

Saucon Valley School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

August 11, 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

- 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** – July 28, 2026 to discuss Assistant Superintendent evaluation
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [July 14, 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](#) - \$903,377.99
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures - None
 - C. Health Benefits -
 1. [June 30, 2026](#) \$504,258.52
 2. [July 31, 2026](#) \$528,581.52
 - 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- June 30, 2026](#)
- B. [Condensed Board Summary Report - June 30, 2026](#)
- C. Budget Transfers - None
- D. [Middle School Activity Report - June 30, 2026](#)
- E. [High School Activity Report - June 30, 2026](#)

Recommendations for Approval**Treasurer's Report**

1. Approve the above Treasurer's Report.

Recommendation: To approve all motions and recommendations in the Treasurer's Report.

XIV. Committee Reports

- A. Academic & Personnel - J. Christian Tatu [Summary August 5, 2026](#)
- B. Facilities - Laurel Erickson-Parsons No Report
- C. Finance - Donald Carpenter Summary No Report

XV. Unfinished Business - None**XVI. New Business -****A. Education****2026-2027 Building Level Handbooks***

1. Approve the building handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year.

[High School](#)

[Middle School](#)

[Elementary School](#)

Center for Humanistic Change Agreement

2. Approve the [Center for Humanistic Change \(CHC\) agreement](#) for liaison services to support the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Second and Final Reading of Policies*

3. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

[Policy 121 Field Trips](#)

[Policy 200.1 AR – Spanish Immersion Enrollment Procedures](#)

[Policy 915 District Affiliated Organizations](#)

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[Policy 915.1 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs](#)
[Policy 915.1 AR Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs](#)
[Policy 913 Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals](#)
[Policy 920 Distribution of Promotional Information](#)
[Policy 920 AR Distribution of Promotional Information](#)

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

B. Personnel

Teacher Tenure

1. Approve professional tenure for Elementary School teacher Teresita Perlaza effective August 17, 2026.

Market Rate Adjustment

2. Approve a market rate adjustment of \$3,000 per position in the Administrative Assistants Compensation and Benefits Plan, retroactive to July 1, 2026.

Administrative Assistant Classification Change

3. Approve the change of classification for Elizabeth Gallagher from AA4 to AA5 at an hourly rate of \$25.78 effective July 1, 2026.

Substitute Custodian

4. Approve Danielle Maffea as a Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$18.00 per hour upon completion of employment paperwork.

2026-2027 Dedicated Building Substitute Secretaries

5. Approve the following Dedicated Building Substitute Secretaries for the 2026-2027 school year, working four days of the five day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings.
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| Lynne Maynard | Holly Murtaugh |
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2026-2027 Dedicated Building Substitute Teachers

6. Approve the following Dedicated Building Substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$175 per day, working four days of the five day school/work week where needed in assigned school buildings, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Mary Avia	Jasmine Kreps
Emma Barrell	Elise Serrecchia
Jonelle Farris	Isabella Smith
Ashley Judd	Sophi Zahradnik

2026-2027 Day-To-Day-Substitutes

7. Approve the following Day-to-Day Substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ava Albano	Russell Lande
Regina Albano	James Matlack
Paige Borger	Lynne Maynard

Christopher Bufanio	Eugenia Miller
Barry Eisenberg	Nicholas Millets
Hannah Florendo	Zachary Morris
Kimberly Gorney	Rebecca O'Brien - School Nurse
Lee-Anne Graham	Denise Oross
Lorraine Grosset	Nicholas Paradise
Tanya Johnson	Ravi Sajnani
Deborah Kelahan	Olivia Shannon
Joseph Kozak	Elizabeth Storm

Extracurricular Support Paraprofessionals

8. Approve the following individuals as Extracurricular Support Paraprofessionals.

Wendy Paz Andrade
Kimberly Barndt
Melissa Mills
Judy Zimmerman

Full-Time Non-Instructional Paraprofessionals

9. Approve the following individuals as a full-time High School Non-Instructional Paraprofessional at a rate of \$20.38 per hour with benefits per the Educational Support Staff Compensation and Benefits Plan upon completion of employment paperwork.

Kirsten McMullen
Krista Rivera

Part-time Non-Instructional Paraprofessionals

10. Approve the following individuals as a part-time Non-Instructional Paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$20.38 with benefits per the Educational Support Staff Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

Dana Meola - High School, 27.5 hours per week
Nicole Anthony - Cafeteria Monitor, 16.5 hours per week

Part-Time Bus Driver

11. Approve Gail Jenkins as a Part-Time Bus Driver with wage and benefits as per the Education Support Professional contract pending completion of employment paperwork.

2026-2027 Athletic Workers

12. Approve the following 2026-2027 Athletic Workers.

Tom Garofalo - Game Manager
Holly Murtaugh
Gail Nolf
Rich Williams

2026-2027 Athletic Coaches

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

Field Hockey - Fall

Katherine Marker- Assistant Coach \$2,901.00

Patricia Roseman- Jr. High Assistant Coach \$1,140.00

Football - Fall

Ian Kulp- Middle School Assistant Coach \$2,378.00

Girls Wrestling - Winter

Christopher Romano - Assistant Coach \$4,500.00

MaryBeth Romano - Assistant Coach Volunteer

Baseball - Spring

Michael Kiak - Varsity Head Coach \$6,159.00

Justin Reiss - Varsity Assistant Coach \$4,241.00

Joshua Persson - JV Head Coach \$3,181.00

Eric Wolfe - Jr High Assistant Coach \$1,591.00

Boys Tennis - Spring

Michael Krentz - Head Coach \$4,767.00

Deborah Philpotts - Assistant Coach \$1,230.00

Girls Lacrosse - Spring

Eric Naiburg - Head Coach \$5,974.00

Track & Field - Spring

Christopher Fluck - Head Coach \$5,947.00

Michael Vidumsky - Assistant Coach \$4,029.00

2026-2027 Department Heads/Team Leaders/Grade Level Chairs

14. Approve the following department head/team leaders/grade level and district chairpersons for the 2026-2027 school year. The stipend will be \$2,500 per position.

High School Department Chairpersons

Ryan McCann - English

Cheri Chisesi - Math

Chad Shirk - Related Arts

Kimberly Mertz - Science

Jessica Friday - Social Studies

Jasmine Kozero - Special Education

Middle School Department Chairpersons

Lynn Cheddar - ELA Co-Chair (split stipend)

Lara McCarthy - ELA Co-Chair (split stipend)

Brianna Keeney - Math

Meredith Lesney - Related Arts

Amie Geissinger - Science

Victoria Gazzana - Social Studies
Kimberly Cocuzza - Special Education

Elementary Grade Level/Department Chairpersons

Rebecca Harvey - Kindergarten
Lindsay Steiner - First Grade
Holli Conrad - Second Grade
Paige Histan - 3/4 ELA & Social Studies
Jennifer Davison - 3/4 Math & Science
Joanna Lemay - Encore
Brianne Barona - Special Education
Beverly Sparling - K-6 Spanish Immersion Program (SIP)

District

Kathryn Fisher - K-12 Counseling
Lauren Picketts - K-12 ELD
Leah Mickey - K-12 Reading
Corinne Rivero - K-12 World Language

2026-2027 Co-Curricular Positions

15. Approve the co-curricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

High School

Meredith Lesney - 9-12 iTeam Advisor \$2,000.00
Megan Bath - Class of 2027 Advisor \$2,300.00
Michael Adams - Class of 2029 Advisor \$1,046.00
Angela Rohrbaugh - Class of 2030 Advisor \$1,020.00
Jessica Friday - Debate HS Advisor \$2,381.00
Kimberly Mertz - Envirothon HS Advisor \$1,030.00
Kerry Schultz - Future Business Leaders of America Advisor \$2,306.00
Kaela Bitting - Jazz Ensemble HS Director \$2,534.00
Jessica Friday - Model UN HS Co-Advisor \$515.00
Amy Kozel - Model UN HS Co-Advisor \$515.00
Mario Marcozzi - National Honor Society \$1,108.00
Amber Sams - Reading Team HS Advisor \$1,030.00
Robert Svitilla - Robotics HS Advisor \$6,862.00
Jessica Friday - Scholastic Scrimmage HS Advisor \$1,400.00
Megan Bath - Unified Sports Advisor \$1,030.00
Lauren Sakasitz - Vocal Music HS Advisor \$4,966.00
Koray Girton - Yearbook HS Co-Advisor \$1,588.00

Middle School

Meredith Lesney - 5-8 iTeam Advisor \$2,000.00
Lauren Sakasitz - Cameratta Choir MS Advisor \$2,827.00
Lauren Sakasitz - Handbells Choir Director (7-12) \$1,432.00
David Jost - Intramural Archery Club Advisor \$1,108.00
David Jost - Intramural Swimming Director 1 \$1,108.00
Rosemary Butterly - Jazz Ensemble MS Director \$2,428.00
Lauren Keebler - National Jr. Honor Society MS Advisor \$1,108.00
Amanda Brady - Reading Olympics MS Advisor \$1,636.00
Robert Svitilla - Robotics MS Advisor (5-6) \$2,280.00
Robert Svitilla - Robotics MS Advisor (7-8) \$5,279.00
Katie Roberts - Student Council MS Advisor \$2,745.00
Koray Girton - Yearbook MS Advisor \$2,005.00

Elementary School

Emily Aragona-Young - Choral ES Director \$2,745.00
Lynn Beller - Girls on the Run Advisor \$1,591.00
Elizabeth Ravier - Student Council ES Co-Advisor \$1,405.00
Kelly Wehr - Student Council ES Co-Advisor \$1,405.00
Dolores Everhart - Yearbook ES Co-Advisor \$513.00
Elizabeth Ravier - Yearbook ES Co-Advisor \$513.00

Class III Volunteer Clubs

Chad Shirk - ES Wrestling Club - Volunteer
Katie Roberts - MS Intramural Field Hockey Club - Volunteer
Rosemary Butterly - MS TriM Music Honor Society - Volunteer
Rosemary Butterly - MS Flute & Clarinet Choir - Volunteer
Felicia Parish - MS Art Mural Club
Mario Marcozzi - HS Leo Club - Volunteer
Mario Marcozzi - HS Paranormal Club - Volunteer
Mario Marcozzi - HS Environmental Club - Volunteer
Kaela Bitting - Global Scholars - Volunteer
Victoria Gazzana - Ski Club - Volunteer
Philip Russell - Ski Club - Volunteer

2026-2027 Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator

16. Approve Corinne Rivero as the Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year with a stipend of \$1,800.

2026-2027 Technology Support Specialists

17. Approve the following Technology Support Specialists for the 2026-2027 school year with a stipend of \$2,000.

Joanna Lemay - Elementary School

Meredith Lesney - Middle School

Amber Sams - High School

2026-2027 Mentors

18. Approve the following mentors for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary is in accordance with the current professional agreement, which may be prorated if the mentorship is not a full year.

Inductee

Mentor

Maria Adamkovic

Holli Conrad & Beverly Sparling (co-mentors)

Lifeguards

19. Approve the following individuals as a part time lifeguard at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Zoey Bokan

Isaac Smith

Theodore Wechtler

Retirement Bus Driver

20. Approve the retirement of Ginger Hill, Full-Time Bus Driver, effective August 21, 2026.

Resignation Paraprofessional

21. Approve the resignation of Carolina Rosa, Full-Time Paraprofessional, effective August 6, 2026.

Resignation Bus Driver

22. Approve the resignation of Emmanuel Rosa, Full-Time Bus Driver, effective August 5, 2026.

Resignation Custodian

23. Approve the resignation of Harry Garis, Full-Time Custodian effective July 31, 2026.

Resignation Food Service

24. Approve the resignation of Kristie Muldowney, Part-Time Food Service Worker effective July 27, 2026.

Transfer

25. Approve the transfer of Margaret McGeehan from High School Administrative Assistant to full-time Night Custodian, effective upon the hiring of a replacement.

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

C. Facilities**Second and Final Reading of Policies**

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

[Policy 701.1 Naming School District Facilities](#)

[Policy 701.1 AR Naming School District Facilities](#)

[Policy 707 Use of School Facilities](#)

[Policy 707 AR-1 Use of School Facilities](#)

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

D. Finance**Bancroft Fee Agreement**

1. Approve [fee agreement with Bancroft](#) to provide services to student id# 2808931603 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Donation Water Filling Station

2. Approve a donation from the Saucon Valley Booster Club in the amount of \$2,665.00 to install a water filling station in the stadium weight room.

Colonial IU 20 Contract

3. Approve the [contract for one-to-one services](#) with the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Second and Final Reading of Policies

4. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

[Policy 702 Gifts, Grants, Donations](#)

[Policy 702 AR Gifts, Grants, Donations](#)

[Policy 913.1 District Advertising and Sponsorships](#)

[Policy 913.1 AR District Advertising and Sponsorships](#)

[Policy Crowdfunding](#) (New)

[Policy 707 AR-2 Facilities Use Fee Schedule](#)*

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** – *Meghan 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 August 25, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
 - B. **Business Meeting September 8, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**
- XX. **Adjournment**

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