

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter, Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Meghan Lomangino, Shamim Pakzad, Jay Santos 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** – 6:58 pm by *Vivian Demko, President, presiding*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary*
9- Present, 0- Absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Director Demko advised the removal of athletic coaches for Winter Basketball due to resignations received May 12, 2026. Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – May 6, 2026 to discuss personnel and May 12, 2026 to discuss personnel
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Minutes of [April 28, 2026](#) Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No
- VII. **Recognition** – Indoor Percussion Ensemble Region 2 Gold Medalists - Director Kaela Bitting
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - *Kristen Lussier* - NHS & Leo Club inductions, HS Art Show, Teacher Appreciation Week, The Drowsy Chaperone Freddy nominations, Prom, Envirathon Team state competition.
- IX. **Presentation** – None
- X. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - Summer Campus Hours, Girls Wrestling, Graduation, Wall of Fame, National Merit Scholar, Staff transfers.
- XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- XII. **Presentation of Bills** – *David Bonenberger*
 - A. [General Expenditures](#) - \$284,814.24
 - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) - \$32,192.42
 - C. **Health Benefits** - None
 - D. **Capital Projects** - None

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Lomangino, seconded by Director Dettmar, 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-** No Report
- B. Condensed Board Summary Report -** No Report
- C. [Budget Transfers](#) - \$16,000.00**
- D. Middle School Activity Report -** No Report
- E. High School Activity Report -** No Report

- 1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

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

XIV. Committee Reports

- A. Academic & Personnel - J. Christian Tatu** [Summary May 6, 2026](#)
- B. Facilities - Laurel Erickson-Parsons** No Report
- C. Finance - Donald Carpenter** [Summary April 28, 2026](#)

Director Demko initiated a Board discussion of various 2026-2027 expenditures.

Director Demko revised agenda order moving up the Community Update of Northampton Community College

XV. Unfinished Business - None

XVI. New Business -

A. Education

- 1. Approve the [tuition agreement](#) with Capstone Academy for student #6601856266 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 2. Approve [supplemental high school senior scholarship](#) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items #1 & 2. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

- 3. Approve the [McGraw Hill Inspire series](#) Biology and Chemistry textbooks for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$21,191.51

Director Pakzad moved to have a 5 minute recess due to questions and absent members.

Director Demko called recess at 8:52 pm Meeting resumed at 8:59 pm

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

- 4. Approve the first reading of the following policies:
 - a) [Policy 815.1 Artificial Intelligence](#)
[Solicitor suggested modifications](#)

Director Santos, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the item #4a pending review of Solicitor. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

b) [Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities](#)

Director Santos, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the item #4 b. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

c) [Policy 113.2 Behavior Support](#)

Director Santos, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the item #4 c. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

B. Personnel

1. Approve Mason Stewart as the Athletic Uniform & Laundry Worker for the Winter Season at \$758.00
2. Approve Gavin Murphy as Stage Lighting and Sound Technician at an hourly rate of \$35.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve the following individuals as Summer IEP Writers at a rate of \$45.00 per hour:

Megan Bath	Jessica Johnston
Mercede Burger	David Michaylira
Nicole Cunningham	Madison Nastasi
4. Approve the following 2026-2027 Athletic Workers:

Regina Albano	Mary Kipp
Diane Albert	Cathy Leibensperger
Nancy Bohnhorst	Jennie Petruceli
Robert Davis	Jeanne Reilly
Kathleen Dettmar	Mary Sue Stoy
Glen Fluck	David Stuempfle
Natsha Jones	Lorraine Torrella
Rachel Kade	Greta Torres
Henry Kipp	
5. Approve the following coaches for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Competitive Spirit - Fall**
Regina Albano - Head Coach \$3,588.00
Tara Matus - Assistant Coach \$1,538.00
 - Cross Country - Fall**
Jason Stern - Assistant Coach \$3,193.00
 - Girls Field Hockey - Fall**
Lauren Musselman - Assistant Coach \$3,361.00
 - Girls Soccer - Fall**
Ava Albano - Varsity Volunteer Coach

Cara LaFlamme - Jr High Head Coach \$3,300.00

Lori Medei - Jr High Assistant Coach \$2,800.00

Girls Tennis - Fall

Ching Chow - Volunteer Coach

Girls Volleyball - Fall

Melissa Parsons - Assistant Coach \$3,390.00

Football- Fall

Andrew Brett - Assistant Coach \$2,602.00

Tyler Donchez - Assistant Coach \$2,028.00

Angelo Lucci - Assistant Coach \$3,588.00

Jalen Richardson - Assistant Coach \$2,050.00

Mason Stewart - Assistant Coach \$2,208.00

Gregory Trexler - Volunteer Coach

Sideline Cheerleading - Fall

Elizabeth Kerosetz - Assistant Coach \$1,538.00

Boys Wrestling - Winter

Andrew Koch - Assistant Coach \$4,802.00

Benjamin Chunko - Volunteer Coach

Christopher Romano - Volunteer Coach

Boys & Girls Wrestling - Winter

Chad Shirk - Head Coach \$10,775.00

Girls Basketball - Winter

John Tone - Head Coach \$8,240.00

Jennifer (Kish) Russ - Assistant Coach \$5,717.00

Jenarosa Auriemma Brinkley - Assistant Coach \$4,481.00

David Michaylira - MS Assistant Coach \$2,988.00

Indoor Track & Field - Winter

Robert Davis - Head Coach \$1,065.00

Michael Vidumsky - Assistant Coach \$531.00

Sideline Cheerleading - Winter

Tara Matus - Head Coach \$3,075.00

Mckenzie Kichline - MS Head Coach \$2,358.00

Elizabeth Kerosetz - Assistant Coach \$1,538.00

Swimming - Winter

Sean Fenoff - Head Coach \$6,418.00

Unified Bocce - Winter

Mason Stewart - Head Coach \$1,025.00

6. Approve Tracy Mullen for an extension of unpaid leave from May 1, 2026 to the end of the school year.

7. Approve Brenda Bohlen for an extension of unpaid leave from May 11, 2026 to the end of the school year.
8. Approve the retirement of Kevin Petrucelli, Non-instructional Paraprofessional effective June 5, 2026.
9. Approve the retirement of Mark Goldfeder, Part-Time Bus Driver effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
10. Approve the resignation of Kevin Petrucelli as Game Manager effective end of the Spring Season.
11. Approve the resignation of Gavin Richards, Dedicated High School Substitute effective end of business May 13, 2026.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the items #1-11.
Vote: 9-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 proposed preliminary budget, consistent with school code, in the amount of \$_____, with \$_____ coming from the fund balance and a _____ millage increase. The millage rate will be _____. Inspection of the budget will only be done electronically via the district website.

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the 2026-2027 proposed preliminary budget, consistent with school code in the amount of \$56,659,000 with \$1,664,385 coming from the fund balance and a zero millage increase.

Vote: 2-Yes (Dettmar, Pakzad), 7-No

Director Broun, seconded by Director Tatu, moved to approve the 2026-2027 proposed preliminary budget, consistent with school code in the amount of \$57,373,233 with \$2,021,723 coming from the fund balance and a .55206 millage increase. The millage rate will be 55.7576.
Vote: 6-Yes, 3-No (Dettmar, Pakzad, Santos)

2. Approve [supplemental contract](#) with Kenneth Zimmerman as 2026-2027 Marching Band Drill Consultant at a cost of \$3,000.00
3. Approve donations from the following senior accounts for the purchase of a podium.
Class of 2025 \$1,014.65
Class of 2024 \$1,271.44

Director Santos, seconded by Director Tatu, moved to approve the items #2 & 3. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

E. Community Updates

1. **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos* next meeting June 21, 2026
2. **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons* - Thank you to Embassy Bank for their \$7,500 donation. This funds our 21st Century grants specifically Maker Space and robotics programs at the MS and HS.
3. **Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* - Summer classes start May 18, including an accelerated program. PDE dual credit grant in the amount of \$400K. New transfer agreements with Holy Family University, Arcadia University, and Bryn Mawr College. Summer Theatre Program starts in June.
4. **Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* - Four non-Saucon students placed first at the PA State competition and are advancing to the national competition. Project on schedule. Grant received for welding lab equipment.
5. **Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Dr. Shamim Pakzad* - No Report
 - a) Approve the candidate for Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board of School Directors, with a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 per [board ballots](#).

Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the item #5 a. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No

6. **PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos* - Virtual training on policy portal. Guide for student representatives on the school board.
7. **Saucon Valley Partnership** - *William Broun & Jay Santos* - Hellertown advised partnership reactivated. Interest in establishing a Panther Passport program in the community. Future meeting to establish objectives.

F. Board Director Initiated Items - None

- XVII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – None**
- XVIII. Board Comments -**
 - A. Director Broun** - Media announcement of budget
 - B. Director Carpenter** - Board Finance Presentation
 - C. Director Tatu** - Student Representative to the Board
- XIX. Announcements -**
 - A. Business Meeting May 26, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
 - B. Business Meeting June 9, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
- XX. Adjournment** - Director Demko adjourned the meeting at 10:28 pm

ATTEST

Wendy Weeast - Secretary

Vivian Demko - President