

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, John Conte-online, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Tracy Magnotta-online, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Director Donald Carpenter was absent. Judith Riegel, Board Secretary; Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor; and Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:10 pm- *Dr. Shamim Pakzad, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Legal & Superintendent Goals
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024, with the correction of the meeting date on the minutes. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – Spanish Immersion Program
- IX. **High School SGA Representative's Report** – Peter Albano
- X. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Superintendent Vlasaty reported that the district has received a Public-School Facilities Improvement Grant from the state for \$307,000.00 for the High School Health & Safety Project. Ms. Vlasaty also reported that 10 Saucon student have made it to the finals of the District Chorus competition. Ryan Pakzad placed 3rd.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
M. Lomangino – Commented on the Superintendent raise. She is trusting the board that goals were met. She asked if the raise is competitive with other Superintendents in the area, with what the teachers are getting and with what the community is getting.
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$829,175.11
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$19,251.99
 - C. Health Benefits – \$531,626.45
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

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

XIII. Treasurer's Report – Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report
- C. Budget Transfers – \$17,998.74
- D. Middle School Activity Report – September 30, 2024
- E. High School Activity Report – September 30, 2024

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

XIV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

- 1. Approve a trip to Carnegie Hall, New York City, on March 28, 2025, for approximately 30 students and 1 Teacher (additional chaperones to be added). Cost: \$279.00 - Per Student (Fundraising/Payment)
- 2. Approve the attached travel request and contract for the "Beast of the East" Wrestling Tournament in Wilmington, DE.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve Education Items 1 & 2. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

B. Personnel

- 1. Approve the following Bus Drivers with wage & benefits per the current SV Educational Support Professionals Contract. Employment is effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
 - Ellen DeLuca - Full-Time Bus Driver
 - Cynthia Moninghoff - Part-Time Bus Driver.
 - Geoffrey Burgess - Part-Time Driver
 - Charles DeBoer - Part-Time Bus Driver
 - Jimmy Gonzales – Part-Time Bus Driver

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

- 2. Approve David Seip as a Mechanic 1 with salary and benefits per the current SV Educational Support Professionals Contract.
 - Employment is effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

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

3. Approve the transfer of Michael Green from Mechanic 1 to Mechanic 2, with an increase to \$33.42 per hour effective November 1, 2024.

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

4. Approve Ashley Petrie as a Part-Time Registered Behavior Technician – Instructional Paraprofessional at \$25.00/hour, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

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

5. Approve the following substitute support staff:

Alicia Kichline as a substitute custodian, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, to be employed on a “call as needed basis, no benefits, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Lisa Harkins as a substitute administrative assistant, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, on a call as needed, no benefits.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Personnel Item 5. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

6. Approve Stephanie Schleef as a substitute school nurse at a rate of \$120.00 per day, with no benefits, on a call-as-needed basis, pending completion of employment paperwork.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Personnel Item 6. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

7. Approve 2024-2025 salary adjustment of 3% based on annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Personnel Item 7. Vote: 6-yes, 2-no (Demko, Santos), 1-absent (Carpenter)

8. Approve the following 2024-2025 Athletic Coaches:

Robert Davis – Indoor Track, Head Coach - \$1,000.00

Katherine Naiburg – Girls Lacrosse, Asst. Coach - \$3,400.00

Joshua Persson – Boys Jr. Varsity Baseball, Head Coach - \$3,000.00

Joseph Lobeck – Jr. High Wrestling, Asst. Coach - \$3,400.00

Chris Farkas – Wrestling Coach – Volunteer

Daniel DeTello – Wrestling Coach – Volunteer

Director Broun, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item 8. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

9. Approve rescinding the resignation of Gina Zimpfer, part-time high school instructional paraprofessional.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Personnel Item 9. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

C. Facilities

1. Approve the attached list of Surplus/Obsolete items.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Facilities Item 1. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Carpenter)

D. Finance

No agenda items for approval.

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* - None
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta*
Small Grants application deadline is November 8, 2024, Maximum \$3,000.00

F. Northampton Community College – *Susan Baxter* - None**G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* –
Open House October 23, 2024 5:30 – 7:30**H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* - None**I. PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter* - None**J. New Business** – Director Broun gave a presentation “Saucon Valley High School to Post-Secondary Education: Trajectories of Concern”**K. Old Business** - None**XV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments** – None**XVI. Announcements****Future Meetings ~**

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

November 26, 2024 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Board President Pakzad adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President