

Saucon Valley School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

June 9, 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

6:30 pm – Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Safety Report

- 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** – June 9, for the purpose of discussion of Safety Report
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [May 26, 2026](#)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - None
- IX. **Presentation** – None
- 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 - \\$226,115.75](#)
 - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures - \\$19,563.96](#)
 - 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-** No Report
- B. **Condensed Board Summary Report** - No Report
- C. **Budget Transfers** - None
- D. **Middle School Activity Report** - No Report
- E. **High School Activity Report** - No Report

No agenda items for approval.

Recommendation: No recommendations.

XIV. Committee Reports

- A. **Academic & Personnel** - *J. Christian Tatu* No Report
- B. **Facilities** - *Laurel Erickson-Parsons* No Report
- C. **Finance** - *Donald Carpenter* Summary No Report

XV. Unfinished Business - None**XVI. New Business** -**A. Education****Settlement and Release Agreement**

1. Approve the settlement and release agreement for student #9513956563.

Second and Final Reading of Policies*

2. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:
 - a) [Policy 815.1 Artificial Intelligence](#)
 - b) [Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities](#)
 - c) [Policy 113.2 Behavior Support](#)

Textbook Adoption - Business with Personal Finance

3. Approve the adoption and purchase of Business with Personal Finance for the AP Course in the amount of \$10,273.74 for implementation beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The materials support instruction in AP Business with Personal Finance and align with district curriculum and state standards.

Textbook Adoption - Foundations of Financial Literacy 12th Edition

4. Approve the adoption and purchase of Foundations of Financial Literacy 12th Edition in the amount of \$4,361.22 for implementation beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The materials support instruction in Independent Living and align with district curriculum and state standards.

Lakeside Youth Service Agreement

5. Approve the [agreement with Lakeside Youth Service](#) for educational and therapeutic services for the 2026-2027 school year, rates per the attached [agreement summary](#).

Pennsylvania State University Affiliation Agreement

6. Approve the [Cooperative Student Teaching Agreement](#) with Pennsylvania State University.

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

B. Personnel**Extended School Year 2025-2026**

1. Approve the following individual for Extended School Year instruction July 6-30, 2026, Monday - Thursday with set-up day on July 3, 2026.
Paraprofessionals ~ M-Th, 8:15 -11:45 am, Rate \$21.19 per hour.
Liliana Balcacer

Middle School Administrative Assistant

2. Approve Peyton Dally as a full time Middle School AA4 Administrative Assistant at a yearly rate of \$40,000 with benefits as per the current Administrative Assistants Compensation & Benefits Plan pending completion of employment paperwork.

Home/School Visitor

3. Approve Glenn Brown as the Home/School Visitor for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Accountant

4. Approve Julie Gerbino as Accountant at \$70,000 per year with benefits per the Act 93 Agreement, pending completion of employment paperwork.

2026-2027 Curriculum Writers

5. Approve the following individuals as curriculum writers for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$45 per hour.
Kaela Bitting - Intro to Jazz
Cheri Chisesi - Algebra 1A
Eric Focht - AP Environmental Science
Jessica Friday - World History
Amie Geissinger - 5th Grade Science

Deborah Kimball - HS FCS Independent Living
Alex Kreutzer - English 10
Joanna Lemay - K-4 Library
Meredith Lesney - Middle School Library
Carolyn LoVerdi - Business Calculus and Linear Algebra (U of Pitt)
Mario Marcozzi - AP Seminar
Ryan McCann - English 9
Kimberly Mertz - HS Science Biology
Mel Moyer - English 11 & English 12
Elizabeth Ravier - K-5 Social Studies
Amber Sams - 9-12 Library
Chad Shirk - AP Business
Robert Svitilla - AP Cybersecurity
Ashley Yestrumskas - HS Chemistry

2026-2027 Athletic Coaches

6. Approve the following coaches for the 2026-2027 school year.

Girls Tennis - Fall

Deborah Philpotts- Assistant Coach \$1,236.00

Golf - Fall

Scott Roberts - Assistant Coach \$1,160.00

Boys Basketball - Winter

Michael DeCarolis - Varsity Head Coach \$8,000.00

Wrestling - Winter

Christopher Stout - Assistant Coach \$3,522.00

Family Medical Leave Act

7. Approve FMLA leave for employee # 113 from April 15, 2026 through July 20, 2026

Retirement Cafeteria Monitor

8. Approve the retirement of Janice Edwards, Elementary Cafeteria Monitor effective June 5, 2026.

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

C. Facilities

Surplus/Obsolete

1. Approve the [list of Surplus/Obsolete items](#).

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

D. Finance

2025-2026 Budget Timeline for 2026-2027 School Year

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

Northampton Community College Billing Agreement

1. Approve the [billing agreement](#) with Northampton Community College for the 2026-2027 school year.

Yearbook Digitization

2. Approve donations from the following class accounts to digitize yearbooks starting from 1933. The total cost of phase I is \$5,686.80 and based on the number of pages in each book will complete to approximately year 2000.
Class of 2024 \$5,094.23
Class of 2022 \$ 592.57

empowerED Addendum

3. Approve an [addendum](#) to the empowerED agreement for instructional coaching from June 1, 2026 through August 24, 2026 at \$275 per hour not to exceed ten (10) hours - \$2,750.00

Donovan Group Agreement

4. Approve the [consulting agreement](#) with Donovan Group for communication services for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$1,000 per month.

Yearbook Consultant

5. Approve the [services agreement](#) with Kara Sterner for Yearbook consulting for the 2025-2026 school year not to exceed \$1,548.75

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** – *Megan Lomangino*
(Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month)
6. **PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos*
7. **Saucon Valley Partnership** - *William Broun & Jay Santos*

F. Board Director Initiated Items - None

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

XVIII. Board Comments -

XIX. Announcements -

A. Business Meeting June 23, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion

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

XX. Adjournment

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