

# Saucon Valley School District

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

January 27, 2026

### High School Audion

\* \* \* \* \*

Welcome to the meeting of the Saucon Valley School Board. Our objective is to serve the students, parents, and residents of our community. You are an important part of this meeting, and we look forward to your questions and comments.

We are all here for the same reason. All opinions are welcomed and equally valuable. Our only request is that we address each other with civility and respect. Our courtesy toward each other is the best way to show our students how much we respect them as well.

**Notice to Public** - This is to notify all in attendance at the Saucon Valley School Board meeting that the district is video and audio-taping the meeting, and the meeting will be posted for public viewing according to district policy.

## Agenda

5:30 pm – Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Superintendent goals and Expulsion Waiver

- I. **Call to the Order** – Vivian Demko, President, presiding
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda**
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Executive Session discussion of Superintendent goals and Expulsion Waiver
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [January 13, 2026](#)
- VII. **Recognition** – iTeam
- VIII. **Presentation** – None
- IX. **High School SGA Representative’s Report** - Kristen Lussier
- X. **Superintendent’s Report** – Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – Visitors should state their name and address.
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – David Bonenberger
  - A. [General Expenditures](#) – \$480,209.52
  - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) – \$45,629.68
  - C. [Health Benefits](#) – \$633,041.58
  - D. Capital Projects – None

**Recommendations for Approval**

**Presentation of Bills**

- 1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

**Recommendation:** To approve all motions and recommendations in the Presentation of Bills.

**XIII. Treasurer’s Report – Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger**

- A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity – [December 31, 2025](#)
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report – [December 31, 2025](#)
- C. Budget Transfers – None
- D. Middle School Activity Report – [December 31, 2025](#)
- E. High School Activity Report – [December 31, 2025](#)

**Recommendations for Approval**

**Treasurer’s Report**

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer’s Report.

**Recommendation:** To approve all motions and recommendations in the Treasurer’s Report.

**XIV. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Education**

**Items/Projects for Discussion**

- A. Elementary Assessment/Keyboards - Dr. Tinor

**Recommendations for Approval**

**Class of 2026 Graduation**

- 1. Approve the graduation date of June 5, 2026 for the Class of 2026.

**National High School Cheerleading Championship Competition**

- 2. Approve the Competitive Cheerleading Team’s participation in the National High School Cheerleading Championship. Trip date is January 29 - February 2, 2026. The cost of the trip will be paid for by students and fundraising.

**Expulsion Waiver Agreement**

- 3. Approve the Expulsion Waiver Agreement for student #2484335776

**Recommendation:** To approve all motions and recommendations as listed above in Education

**B. Personnel**

**Items/Projects for Discussion**

## A. None

**Recommendations for Approval****Vocal Director**

1. Approve Rebecca Pieper-Bohun as Vocal Director for the 2025-26 school year with a stipend of \$2,200.00

**Substitute Secretary**

2. Approve Holly Murtaugh as a Substitute Secretary for the 2025-26 school year pending completion of employment paperwork.

**2026-2027 Fall Athletic Coaches**

3. Approve following coaches for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Girls Soccer**

Stephanie Ochse – Varsity Head Coach - \$5,877.00

**Medical Sabbatical**

4. Approve a medical sabbatical for the Restoration of Health for Karen Kemper for effective January 16, 2026 for the duration of the Spring semester.

**Unpaid Leave**

5. Approve unpaid leave for Gina Zimpher on February 9, 2026 for approximately 4 weeks.

**Family Medical Leave Act**

6. Approve FMLA leave for Calista Unger on January 21, 2026 using 3 sick days then unpaid leave running concurrently with FMLA until August 24, 2026

**Resignation Dedicated Substitute Teacher**

7. Approve the resignation of Krista Kuncio as a Dedicated Substitute Teacher at the High School effective January 23, 2026.

**Resignation Part-Time K-12 Paraprofessional**

8. Approve the resignation of Laurito D'Nicuola as a Part-Time K-12 paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 20, 2026.

**Resignation Teacher**

9. Approve the resignation of Francis Marsilio, 5th Grade Language Arts Teacher effective January 14, 2026.

**Recommendation:** To approve all motions and recommendations as listed above in Personnel.

**C. Facilities****Items/Projects for Discussion**

- A. [Facilities Committee Meeting Summary - January 14, 2026](#)

**No agenda items for approval.**

Recommendation: No recommendations

**D. Finance****Items/Projects for Discussion**A. [Finance Committee Meeting Summary - January 14, 2026](#)**2025-2026 Budget Timeline for the 2026-2027 School Year**

**May 31, 2026** - *District Deadline* to adopt the 2026-2027 proposed final budget and upload the signed Certification of Use of PDE-2028 into the Consolidated Financial Reporting System application.

**June 10, 2026** (20 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to make the 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028.

**June 20, 2026** (10 days prior to final budget adoption deadline) – *District Deadline* to offer public notice of its intent to adopt the 2026-2027 final budget.

**No agenda items for approval.**

Recommendation: No recommendations

**E. Community Updates**

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos*
- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons*

**F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter*  
(Meetings are on the first Thursday of every month)

**G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar*  
(Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month)

**H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*  
(Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month)

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

**J. New Business -**

**K. Old Business**

**Reorganization of Board Committees/Creation of Policy Committee**

1. The board has requested to review the current committee schedule:

- a. **Academic and Personnel Committee** meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning at 5pm
- b. **Facility Committee** meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 5pm
- c. **Finance Committee** meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning following Facility Committee
- d. **Policy Committee** meeting creation and schedule

**XV. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments** – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

**XVI. Announcements**

**Future Meetings ~**

February 10, 2026 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

February 24 , 2026 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

***The Saucon Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.***