The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in the High School Audion. Present were Directors William Broun, Donald Carpenter (Virtual), Vivian Demko, Cedric Dettmar, Laurel Erickson-Parsons, Meghan Lomangino, Shamim Pakzad, and Jay Santos. Also present were Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty, Asst Superintendent Bruce Tinor, Business Manager David Bonenberger, District Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald, Communication Specialist Grace Griffin, Coordinator of Support Services Robert Frey, and Board Secretary Wendy Weeast.

I. **Call to the Order** – 7:05 pm *Vivian Demko, President, presiding*

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Wendy Weeast, Board Secretary*
8-Present, 1-Absent (Tatu)

IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda -** Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, moved to approve the Agenda. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

V. **Announcement of Executive Session** – June 9, for the purpose of discussion of Safety Report

VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Broun, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Minutes of May 26, 2026 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

VII. **Recognition** – None

VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report -** None

IX. **Presentation** – None

X. **Superintendent's Report** – *Jaime Vlasaty, Superintendent* - Academic Branding

XI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None

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

1. Approve the above Presentation of Bills.

Director Santos, seconded by Director Erickson-Parsons, 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-** 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.

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**

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

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

2. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:
   a) Policy 815.1 Artificial Intelligence

Director Dettmar moved to amend the policy with the following language and removal of the word “Generative” on the second to last paragraph of the policy.
Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Carpenter)

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Santos, moved to approve the Policy 815.1 with the amended changes
Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Carpenter)

   b) Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
   c) Policy 113.2 Behavior Support

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Dettmar, moved to approve the items #2b & 2c. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

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.

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

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.

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

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.
6. Approve the Cooperative Student Teaching Agreement with Pennsylvania State University.

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items #5 & 6. 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.
   Paraprofessionals ~ M-Th, 8:15 -11:45 am, Rate $21.19 per hour.
   Liliana Balcacer
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.
3. Approve Glenn Brown as the Home/School Visitor for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $25.00 per hour.
4. Approve Julie Gerbino as Accountant at $70,000 per year with benefits per the Act 93 Agreement, pending completion of employment paperwork.
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

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

7. Approve FMLA leave for employee # 113 from April 15, 2026 through July 20, 2026
8. Approve the retirement of Janice Edwards, Elementary Cafeteria Monitor effective June 5, 2026.

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

C. Facilities

1. Approve the list of Surplus/Obsolete items.

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

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

1. Approve the billing agreement with Northampton Community College for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Director Erickson-Parsons, seconded by Director Lomangino, moved to approve the items #1-5. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No

E. Community Updates

1. **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce** – *Jay Santos* - 6/16 Meeting
2. **Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation** – *Laurel Erickson-Parsons* - Fall Fundraiser
3. **Northampton Community College** – *Susan Baxter* - No Report
4. **Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School** – *Vivian Demko & Cedric Dettmar* - 6/10 Meeting
5. **Colonial Intermediate Unit** – *Megan Lomangino* - First Meeting as representative. IU Prom & Graduation
6. **PSBA Representative** – *Donald Carpenter & Jay Santos* - Online Policy Training through 6/18, House/Senate Budget work to complete by June 30th. Bills to ban cell phones in schools for 26-27. PSBA supports district handling. Sunshine Act changes may eliminate agenda changes at board meetings.
7. **Saucon Valley Partnership** - *William Broun & Jay Santos* - Director Broun to meet with groups early July to discuss pilot program for community learning

F. Board Director Initiated Items - None

XVII. Citizens' Inquiries and Comments – None

XVIII. Board Comments -

A. Director Broun - Upcoming Test Scores

B. **Director Carpenter - Summer Book It**

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 - Director Demko adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm

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Wendy Weeast - Secretary ***Vivian Demko - President***