

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, Cedric Dettmar, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Meghan Lomangino, Shamim Pakzad, Jay Santos, and J. Christian Tatu. Also present were Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent, David Bonenberger, Business Manager, Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary, and Alicia Luke, District Solicitor

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:01 pm Vivian Demko, *President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary*
9-Present, 0-Absent
- IV. **Board Comments -**
Director Demko recognized the passing of Douglas Pepper, former maintenance employee for the Saucon Valley School District.

Director Demko advised due to recent extended travel, Director Lomangino would preside over the rest of the meeting.
- V. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Director Lomangino made a note regarding an item previously listed on agenda: grievance settlement was removed pending contract review. Director Broun, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- VI. **Announcement of Executive Session** – Executive Session discussion of Superintendent goals and Expulsion Waiver
- VII. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Demko, moved to approve the minutes from [January 13, 2026](#). Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- VIII. **Recognition** – iTeam
- IX. **Presentation** – None
- X. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - Kristen Lussier
- XI. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - Additional details on agenda items, information on professional development and thank you to custodial and maintenance teams.
- XII. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XIII. **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

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Presentation Bills. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

XIV. 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](#)

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

XV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Education

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

Director Demko, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #1. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

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.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the item #2. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

3. Approve the Expulsion Waiver Agreement for student #2484335776

Director Santos, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the item #3. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

B. Personnel

1. Approve Rebecca Pieper-Bohun as Vocal Director for the 2025-26 school year with a stipend of \$2,200.00
2. Approve Holly Murtaugh as a Substitute Secretary for the 2025-26 school year pending completion of employment paperwork.
3. Approve following coaches for the 2026-2027 school year.

Girls Soccer

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

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.
5. Approve unpaid leave for Gina Zimpher on February 9, 2026 for approximately 4 weeks.
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
7. Approve the resignation of Krista Kuncio as a Dedicated Substitute Teacher at the High School effective January 23, 2026.
8. Approve the resignation of Laurito D'Nicuola as a Part-Time K-12 paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 20, 2026.
9. Approve the resignation of Francis Marsilio, 5th Grade Language Arts Teacher effective January 14, 2026.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the Personnel items #1-9. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

C. Facilities

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

No agenda items for approval.

D. Finance

- 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.

E. Community Updates

- **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos No Report*
Next Meeting 2/17

- **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons - No Report*

- F. Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter - No Report*
(Meetings are on the first Thursday of every month)
- G. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar - No Report*
(Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month)
- H. Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad - No Report*
(Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month)
- I. PSBA Representative** – Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos - 2/6 Budget Webinar and PA Act 44 notice of reporting of school incidents as of 1/6/26
- J. New Business** - none
- 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

Director discussion but no motions/recommendations at this time.

XVI. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments

- T. Scherer - Commented on SVSD's communication with Hellertown officials regarding snow and condition of bus stops
- J. Stern - Commented on the budget

XVII. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

- February 10, 2026 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion
- February 24 , 2026 – 7 pm – Business Meeting – High School Audion

- XVIII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** - Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Santos, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

ATTEST

Wendy Weeast - Secretary

Vivian Demko - President