

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in the High School Auditorium. Present were Directors William Broun, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta - online, and Jay Santos. Directors Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Shamim Pakzad and Donald Carpenter were absent. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent, Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:15 pm - *Cedric Dettmar, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
6-present, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Board President Dettmar moved Personnel Item #1 to a later meeting. Director Conte, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the modified agenda. Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Settlement, Personnel, Safety Report
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025. Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* – No Report
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
M. Lomangino - Commented that she is excited to learn more about SpringMath and asked about the protocol of bringing presentations to A&P committee first.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$487,513.88
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$ 7,399.30
 - C. Health Benefits – \$15,780.65
 - 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: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)
- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*
 - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
 - B. Condensed Board Summary Report

- C. Budget Transfers – \$3,911.63
- D. Middle School Activity Report – May 31, 2025
- E. High School Activity Report – None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

XIII. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **Education**

- A. eSpark Math & SpringMath Presentation – Amy Braxmeier
 1. Approve the agreement with Bancroft for educational services for student #2808931603 for the 2025-2026 school year.
 2. Approve the agreement with Lakeside Youth Service for educational and therapeutic support services, rates per the attached agreement summary.
 3. Approve the agreement with the Center for Humanistic Change (CHC) to provide Liaison services to support the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for the 2025-2026 school year.
 4. Approve a settlement agreement for student #3354981946.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Education Items #1-4.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

- 5. Approve the purchase of SpringMath, a K-4 supplemental math program, at a cost of \$10,090.00, for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6. Approve the purchase of a pilot of eSpark Math, a K-2 supplemental resource, at a cost of \$6,135.00, for a one-year pilot.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve Education Items #5&6.

Vote: 5-yes, 1-no (Broun), 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

B. **Personnel**

- ~~1. Approve Dr. Richard Kaskey as the Saucon Valley High School Principal at \$165,000.00, effective July 1, 2025. Moved to a later meeting.~~
2. Approve Jennifer Haines as Full-Time Transportation Administrative Assistant, AA4, at an hourly rate of \$19.79 with benefits per the current Administrative Assistants Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
3. Approve Angela Rohrbaugh as a School Counselor/Mental Health, at Masters+ 30, Step 5, \$80,628.00, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Approve Kelly Miller as a School Nurse at Bachelors, Step 2, \$62,425.00, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve an extension of an educational sabbatical for Amanda Holveck, to include the Spring semester of 2026. She will return to her teaching duties for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Motion to approve the market rate adjustment of 3% per the Administrators and Supervisors Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective July 1, 2025.
7. Approve the retirement of Edward Risi, accounts payable clerk, effective August 29, 2025.
8. Approve the resignation of Felicia Stone, special education teacher, effective August 18, 2025.
9. Approve the resignation of Wil-Quon Clemons, paraprofessional, effective June 6, 2025.
10. Approve the resignation of Tyler Horton - Boys Soccer Coach, effective June 25, 2025.

11. Approve the following 2025-2026 Athletic Coaches:

Football

Assist. Coach	Garret Bisbing	\$5,000.00
Assist. Coach	Michael McClarin	\$5,000.00
Assist. Coach	Angelo Lucci	\$3,500.00
Assist. Coach	Gordy Frack	\$3,200.00
Assist. Coach	Mason Stewert	\$2,154.00
Assist. Coach	Andrew Brett	\$2,154.00
Assist. Coach	Tyler Donchez	\$2,154.00
Assist. Coach	Jalen Richardson	\$2,000.00
Assist. Coach	Chris Casciotti	\$2,000.00
Assist. Coach	Josh May	\$1,500.00
Assist. Coach	Greg Trexler	Volunteer
Assist. Coach	Carrington Smith	Volunteer
Equipment	Jason Denkel	\$2,578.00
Head MS Coach	Dylan Geno	\$3,739.00
Assist. Coach	Ian Kulp	\$2,320.00

Field Hockey

Assist. Coach	Lauren Musselman	\$3,263.00
Assist. Coach	Mallory Brown	\$1,140.00
Assist. Coach	Matt Omdahl	Volunteer
Jr.High Head Coach	Doug Chambers	\$3,323.00
Assist. Coach	Katie Marker	\$2,901.00

Sideline Cheerleading

MS Head Coach	Mckenzie Kichline	\$2,300.00
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Girls Tennis

Assist. Coach	Deb Philpotts	\$1,200.00
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Girls Volleyball

Assist. Coach	Melissa Parsons	\$3,291.00
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Head MS Coach	Amya Rivera-Soto	\$3,086.00
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Assist. Coach	Ashley Rostkowski	\$1,029.00
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Golf

Assist. Coach	Robert Pasternak	\$1,131.00
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Girls Soccer

Assist. Coach	Rocco Policare	\$3,600.00
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Competitive Spirit

Head Coach	Regina Albano	\$3,500.00
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Girls Basketball

Assist. Coach	Jen Kish-Russ	\$5,550.00
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Assist. Coach	Jenna Auriemma-Brinkley	\$4,350.00
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12. Approve Ken Zimmerman as the 2025-2026 Marching Band Drill writer with a stipend of \$3,000.00.
13. Approve James Peer as the 2024-2025 District Athletic Equipment Manager at a stipend of: Fall-\$984.75, Winter-\$757.50, Spring-\$984.75
14. Approve the release agreement for employee #1406, effective June 16, 2025.
15. Approve an educational sabbatical for Melissa Maynard for the 2026 Spring semester. She will return to her teaching duties for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-15.
Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

C. FacilitiesA Facilities Committee Meeting Summary – June 11, 2025

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

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Facilities Item #1.
Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

D. FinanceA. Finance Committee Meeting Summary – June 11, 2025

1. Approve the 2025-2026 final budget, consistent with school code, in the amount of \$ 56,603,981 for the operation of schools and \$2,609,903 for the BAVTS expansion project, for a total of \$59,213,884, with \$4,175,759 coming from fund balance. There will be a 0% tax increase. The millage rate will remain at 55.2055

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Finance Item #1.
Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

2. Approve the attached 2025-2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution based on the school district real estate tax rate of 55.2055 with an exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead in the amount of \$345.64.
3. Approve the following categories regarding the Commitment of Fund Balance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as required per GASB54. The categories are GASB 45 Post-Retirement Costs; Reserve for Health Benefits; Capital Improvements/Replacement; and Post-Retirement Benefits other than healthcare.
4. Approve the attached 2025-2026 District Contracts with:
BJ Terroni, Chrin Disposal, Burkholder HVAV, Cintas, Degler Whiting, Dude Solutions, Ehrlich, Emergency Services, ET&T, Hydra, Integritech, Johnson Control, Keystone, Kiriposki Inc, Mountain Environmental, Otis Elevator, ProAC Corp, ProShred, Safety-Kleen, Spangler Boyer, STEM Landscaping, Tomlinson Bomberger, Trane, Tristate, TuWay Radio, Tyler Technologies.
5. Motion to appoint Fox Rothschild LLP as Solicitor for the Saucon Valley School District from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
6. Motion to authorize Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 650 Northampton Street in Hellertown Borough, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and further identified as parcel identification Q7SW2D 9 1 0715 setting (i) the assessment of the property at \$1,157,700 for tax year 2023 (School District tax year 2023-24), (ii) the assessment of the property of \$1,032,080 for tax year 2024 (School District tax year 2024-25), and (ii) the assessment of the property at \$968,240 for tax year 2025 (School District tax year 2025-26) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.
7. Approve the purchase of two 2025 Chevrolet Express 10-passenger vans for \$61,789.00 each from Bonner Chevrolet and one 2026 Blue Bird Vision 72-passenger Bus for \$125,750.00 from Brightbill Body Works.
8. Approve the District roads' resurfacing not exceeding \$150,000.
9. Approve the attached resolution of the Saucon Valley School District Board of Directors regarding the hiring of School Crossing Guards within the District.
10. Approve the contract with The Donovan Group, LLC for school communication services for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$4,000 per month.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Finance Items #2-10.
Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 3-absent (Carpenter, Erickson-Parsons, Pakzad)

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* reported on enrollment being up, Spring Commencement, Summer Theatre Series, and a grant received from PDE to increase access to Dual Enrollment.

G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar*

H. Colonial Intermediate Unit – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*

I. PSBA Representative – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos*

J. New Business – Director Broun commented on HB 15 and music in Education. Director Santos commented on the need for the audience to be courteous.

K. Old Business

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – None

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

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

July 22, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

Director Carpenter arrived at 8:29 pm.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – Board President Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

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Secretary

President