

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Tracy Magnotta - online, Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent, Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:17 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** – Superintendent Evaluation, SVEA Contract MOU, and Student Legal Issue.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Santos, seconded by Director Conte, moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent*
Superintendent Vlasaty reported on Food Service Training with Chef Scepansky, Popsicles with the Principal, Academics, Personnel additions & Facilities improvements.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only**
B. Geyer – Commented on how wonderful the Elementary School “Popsicles with the Principal” was and the disposition of items on the Surplus/Obsolete list.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$843,470.88
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$2,873.77
 - C. Health Benefits – None
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.
Director Conte, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*
No Agenda Items for Approval
- XIII. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Education**A. Academic & Personnel Committee Meeting Summary – August 6, 2025****No Agenda Items for Approval****B. Personnel**

1. Approve David Hauser as the Middle School Principal at \$145,000 per year, prorated, with benefits per the current Act 93 Compensation & Benefits Plan, effective upon release from his current placement.

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

2. Approve a stipend of \$10,000 for Michael Sakelarides for Interim Middle School Principal duties.
3. Approve a modification to the Compensation and Benefits Plan approved on May 13, 2025, for the Administrative Assistant group so as to provide for up to an additional 1% added to the compensation pool for 2025-2026.
4. Approve Madison Nastasi as a Special Education teacher effective August 19, 2025, at a salary of \$62,425 (B, Step 2).
5. Approve Kali Steingall as a Special Education – Long Term Substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at \$61,182.00 (B, Step 1).
6. Approve the following department/team leaders/grade level chairs for the 2025-26 school year. The stipend will be \$2,500 per position.

High School Department Chairpersons

Robin Heppenheimer – ELA
 Cheri Chisesi – Mathematics
 Jessica Friday – Social Studies
 Kimberly Mertz – Science
 Chad Shirk – Related Arts
 Jasmine Kozero – Special Education

Middle School Department Chairpersons

Lynn Cheddar – ELA- Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Lara McCarthy – ELA- Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Brianna Keeney – Mathematics
 Victoria Gazzana – Social Studies
 Amie Geissinger – Science
 Phillip Russell – Related Arts Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Meredith Lesney – Related Arts Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Kimberly Cocuzza – Special Education

Elementary Grade Level/Department Chairpersons

Rebecca Harvey – Kindergarten
 Lindsay Steiner – Grade 1

Holli Conrad – Grade 2
 Paige Histan – Grade 3/4 ELA Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Erin Ruyak – Grade 3/4 ELA Co-Chair (split stipend)
 Stephanie Hand – Grade 3/4 Math
 Brianne Barona – Special Education
 Joanna Lemay – Encore
 Joseph Schoenly – Spanish Immersion Program

District

Katie Fisher – K-12 Counseling
 Corrine Rivero – K-12 Foreign Language
 Leah Mickey – K-12 Reading
 Lauren Picketts – K-12 ELD

7. Approve the following individuals as Technology Support Specialists with a stipend of \$2,000.

Meredith Lesney – Middle School
 Amber Sams – High School
 Joanna Lemay – Elementary School

8. Approve the co-curricular positions for the 2025-26 school year.

High School

Jessica Friday – Debate Team - \$2,323.13
 Jessica Friday – Scholastic Scrimmage - \$1,290.63
 Jessica Friday – Model UN Co-Advisor - \$500
 Amy Kozel – Model UN Co-Advisor - \$500
 Matthew Dezzi – Student Council/SGA - \$2,043 (Split Stipend)
 Angela Rohrbaugh – Student Council/SGA - \$2,043 (Split Stipend)
 Jon Girton – Yearbook Co-Advisor - \$1,548.75
 Meredith Lesney – iTeam - \$920
 Mario Marcozzi – National Honor Society - \$1,081.50
 Lauren Sakasitz – Vocal Music - \$4,845.70
 Kaela Bitting – Jazz Ensemble Director - \$2,472
 Kaela Bitting – Competitive Marching Band - \$8,111.25
 Brianna Keeney – Class of 2026 Advisor - \$2,142
 Megan Bath – Class of 2027 Advisor - \$2244
 Megan Bath – Unified Club Advisor - \$1,000*
 Brooke Blair – Class of 2028 Advisor - \$1,071
 Michael Adams – Class of 2029 Advisor - \$1,020
 Amber Sams – Reading Club Advisor - \$1,000*
 Kimberly Mertz – Enviro Thon - \$1,000*
 Robert Svitilla – Robotics - \$6,695
 Lex Donatelli – HS Theatre Director - \$6,985.03
 Calista Unger – HS Theatre Asst. Director - \$1,444
 Jon Girton – HS Theatre Set Design & Construction - \$2,165.10
 Elizabeth Trostle – HS Theatre Choreographer - \$1,958
 Vicki Marie Van Hise – HS Theatre Vocal Director - \$1,958
 Trinity Oakes – Co-Percussion Instructor - \$1,390.50
 Sarah Schultz – Co-Drill Instructor - \$772.50
 Benjamin Brodhead – Co-Drill Instructor - \$772.50
 Stephen Roman – Percussion Caption Head - \$2,781
 Olivia Alessi – Co-Color Guard Instructor - \$1,390.50
 Rachael Noone – Co-Color Guard Instructor - \$1,390.50

Middle School

Meredith Lesney – iTeam - \$1000
 Lauren Keebler – National Jr. Honor Society - \$1,081.50
 Jon Girton – Yearbook - \$1,957
 Lauren Sakasitz – Cameratta - \$2,758.65
 Lauren Sakasitz – MS/HS Handbells - \$1,397.25
 Rosemary Butterly – Jazz Ensemble Director - \$2,369
 Amanda Brady – Reading Olympics - \$1,596.50
 Katie Roberts – Student Council - \$2,678
 Katie Roberts – Intramural Swimming Director 1 - \$1,081.50
 David Jost – Intramural Swimming Director 2 - \$1,081.50
 David Jost – Intramural Archery Club - \$1,081.50
 Robert Svitilla – Robotics 5/6 - \$2,224.80
 Robert Svitilla – Robotics 7/8 - \$5,150
 Calista Unger – MS 6-8 Musical Director - \$5,250

Elementary School

Emily Aragona-Young – Choral Director - \$2,678
 Lynn Beller – Girls on the Run - \$1,545
 Cheryl Kittle – Student Council - \$2,472
 Cheryl Kittle – Yearbook - \$500*
 Elizabeth Ravier – Yearbook - \$500*
 Calista Unger – K-2 Musical Director - \$2,060
 Calista Unger – 3-5 Musical Director - \$3,500

Class III Volunteer Clubs

Chad Shirk – ES Wrestling Club - Volunteer
 Katie Roberts – MS Intramural Field Hockey - Volunteer
 Rosemary Butterly – MS TriM Jr. Honor Society - Volunteer
 Rosemary Butterly – MS Flute & Clarinet Choir - Volunteer
 Felicia Parish – MS Art Mural Club - Volunteer
 Kaela Bitting – HS TriM Jr. Honor Society - Volunteer
 Kaela Bitting – HS Indoor Percussion Ensemble - Volunteer
 Kaela Bitting – Global Scholars - Volunteer
 Lauren Sakasitz – HS TriM Jr. Honor Society - Volunteer
 Steve Roman – HS Indoor Percussion Ensemble - Volunteer
 Mario Marcozzi – HS LEO Club - Volunteer
 Mario Marcozzi – HS Paranormal Research Club - Volunteer
 Mario Marcozzi – HS Morning TV Show - Volunteer
 Ashley Yestrumskas – Aavidum - Volunteer
 Amber Sams – HS Environmental Club - Volunteer
 Chris Hasty – MS Boys lacrosse Club - Volunteer
 Lynn Beller – Heart & Soul – Volunteer

** Class III Volunteer Clubs converted to Class II Clubs with paid advisors*

9. Approve the following 2025-2026 Athletic Workers

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| Regina Albano | Diane Albert | Nancy Bohnhorst |
| Alexander Bortz | Anthony Brinkley | Chris Casciotti |
| Cheri Chisesi | Jim Chisesi | Kathleen Curry |
| Kristi Curry | Bob Davis | Kathleen Dettmar |
| Jennifer Domcheck | Chris Fluck | Glen Fluck |
| Tom Garofalo | Michelle Grida | Jane Hoff |
| Natisha Jones | Rachel Kade | Henry Kipp |

17. Approve the following mentors for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary is in accordance with the current professional agreement, which may be prorated if the mentorship is not a full year.
- | <u>Inductee</u> | <u>Mentor</u> |
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| Michael Adams | Jeremy Kittek |
| Brooke Blair | Melissa Maynard, Colleen Wetmore (Split) |
| Madison Nastasi | Rachel Alderfer |
18. Approve the following 2025-2026 Athletic Coaches:
- Stephanie Ochse – Head Coach Girls Jr. High Soccer - \$3,300
 - Rachel Moyer – Asst Coach Girls Jr High Soccer - \$2,800
 - Mason Stewart – Head Coach Unified Track & Field - \$1,500
 - Mason Stewart – Head Coach Unified Bocce - \$1,000
 - Angela Petras – Head Coach Middle School Track - \$2,279
 - Alexas Quilty – Asst. Coach Middle School Track - \$1,138
 - Craig Wrigglesworth – Asst. Coach Boys Soccer - \$3,522
 - Neil Battoni – Head Coach Boys Jr High Soccer - \$3,300
 - Reynald Salazar – Asst. Coach Volleyball - Volunteer
19. Approve the attached Technology Compensation and Benefits Plan effective July 1, 2025.
20. Approve the resignation of Kaitlyn Dennington, Teacher, effective August 7, 2025.
21. Approve the resignation of Sarah Walters, paraprofessional, effective August 9, 2025.
22. Approve the resignation of Ashley Diamond, Food Service, effective July 19, 2025.
23. Approve the retirement of Nancy-Jean Hein, Food Service, effective July 28, 2025.
24. Approve the retirement of Michelle Brozoski, paraprofessional, effective July 22, 2025.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve Personnel Items #2-24. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

C. Facilities

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

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

D. Finance

1. Approve the contract with Lehigh Valley Events to provide DJ services for the 2025 High School Homecoming Dance.

- 2. Approve the contract with empowerED for education consulting services for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 3. Approve the attached contract with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 for one-on-one services.

Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve Finance Items #1-3. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* – The Hellertown Historical Society will be providing free field trips to any Saucon Valley group.
- **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* -

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

I. PSBA Representative – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos* – Commented on upcoming PSBA elections.

J. New Business – Director Broun commented on the effects of Artificial Intelligence on the job market.

K. Old Business – None

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments –

M. Lomangino – Commented on meeting the new Director of Athletics & Student Activities. She also asked about when our Assistant Superintendent will start.

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ August 26, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion
September 9, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting –

Board President Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Secretary

President