

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, Vivian Demko - online, Laurel Erickson-Parson, Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Directors John Conte and Tracy Magnotta were absent. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent, Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:18 pm - *Cedric Dettmar, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
7-present, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – May 27, 2025 – after meeting – Personnel
June 4, 2025 – Personnel
June 10, 2025 - Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – Ms. Vlasaty did not have a report. Director Carpenter read a statement from the Board regarding the proposed teacher moves.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only**
V. Opthof-Cordaro – Welcomed Dr. Tinor to Saucon Valley.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$621,527.62
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$9,079.13
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)
- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*

No Agenda Items for Approval

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:
246 – School Wellness
254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children
2. Approve the following 2024-25 21st Century grants sponsored by the Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation:
High School Makerspace - \$3,000.00
High School & Middle School Robotics Program - \$10,000.00

Director Erickson Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Education Items # 1 & 2. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte& Magnotta)

B. Personnel

1. Consistent with the Public-School Code of 1949 and upon nomination of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of School Directors hereby appoints Dr. Bruce Tinor as Assistant Superintendent for a time period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. In approving this appointment, the Board of School Directors approves an employment contract for Dr. Tinor with a starting salary of \$165,000.00.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Personnel Item #1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

2. Approve the retirement of Richard Kuhns, bus driver, effective June 6, 2025.
3. Approve the resignation of Pamela Dobson, Instructional Technology Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
4. Approve Glenn Brown as the Home/School Visitor for the 2025-2026 school year at an hourly wage of \$25.00, with no benefits.
5. Approve Elizabeth Kerosetz as an Assistant Fall Sideline Cheer Coach for \$1,500.00.
6. Approve Kristen Schlotter and Meredith Lesney as Summer Technology Assistants. Their schedule will be on an as-needed basis, but not to exceed a total of 100 hours during the summer. Salary is \$23/hour.

7. Approve Mason Stewart as a Full-Time RBT Paraprofessional at \$25.00 per hour with benefits per the current Educational Support Staff Agreement, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Approve David Michaylira as a Summer IEP Writer at \$45.00/hour.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-8. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

C. Facilities

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

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-8. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

D. Finance

2024-2025 Budget Timeline for the 2025-2026 School Year

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 service agreement with Cardinal Point Homeland Security Group for providing protective service personnel for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Approve the attached Senior Citizens Property Tax Rebate Resolution of 2025.
3. Approve the attached Pricing Amendment with EverDriven Technology for the 2025-2026 school year.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-8. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Conte, Magnotta)

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* – meeting is 6/11/25.

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

I. PSBA Representative – Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos - None

J. New Business –

Director Broun commented on proposed teacher moves.

Director Pakzad commented on a study comparing brand-new teachers and experienced teachers when teaching new or unfamiliar subjects, and the resulting impact on student learning loss.

K. Old Business – None

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

J. Tatu – Commented on Policies 309 & 409 and changes to those policies.

J. Munson-McCarthy – Asked for a roll call of board members regarding the statement read by Director Carpenter.

M. Flagg-Detwiler – Commented on the email she sent to the Board regarding the number of actual teachers being moved.

L. McCarthy – Commented that she wants to have as public record the Board members who support the statement read by Director Carpenter.

M. Lomangino – Commented on the canceled A&P meeting and asked about the date of the next one.

V. Opthof-Cordaro – Requested a roll call, also, asked if it was understood that the cost of keeping the budget low was moving teachers around.

K. Wechtler – Commented on world language teachers, we lost two, and there are currently no postings.

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

June 24, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

July 8, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – Board President Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm

ATTEST _____
Secretary

President