

Saucon Valley School District

Academic and Personnel Committee

Minutes of May 6, 2026

Present at the May 6, 2026 Academic & Personnel Committee were Committee Members William Broun, Cedric Dettmar, Shamim Pakzad, J.Christian Tatu. Also present were Directors Vivan Demko and Meghan Lomangino, Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty, Asst Superintendent Bruce Tinor, Special Education Director Jillian Brodhead, Business Manager David Bonenberger, and Teachers Kimberly Mertz, Jason Stern, and Lara McCarthy.

- I. **Call to Order** – J. Christian Tatu, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary
4-Present, 0-Absent
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Pakzad, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Dettmar, seconded by Director Pakzad, moved to approve the Minutes of [April 1, 2026](#) Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No
- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** - None
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **[9-12 Science](#)**- *Dr. Tinor*
Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Broun, moved to recommend to the Board the adoption of McGraw Hill Inspire series Biology and Chemistry textbooks for the 2026-2027 school year . Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No
 - B. **[AI Policy](#)** - *Dr. Tinor*
Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to recommend the AI Policy to the Board for a first reading. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No
- VIII. **New Business** -
 - A. **First Reading of Policies**
 1. **[Policy 718 Service Animals In Schools](#)**
 - a) **[718-AR-0-SvceAnmlsInSchl](#)**
 - b) **[718-AR-1-EvalOfReq](#)**

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Tatu, moved to table pending District Solicitor review. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No

 2. **[Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities](#)**
Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Broun, moved to recommend to the Board for a first reading. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No
 3. **[Policy 113.2 Behavior Support](#)**

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to recommend to the Board for a first reading. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No

IX. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – None

X. Committee Member Comments -

A. Director Pakzad - Science standards alignment

B. Director Broun - District Special Education/Service Animals

XI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 5:00 PM

XII. Adjournment Director Tatu adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm