

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, Cedric Dettmar, Vivian Demko, Laurel Erickson-Parsons (virtual), Meghan Lomangino, Shamim Pakzad, Jay Santos (virtual) 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** – 7:08 pm by *Vivian Demko, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary*
9- Present, (Erickson-Parsons & Santos Virtual) 0- Absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – March 24, 2026 to discuss Superintendent goals and personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the Minutes of [March 10, 2026](#). Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - *Kristen Lussier* No Report
- IX. **Presentation** –
 - A. [BAVTS Budget Presentation](#) - *Mr. Adam Lazarchak, Executive Director*
 - B. [IU20 Budget Presentation](#) - *Dr. Christopher Wolfel, Executive Director*
- X. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - No Report and Requested to move her presentation to the next meeting agenda.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** –
 - A. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro Lower Saucon - Commented on IU20 Parent Support Team, IU Teacher Certification, Mentorship and Training.
 - B. Stacy Cook - Commented on teacher retirements and school musical
 - C. Jason Stern - Commented on teacher retirements
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. [General Expenditures](#) - \$466,909.35
 - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) - \$17,127.52
 - C. [Health Benefits](#) - \$421,247.44
 - D. **Capital Projects** - None

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

XIII. Treasurer's Report – Donald Carpenter/David Bonenberger

- A. **Cash Investment and Bond Activity-** [February 28, 2026](#)
- B. **Condensed Board Summary Report -** [February 28, 2026](#)
- C. **Budget Transfers -** None
- D. **Middle School Activity Report -** None
- E. **High School Activity Report -** None

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

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

XIV. Committee Reports

- A. **Academic & Personnel -** *J. Christian Tatu* None
- B. **Facilities -** *Laurel Erickson-Parsons* [Summary March 11, 2026](#)
- C. **Finance -** *Donald Carpenter* [Summary March 11, 2026](#)

XV. Unfinished Business -

XVI. New Business -

A. Education

1. [Middle School Academic Plan/Data Review](#) - Mr. Hauser
2. [High School Academic Plan/Data Review](#) - Dr. Kaskey

Director Erickson-Parsons virtually left meeting at 10:00 pm

3. Approve agreement with [Capstone Academy for Extended School Year services](#) from July 6, 2026 to August 7, 2026 for student ID# 6601856266 in the amount of \$14,205.50

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

4. Approve [Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 contract](#) for applied behavior analytic services for additional 50 hours.

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

B. Personnel

1. Approve the following individual for Extended School Year instruction July 6-30, 2026, Monday - Thursday with set-up day on July 3, 2026.

Teachers ~ M-Th, 8:00 am -12:00 pm, Rate \$45 per hour

Megan Bath
Mercede Burger
Mikayla Fluck
Jessica Habas
Ryan McCann
David Michaylira
Kaelee Rupell

Paraprofessionals ~ M-Th, 8:15 -11:45 am, Rate \$21.19 per hour

Courtney Bray

2. Approve Kelsey Cyphers as Middle School LTS at Bachelor's Step 1 \$61,182.00 prorated, effective March 12, 2026 to the end of the 25-26 school year.
3. Approve Jennifer Davison as Math/Science Team Leader for grades 3/4 at a rate of \$2,500 prorated, effective March 12, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve a temporary salary increase for Helen Ziegler to \$31 per hour to cover additional Food Service responsibilities effective March 16, 2026 until approximately June 8, 2026.
5. Approve the following mentors 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

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Tiffany Frentzen	Lynn Cheddar
Kelsey Cyphers	Amy Kishbaugh
6. Approve the following 2025-2026 Athletic Worker:
Nicholas Bloch
7. Approve the resignation of Sophia Riehl Dedicated Building Substitute effective March 27, 2026.
8. Approve teacher retirements effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
Charles Austin, Technology Education Teacher
Jessica Schmidt, Middle School Special Education Teacher
Amy Kishbaugh, Middle School Teacher
9. Approve unpaid leave for following employees:
Melissa Gutekunst for leave beginning March 23, 2026 with an expected return date of May 4, 2026. Employee will use accrued sick time and the remainder will be unpaid leave.

Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items # 1-9. Vote:
8-Yes, 0-No

C. Facilities**No agenda items****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 the [2026-2027 Northampton Community College budget resolution](#) in the amount of \$7,844,160 Saucon Valley's portion is \$273,448. This is a \$8,522 decrease from 2025-2026.
2. Approve the [2026-2027 agreement with the Caron Foundation](#) for services 3 days per week at a yearly cost of \$43,820
3. Approve a donation from Giant of approximately 90 storage bins, 12 insulated styrofoam storage bins and 24 ice packs.
4. Approve the [amendment](#) to the placement agreement with Melmark for student# 6986867298 effective February 1, 2026.
5. Approve the [BSocial event contract](#) for Big Panthers Little Panthers pending review of the Solicitor.
6. Approve the [Resolution](#) for a Public School Facility Improvement Grant for the Stadium Water Infiltration Project.
7. Approve the [Resolution](#) for a Public School Facility Improvement Grant for the Family Consumer Science Classroom Upgrade Project.

Director Broun, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items #1-7. 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* No Report
3. **Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* No Report
4. **Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar*
No Report
5. **Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* No Report
6. **PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos* - Current offerings include AI virtual symposium April 22 and law webinars

F. Board Director Initiated Items - none

XVII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments –

- A. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro Lower Saucon - Commented on Saucon Valley Partnership and Special Education SVSD shared goals with IU20

XVIII. Board Comments -

- A. **Director Lomangino** - Spring Break Monday
- B. **Director Brown** - Saucon Valley Partnership
- C. **Director Santos** - Heritage Day May 16, 2026

XIX. Announcements -

- A. **Business Meeting April 14, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
- B. **Business Meeting April 28, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
- C. **Executive Session immediately following the board meeting to discuss personnel.**

XX. Adjournment Director Demko motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 pm

ATTEST

Wendy Weeast - Secretary

Vivian Demko - President