

# Saucon Valley School District

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

October 27, 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 to discuss safety.

- 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** – October 27, 2026 to discuss safety.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – [October 13, 2026](#)
- VII. **Recognition** – None
- VIII. **High School SGA Representative's Report** - *Emma Sauvagnargues*
- IX. **Presentation** – Lehigh Valley Academy Charter School Renewal
  - A. Presentation by the Charter School
  - B. Questions by the Board of Directors
- 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](#) - \$999,969.01
  - B. [Cafeteria Expenditures](#) - \$30,551.70
  - C. [Health Benefits](#) - \$709,417.24
  - 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- September 30, 2026](#)
- B. [Condensed Board Summary Report - September 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 - Vivian Demko [Summary October 14, 2026](#)
- C. Finance - Donald Carpenter [Summary October 14, 2026](#)

**XV. Unfinished Business - None****XVI. New Business -****A. Education****Western Governors University Affiliation Agreement**

1. Approve the [placement agreement with Western Governors University](#).

**SVFEI 21st Century Grant**

2. Approve the Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation (SVFEI) [21st Century grant for the Robotics Club](#) in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**B. Personnel****Middle School Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher**

1. Retroactively approve Lillian Speicher as a Middle School Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher effective October 14, 2026. Bachelors Step 1 \$63,182.00 prorated, for the 2026-2027 school year with benefits as per the current SVEA Professional contract.

**Middle School Long Term Substitute ELA Teacher**

2. Approve Matthew Eager as a Middle School Long Term Substitute ELA Teacher, Bachelors Step 1 \$63,182.00 prorated, for the 2026-2027 school year with benefits as per the current SVEA Professional contract.

**2026-2027 Mentors**

3. 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.

Mentor

Victoria Gazzana

Jessica Habas

Inductee

Lillian Speicher

Jasmine Kreps

**Substitute Building Secretary**

4. Approve Rose Hartnett as a Substitute Building Secretary for the 2026-27 school year pending completion of employment paperwork.

**Part-Time Bus Driver**

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

**2026-2027 Athletic Worker**

6. Approve Michele Grida as an Athletic Worker for the 2026-2027 school year.

**2026-2027 Athletic Coaches**

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

**Boys Basketball - Winter**

Brett Reilly - Assistant Coach \$3,000.00

Scott Roberts - Middle School Head Coach \$3,755.00

Keith Riefenstahl - Middle School Assistant Coach \$2,150.00

**Boys Wrestling - Winter**

Pat Santoro - Assistant Coach Volunteer\*

**Girls Basketball - Winter**

Leah Santoro - Middle School Head Coach \$3,200.00

**Track and Field - Spring**

Denise O'Connell- Mack - Assistant Coach \$3,932.00

Taryn Koch - Middle School Assistant Coach \$1,138.00

*\*correction of 10/13/26 agenda listed as Girls Wrestling***Family Medical Leave Act**

8. Approve FMLA for Employee # 336 unpaid leave effective October 9, 2026 to December 22, 2026 running concurrently with FMLA. The employee will use (28) sick days prior to enacting FMLA.

**Retirement**

9. Approve the retirement of Ellen Deluca, Bus Driver, effective January 1, 2027.

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

**C. Facilities**

No agenda items

Recommendation: No recommendations

**D. Finance****Policy 707 AR-2 Facilities Use Fee Schedule**

1. Approve the second and final reading of [Policy 707 AR-2 Facilities Use Fee Schedule](#).

**Under Armor Athletic Agreement\***

2. Approve the [Under Armor Athletic Agreement](#) effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 for the purchase of apparel, footwear and accessories.

**BSN Sports Rewards Program\***

3. Approve the [BSN Sports Rewards Program](#) effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 for the purchase of supply of athletic apparel and equipment.

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** – *Meghan Lomangino*
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. **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Community Engagement-** *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 November 10, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**

**B. Business Meeting November 24, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm HS Audion**

**XX. Adjournment**

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