

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter (online), John Conte, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Laurel Erickson-Parsons (online), 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** – 7:18 pm - *Cedric Dettmar, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Judith Riegel, Board Secretary*
8-present, 1-absent (Pakzad)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Legal Matters and Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* –
Superintendent Vlasaty reported on Opening Day Convocation & Rachel's Challenge, the new Communications Team, and Staffing changes in the Spanish Immersion Program.
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
B. Geyer – Commented on the General Expenditures - BSN payment was misleading as to what it was for, also commented on Policy 827, Facilities Item #1, and the bids for renovations to the Family & Consumer Science classroom.
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. General Expenditures – \$1,049,847.23
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$192.93
 - C. Health Benefits – \$598,252.64
 - D. Capital Projects – None
 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the Presentation of the Bills. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)
- XII. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger*
 - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
 - B. Condensed Board Summary Report
 - C. Budget Transfers – None
 - D. Middle School Activity Report – June and July 2025

E. High School Activity Report – May, June, and July 2025

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

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

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following policy:
Policy 827 – Conflict of Interest
2. Approve an Adjudication for student # 8779218679 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Education Items 1 & 2.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)

B. Personnel

- A. Tenure - Cristina Reyes - 8/18/2025
Beverly Sparling - 8/18/2025
1. Approve appointing Judith Riegel as Board Secretary for the period October 27, 2025, to December 19, 2025, with a stipend of \$2,500 prorated.
2. Approve Kristen Kallert as a Kindergarten Long Term Substitute at \$61,182.00 (B, Step 1).
3. Approve Gunnar Pattison as a Full-Time K-12 Instructional Paraprofessional, per the current Educational Professionals Agreement, pending completion of employment paperwork.
4. Approve the following individuals as Day-to-Day Substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lauren Wright	Linda Stiansen
Jeffery Dziejczak	Cole Naylor
5. Approve the following mentor 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.

Inductee

Kali Steingall
Kristen Kallert

Mentor

Jessica Habas
Rebecca Harvey

- 6. Approve the following 2025-2026 Athletic Coaches:
 Derek Fox – Jr. High Asst. Boys Soccer Coach - \$1,800
 Craig Wigglesworth – Boys Soccer Asst Coach - \$1,422 (rate adjustment)
 Tanner Riefenstahl – Boys Soccer Asst. Coach - \$2,100
 Tyler Horton – Jr. High Boys Soccer Asst. Goalkeeping Coach - \$1,000
- 7. Approve the co-curricular positions for the 2025-26 school year.
High School
 Kerry Schultz – Future Business Leaders of America - \$2,250.00
- 8. Approve the resignation of Michael Petruny, paraprofessional, effective August 12, 2025.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve Personnel Items 1 - 8. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)

C. Facilities

- A. Facilities Committee Meeting Summary – August 13, 2025
- 1. Approve the following list of School Affiliated Organizations, which allows use of the School or District name and operating in relation to the school district's program:

Football Booster Club	SV Music Connection
MS/HS Wrestling Booster Club	Boys Soccer Booster Club
SV Performing Arts Association	ES Parent Teacher Organization
SV Athletics Booster Club	SV Alumni Association
SV Foundation for Educational Innovation	

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

D. Finance

- A. Finance Committee Meeting Summary – August 13, 2025
- 1. Approve the attached addendum to the PTS Agreement for a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.
- 2. Approve a contract with First Student, Inc. for the transportation of a student, pending review and approval of the solicitor.
- 3. Approve the contract with MKSD Architects for the design, permitting, and construction administration of renovations to the High School Family and Consumer Science Rooms at a cost of \$32,000.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve Finance Items 1 - 3. Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Pakzad)

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte* – The scholarship program has ended.
- **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* – Food Truck Tuesday’s will be returning.

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

I. PSBA Representative – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos* – PSBA leadership voting will be happening at the next meeting.

J. New Business – Director Broun commented on his wish to meet with our Communications Department to discuss our Crisis Communication Plan and have more of our students showcased in the media. He would also like to discuss the banning of student cell phone use. He also commented on the District ratings that are slipping.

K. Old Business - None

XIV. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – None

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

September 9, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

September 23, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting –

Board President Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

ATTEST _____

Secretary

President