

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, Cedric Dettmar, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Meghan Lomangino, Shamim Pakzad, and J. Christian Tatu. Also present were Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty, Business Manager David Bonenberger, District Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald, and Board Secretary Wendy Weeast.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 7:02 pm by *Vivian Demko, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - *Kindergarten Pawsitive Panthers*
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary*
8-Present, 1-Absent (Santos)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - *Agenda correction by Mr. Bonenberger regarding hire rate on Personnel item# 6 due to notification of completion of Masters.* Director Broun, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – March 10, 2026 to discuss Special Education legal matter, Safety and Security, and Superintendent goals
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the Minutes of [February 24, 2026](#) Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - None
- IX. **Presentation** – Winter Sports Review - Ryan Johnston
- X. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* Staff will utilize part of March 16th in service day reviewing safety protocols with State Police. Acknowledgement of 5 PenSPRA awards received by the district for the work done by Grace Griffaton and the Donovan Group.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - A. Robert Kachmar - Commented on using employee numbers for FMLA
 - B. Robyn Heppenheimer - Commented on using employee numbers for FMLA
 - C. Jason Stern - Commented on using employee numbers for FMLA and “Liberty and Learning: Civic Education at 250” conference
- 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

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Broun, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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](#)

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Tatu, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the item #2. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #3. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Tatu, moved to approve the item #4. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the item #5. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the item #6. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

B. Personnel

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.
2. Approve Holly Pron as Substitute Paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.
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.
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.
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.
6. Approve Kristen Kallert as Middle School Teacher at Masters Step 6 \$73,398 prorated, effective upon completion of employment paperwork

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

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

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items #1-8. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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.

Director Carpenter motioned, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons to retroactively modify the agenda to update item # 9 with employee numbers if a later motion passed. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

Director Broun, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the item #9. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

C. Facilities

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the item #1. Vote: 5-Yes, 3-No (Broun, Dettmar, Pakzad)

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

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #1. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Carpenter, moved to approve the item #2. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #3. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the item #4. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

E. Community Updates

1. **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos* no report
2. **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons* - Thank you to Majestic Realty Foundation for \$2K donation. SVSD hosting PA state championship March 14-15

3. **Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* - Summer/Fall enrollment begins March 16, 2026
4. **Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* - Budget 2026-2027 share for SV decreased
5. **Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* no report
6. **PSBA Representative** – Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos - Yearly report, PSSA required digital assessment which SV completed prior.

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).

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to amend the agenda to add language “on the board agenda” after “employee numbers” Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #1. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

XVII. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – None

XVIII. Board Comments -

- A. **Director Lomangino** - Virtual Learning
- B. **Director Carpenter** - Finance Committee Reminder & Metal Detector Petition

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 - Director Demko adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm

ATTEST

Wendy Weeast - Secretary

Vivian Demko - President