

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parson, Tracy Magnotta - online, Shamim Pakzad – online, and Jay Santos. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent, Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:16 pm - *Cedric Dettmar, 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 Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Personnel & Employment Agreements
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **High School SGA Representative’s Report** – Zoe Sauvagnargues & Peter Albano
- X. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Mrs. Vlasaty reported that the iTeam is going to the State competition.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - A. Lookenbill - commented on the World Language program in the district and the resignations of teachers who are not being replaced.
 - M. Lomangino - commented on the MS Language Arts Program, the resignation of Dr. Nikolov, and asked who will be taking over her positions with Curriculum and Federal Grants.
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$614,749.92
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$29,084.80
 - C. Health Benefits – \$508,146.84
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Presentation of the 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 – \$28,179.50
- D. Middle School Activity Report – February and March 2025
- E. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

XIV. AGENDA ITEMS**A. Education**

1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:

246 – School Wellness

254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Education Item #1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Approve the following trip to Beach Lake, PA, for the Summer Cheerleading Camp:
June 12-15, 2025
17 Cheerleaders, 2 Coaches
\$370 per participant - Funded by Cheerleading Fundraising and Participants
3. Approve the following trip to Johnstown, PA, for the Envirothon State Championship:
May 20-21, 2025
5 Students and 1 Advisor
Transportation (Approx. \$325) funded by the District
Hotel Expenses funded by Northampton County Conservation District

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Education Items #2 & 3. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

B. Personnel

1. Approve the following Compensation and Benefits Plans effective July 1, 2025:

Act 93 Administrators and Supervisors

Food Service

Administrative Assistants

Paraprofessionals

Director Conte, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Item #1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

2. Approve Jacob Seeds and Michael Goosley as Part-Time Bus Drivers per the current Educational Support Professionals Contract, effective on completion of employment paperwork.
3. Approve the resignation of Kassandra Diehl, high school teacher, her last day will be June 5, 2025.
4. Approve the resignation of Dr. Lensi Nikolov, Middle School Principal, her last day will be June 30, 2025.
5. Approve Kelsey Cyphers as an addition to the day-to-day substitute teachers list for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Approve the following Winter Athletic Head Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

Basketball-Boys	Brett Snyder	\$8,800.00
Wrestling-Varsity	Chad Shirk	\$8,520.00
Swimming-Boys/Girls	Sean Fenoff	\$6,231.00
Indoor Track	Robert Davis	\$1,039.00
Sideline Cheerleading	Tara Matus	\$3,000.00
Basketball-Girls	John Tone	\$8,000.00
7. Approve Michael Vidumsky as the Cross-Country Head Coach for the 2025-2026 school year at \$4,000.00.
8. Approve a maternity leave for Kaitlin Sauerzopf to begin August 19, 2025, and she will return on December 15, 2025. She will be using 23 sick & personal days prior to enacting 12 weeks of unpaid FMLA, which will conclude on December 15, 2025, and she will return to her position at that time.
9. Approve Mark Nuss and Karen Werner as Emergency Substitute Bus Drivers at an hourly rate of \$28.81, no benefits, on a “call as needed” basis.
10. Approve Kara Sterner as the High School Yearbook Advisor & Editor at a stipend of \$1,500.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Approve the resignations of:
 - Donna Traves, full-time bus driver, effective April 23, 2025.
 - Eric Holmqvist, maintenance, effective May 24, 2025.
12. Approve Tamara Miller as a Summer IEP writer at \$45/hour.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item #2-12. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

No Agenda Items for Approval

D. Finance**2024-2025 Budget Timeline for the 2025-2026 School Year**

May 31, 2025 - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

June 10, 2025 (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

June 20, 2025 (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2025-2026 final budget.

1. Approve the 2025-2026 proposed final budget, consistent with school code, in the amount of \$59,213,884.00, with \$4,175,759.00 coming from the fund balance and a zero-millage increase. The millage rate will be 55.2055. Inspection of the budget will only be done electronically via the district website.

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Finance Item #1.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

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*
The recent meeting discussed the renovations of the new building**H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*

The IU is hosting several upcoming events. Special Olympics 5/19, and Graduation 5/15.

1. Approve the candidates for the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board of School Directors, with a term of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028, per board ballots.

This item will be brought back at the next meeting for a vote.

I. PSBA Representative – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos***J. New Business** –

Director Demko spoke about Ron Yonney, a Saucon Valley District retiree who recently passed away.

Director Braun commented on teacher turnover in the district.

K. Old Business - None

XV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –

S. Denzel – Inquired on the status of turf fields at Saucon Valley.

M. Lomangino – Asked about the hiring process for the Assistant Superintendent, High School Principal, and Communication Specialist.

XVI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

May 27, 2025 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

June 10, 2025 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – Director Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

ATTEST _____
Secretary

President