

Saucon Valley School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

March 10, 2026

High School Audion

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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

6:00 pm – Executive Session - to discuss Special Education legal matter, Safety and Security, and Superintendent goals

- 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** – March 10, 2026 to discuss Special Education legal matter, Safety and Security, and Superintendent goals
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [February 24, 2026](#)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - Kristen Lussier
- IX. **Presentation** – Winter Sports Review - Ryan Johnston
- 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](#) - \$473,094.58
 - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) - \$46,546.93
 - C. **Health Benefits** - None
 - 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-** None
- B. **Condensed Board Summary Report** - None
- C. **Budget Transfers** - None
- D. **Middle School Activity Report** - [February 28, 2026](#)
- E. **High School Activity Report** - [February 28, 2026](#)

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. Committee Reports

- A. **Academic & Personnel** - J. Christian Tatu [Summary March 4, 2026](#)
- B. **Facilities** - Laurel Erickson-Parsons None
- C. **Finance** - Donald Carpenter None

XV. Unfinished Business -**XVI. New Business -****A. Education****Elementary Data & Academic Plan**

1. Elementary Data and Academic Plan - Mrs. Amy Braxmeier

Civic Conference

2. Retroactive approval for Jason Stern to attend "Liberty and Learning: Civic Education at 250" conference in Philadelphia, PA March 8-10, 2026
Estimated Lodging: \$470.00
Estimated Mileage: \$82.08

PenSPRA Symposium

3. Retroactive approval for Grace Griffaton to attend 2026 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Symposium in Hershey, PA March 4-6, 2026
Registration Fee: \$250

Estimated Meals: \$30

Estimated Lodging: \$397.38

Estimated Tolls/Parking: \$115.20

State Wrestling Trip

4. Retroactive approval of a trip to Hershey, PA March 4-7, 2026 for the Boy's State Wrestling Championship.
Attendees - 2 students & 4 coaches
Transportation by district van.
[Hotel costs](#) \$1,688.31

State Swimming Trip

5. Approve a trip to Lewisburg, PA March 12-14, 2026 for the State Swimming Championship.
Attendees - 7 students & 2 coaches
Transportation by district van.
[Hotel costs](#) \$1,165.63

Grievance Settlement Agreement

6. Approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement [2025-2026 #001](#) with SVEA.

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

B. Personnel

Dedicated Building Substitute

1. Approve Sophia Riehl as Dedicated Building Substitute for the 2025-26 school year at a rate of \$175 per day, working four days of a five-day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Paraprofessional Substitute

2. Approve Holly Pron as Substitute Paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Elementary LTS

3. Approve temporary transfer of Amanda Brescia Buniak from Part Time Paraprofessional to an Elementary LTS at Bachelor's Step 1 \$61,182 prorated, effective March 4, 2026 to the end of the 25-26 school year.

Lifeguard

4. Approve Stepan Goudsouzian as part time Lifeguard at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Start date pending receipt of all required employment documentation.

Middle School LTS

5. Approve Tiffany Frentzen as Middle School LTS at Bachelor's Step 1 \$61,182.00 prorated, effective March 9, 2026 to the end of the 25-26 school year.

Middle School Teacher

6. Approve Kristen Kallert as Middle School Teacher at Bachelor's Step 2 \$62,425 prorated, effective upon completion of employment paperwork

2025-2026 Spring Athletic Coaches

7. Approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 school year.

Softball

David Michaylira- Assistant Jr. High Coach - Volunteer

Track & Field

Emma Wagner - Assistant Coach - \$983.00

Doug Demko - Coach - Volunteer

Mentor

8. 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

Amanda Brescia Buniak

Mentor

Kellie King

Family Medical Leave Act

9. Approve FMLA leave for following employees:

Employee # 2568 intermittent FMLA from February 26, 2026 through May 20, 2026.

Employee # 1936 FMLA extension to May 1, 2026 unpaid leave as of March 2, 2026.

Kim Barndt unpaid medical leave from March 5, 2026 to approximately April 20, 2026.

Employee # 451 unpaid leave from March 12, 2026 to June 3, 2026 running concurrently with FMLA.

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

C. Facilities

Stadium Repairs WTI Contract*

1. Approve Weatherproofing Technologies Inc (WTI) [proposal #5071521 for stadium restoration](#) not to exceed \$591,854.51

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

D. Finance**2025-2026 Budget Timeline for 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

Center Stage Lighting & Rigging

1. Approve [Center Stage Lighting & Rigging proposal](#) for graduation backdrop at a cost of \$2,950.00

Mobile Technology Graphics

2. Approve [Mobile Technology Graphics \(MTG\) proposal](#) for video production services for 2026 graduation at a cost of \$7,936.25

Fox Rothschild- McNees Wallace transition

3. Motion to acknowledge that the Education Department of Fox Rothschild, LLP, the appointed Solicitor, will become the Education Group of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC [effective April 1, 2026](#). No changes are being made to the terms of the representation, current rate structure, or personnel. The Superintendent and/or Business Manager is authorized to sign documents necessary to recognize the change. Appointment of McNees Wallace as Solicitor at the current rates shall be through June 30, 2027

IDEA Part B - Use of Funds Agreement

4. Approve the [IDEA - Part B Use of Funds Agreement](#) with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20.

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

E. Community Updates

1. **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos*
2. **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons*
3. **Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter*
(Meetings are on the first Thursday of every month)
4. **Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar*
(Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month)
5. **Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad*

(Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month)

6. PSBA Representative – Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos

F. Board Director Initiated Items

1. Approve using employee numbers, rather than names, for all employees requesting leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

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

XVIII. Board Comments -

XIX. Announcements -

A. Business Meeting March 24, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion

B. Business Meeting April 14, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion

XX. Adjournment

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