discussion & Action: PrimeroEdge Service Fees**
The recommendation is to have the District cover .75cents of the \$2.95 service fee.

Dr. Pakzad, seconded by Dr. Erickson-Parsons, moved to send this recommendation to the Board for approval. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- VIII. **Discussion & Action: Recreational Swim Membership** –

The recommendation is to change the 10-swim pass rate to \$80.00 and charge \$105.00 for 3 swim lessons and \$150.00 for 5 lessons.

Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Dr. Pakzad, moved to send this recommendation to the Board for approval. Vote:3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- IX. **New Business** - None
- X. **Old Business** - None
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors** – None
- XII. **Future Meetings** – November 13, 2024 – District Office Conference Room
- XIII. **Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Dr. Pakzad, moved to adjourn.
Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

6:36 pm

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Proposal To: Saucon Valley School District

Prepared By: Celentano Energy Services – 11/7/2024

Project Name	Saucon Valley School District – Solar Assessment
Brief Description	Solar Facility Site Assessment
Location	Hellertown, PA 18055

Celentano Energy Services (CES) is submitting this work statement/proposal to the Saucon Valley School District (Client) – to conduct one or more **Solar Facility Site Assessments**, as defined under the PA Solar for Schools (S4S) Program Guidelines (10/2024), which is required as a submittal along with the application for the S4S grant for each electric account.

About Ron Celentano

Ron Celentano is a solar energy industry consultant with Celentano Energy Services (CES). He started in solar over 40 years ago, with nearly 30 years focused on solar PV. Generally, his experience covers technical and policy related fields, including installer/code official training, curriculum development, system design, installation, commissioning, testing, performance monitoring; solar feasibility studies, project oversight representing the customer; expert witness regarding technical assessments of PV systems and products; rebate program administration. He has been involved with helping shape most of Pennsylvania's state laws and regulations in solar energy over the past two decades, including net metering, interconnection, PA's solar share requirement, and many other policy related issues. Currently, he is President of Pennsylvania Solar & Storage Industries Assoc. (PASSIA) and V.P. of Mid-Atlantic Solar & Storage Industries Assoc. (MSSIA) for Pennsylvania, and the Technical Director of the Philadelphia Solar Energy Assoc. (PSEA); he holds a BS in Physics and MS in the field of Mechanical Engineering. CES is a Qualified Provider under the PA Solar for Schools Grant Program.

Saucon Valley School District – Solar Facility Site Assessment Work Statement/Proposal

Work Statement

Solar Facility Site Assessment - CES will conduct a high level solar PV system assessment, also known as a Solar Facility Site Assessment under the PA Solar for Schools Program, for one or more given schools in the Client's territory. CES would collect and review at least 12 months of electric bills for the given account being considered for a solar PV system. CES would also collect and review architectural plans and electrical drawings relative to the potential solar system design. If the solar PV array is to be installed on a school rooftop, age of roof and roof type information would be required for review. In addition, a full year of interval data (i.e., 15 minute electric usage data) may be requested – this data should be attainable through the school's online account from the electric utility's website. If possible, CES may also conduct at least one site visit of the existing property.

CES will prepare a preliminary solar PV design and array layout of the solar PV system, from which estimated solar generation will be simulated using NREL's PVWATTS, DOE's SAM, Helioscope or equivalent online simulation model, along with analyzing the potential bill savings from the solar PV system, based on the given school electric rates and the building's expected electric usage. Estimated installation costs of the solar PV system, along with the IRA elected payment in lieu of the 30% Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and the S4S Program Grant (estimated based on the given MV/PI AR value)), in addition to the electric distribution company's Commercial Solar Program incentive, solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) revenue and O&M costs will be taken into account for evaluating the economic impacts, and a summary report will be prepared. This will include a 30 year cash flow analysis, assuming the project is financed under a loan. **Estimated time (depending on number of schools or accounts are evaluated): 24 hrs to 60 hrs.**

Saucon Valley School District – Solar Facility Site Assessment Work Statement/Proposal

Fee for Service and Schedule

CES requests a labor fee of \$200/hr, with \$75/hr for traveling time, up to a cost cap not to exceed \$6,000 for a single school account, or \$10,000 for up to three schools or accounts. Invoices will be submitted via email over the course of the task or as deemed appropriate.

Contract

This contract may be terminated by either party with a 2 day advanced notice via U.S. mail or email. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or comments regarding this proposal.

Celentano Energy Services

Saucon Valley School District

 11/7/2024

Ronald E Celentano
Solar PV Industry Consultant

Date

David Bonenberger
Business Manager

Date