

Saucon Valley School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

August 25, 2026

High School Audition

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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

6:00 pm – Executive Session to discuss personnel and Assistant Superintendent evaluation

- 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** – August 25, 2026 to discuss personnel and Assistant Superintendent evaluation
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [August 11, 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](#) - \$901,035.86
 - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) - \$16,371.71
 - C. [Health Benefits](#) - \$412,241.63
 - 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- July 30, 2026](#)
- B. [Condensed Board Summary Report - July 30, 2026](#)
- C. Budget Transfers - None
- D. Middle School Activity Report - No Report
- E. High School Activity Report - No Report

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 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****First Reading of Policies**

1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:
[Policy 718 Service Animals in Schools](#)

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

B. Personnel**Homebound Instructors**

1. Approve the following Homebound Instructors for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$45.00 per hour.
Thomas Koch
Lara McCarthy
Chad Shirk

Lifeguards

2. Approve the following part time lifeguards at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Aubrey Hallman
Gabriel Silverthorn
Brady Skuba

Recreational Swim Membership Pool Supervisor

3. Approve Sean Fenoff as the Recreational Swim Membership Pool Supervisor at \$20.00 per hour, 10 hours per week, no benefits, for the 2026-2027 school year.

General Kitchen Help

4. Approve the following individuals as General Kitchen Help at \$16.16 per hour and benefits per the current Food Service Agreement, effective upon completion of employment paperwork.

Kalliope Mouras
Briana Rich
Heather Rivas

Part-Time Bus Driver

5. Approve Paul Race Jr as a Part-Time Bus Driver with wage and benefits as per the Education Support Professional contract pending completion of employment paperwork

Bus Driver Transfer

6. Approve the transfer of Barabara Germanetti from Part-Time to Full-Time Bus Driver, effective for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Registered Behavior Technician

7. Approve Rebecca Boylan as full time Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) - Instructional Paraprofessional at a rate of \$25.00 per hour with benefits as per the Compensation and Benefits Plan for the Educational Support Staff. Start date pending receipt of all required employment documentation.

2026-2027 Dedicated Building Substitute Teachers

8. 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

Matthew Eager
Sophia Lear
Lillian Speicher

2026-2027 Day-to-Day Substitutes

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

Meghan Fainor	Lillian Speicher
Taryn Koch	Sarah Vito - School Nurse
Robert Pasternak	Kenneth Walchinsky

2026-2027 Second Year Teacher Mentors

10. Approve the following mentors for second year teachers 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.

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Matthew Dezzi	Joanna Suriel
Kelly Miller	Dianna Shotwell
Angela Rohrbaugh	Katie Fisher
Nicole Cunningham	Jasmine Kozero
Michael Adams	Jeremy Kittek
Madison Nastasi	Rachel Alderfer
Jennifer Velez	Becky Harvey/ Bev Sparling
Sara Eidemuller	Ruben Rivero
Kristen Kallert	Julie Bechtold

2026-2027 Mentors for Substitutes

11. Approve the following Mentors for Substitutes with a stipend of \$1,500.00 per position for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jennifer Davison
Robert Kachmar
Melissa Maynard

High School Administrative Assistant

12. Approve Theresa Paul as a full time High School Administrative Assistant at a yearly rate of \$40,000 with benefits as per the current Administrative Assistants Compensation and Benefits Plan pending completion of employment paperwork.

Resignation Registered Behavior Technician

13. Approve the resignation of Maryrose Oldt, Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) - Instructional Paraprofessional, effective August 12, 2026.

Resignation Paraprofessional

14. Approve the resignation of Anna Isbell, K-12 ELD Instructional Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2026

Resignation Dedicated Building Substitute Secretary

15. Approve the resignation of Lynne Mayard, Dedicated Building Substitute Secretary, effective August 20, 2026.

Resignation Dedicated Building Substitute

16. Approve the resignation of Emma Barrell, Dedicated Building Substitute, effective August 21, 2026.

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

C. Facilities**2026-2027 Bus Routes and Drivers**

1. Approve the 2026-2027 bus routes and bus drivers, subject to change based on enrollment.

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

D. Finance**emPower Statement of Work**

1. Approve the [statement of work with emPower](#) for up to twenty (20) hours of instructional coaching at \$275 per hour not to exceed \$5,500 and up to twenty hours of on-site observation at \$300 per hour not to exceed \$6,000.

Colonial IU 20 Contract

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

Recreational Swim Program

3. Approve the [Recreational Swim Program](#) for the 2026-2027 season.

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

1. Resignation of Dr. Laurel Erickson-Parsons

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

XVIII. Board Comments -

XIX. Announcements -

A. Business Meeting September 8, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion

B. Business Meeting September 22, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion

XX. Adjournment

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