

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Judith Riegel, Board Secretary, and Mark Fitzgerald, District Solicitor.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:04 - *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 Carpenter, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Superintendent Evaluation & Personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2025. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **Superintendent’s Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - None
- X. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XI. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures – \$1,613,535.44
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures – \$39,095.27
  - 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 Treasurer’s Report
- XIII. **AGENDA ITEMS**
  - A. **Education**
    - A. Academic & Personnel Committee Meeting Summary - September 3, 2025



**D. Finance**

1. Approve the 2025-2026 High School Theatre Production for \$2,550.
2. Approve the 2025-2026 Grade 3 - 5 Theatre Production for \$740.00.
3. Approve the 2025-2026 Special Education Contract with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20.
4. Approve the donation from the Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation for "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" - \$3,000 and a \$3,000 donation for the Middle School Maker Space.
5. Approve the contract with Harlem Wizards for a fundraiser for the HS Cheerleading Team on November 13, 2025.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve Finance Items #1 - 5.  
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

**E. Community Updates**

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *John Conte*
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Tracy Magnotta*
  1. Approve Laurel Erickson-Parsons as the Board Representative to the SVFEI until the December 2, 2025, Reorganization meeting.

Director Pakzad nominated Director Erickson Parsons to be the Board Representative to the SVFEI until the December 2, 2025, Reorganization meeting.  
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

- F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* – Ms. Baxter reported on the Fall enrollment being up 5%. NCC received a \$20,000 grant sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

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

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

- I. PSBA Representatives** – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos*

1. Approve the slate of officers per board ballots.

Director Conte, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the slate of PSBA officers per ballots. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no

- J. New Business** – Director Demko asked about the visit from Talitha Diggs, and she would like to have a discussion regarding implementing a "Committee of the Whole".

- K. Old Business** – None

**XIV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –**

S. Houck – Asked about student iPads and the need for keyboards.

**XV. Announcements**

**Future Meetings ~**

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

October 14, 2025– 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

**XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Board President Dettmar adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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President