

Souderton Area School District

760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

President Eric MacDougall called the meeting of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors to order on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:34 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	William J. Brong	Mark D. Leer
	Tracy G. Cole	R. Bud Miller
	Bernard S. Currie	Dr. Jack A. Parry
	Sharon J. Gehret	Victor M. Verbeke
	Mark D. Leer	

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Brigitte Bagocius, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Michael Childs, R. Bradley Clemens, Grace Eves, Ellen Jamison, Joyce Kaiser-Koert, Denise Kirsteier, Will Lapp, Laurie Phillips, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Joan Shellenberger, Jack Silva, representatives from The Reporter, The Souderton Independent, Radio Station WNPV and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

STUDENT/SCHOOL/STAFF RECOGNITION

Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners

Dr. Amuso introduced Rita Fitzgerald, from the Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County who talked about the agency and their annual poster contest. Ms. Fitzgerald introduced the students, who were in attendance, as being named finalists in the Salford Hills' annual Fair Housing Poster Contest. This contest raises awareness of the importance of fair housing availability.

**LEVI CLEMMER
KATHRYN MORTKA
GRACE PINTO**

Ms. Fitzgerald also thanked the Salford Hills teachers who help with this contest year after year.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gehret, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize these three students for their achievement.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Amuso also thanked the students' parents for their support of their children in this project.

Report of the Superintendent

STUDENT/SCHOOL/STAFF RECOGNITION (continued)

Souderton Area High School Baseball Team

Dr. Amuso called on Head Coach Michael Childs to introduce the team members who were in attendance and speak about the team's season. The Souderton Area High School Baseball Team was named Suburban One Continental Conference Champions with a league record of 11-5 and an overall record of 13-8. Mr. Childs mentioned that this was the first time the team made it to the state playoffs.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mr. Currie.

Mr. Verbeke commented that most of the team's players were playing ball at other games this evening, and noted that the team represented Souderton well.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Baseball Team and their coaches for their accomplishment and winning season. **EXHIBIT B**

Dr. Amuso recognized the parents of the baseball players for their support.

Souderton Area High School Boys Volleyball Team

Dr. Amuso introduced Will Lapp, who introduced a few members of the team and spoke about the team's season. The Souderton Area High School Boys Volleyball Team was named Suburban One Continental Conference Champions with a match record of 20-0 and a game record of 60-3. Coaches are Will Lapp, head coach and Brad Garrett, assistant coach.

Upon a motion by Mr. Verbeke, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Boys Volleyball Team and their coaches for their accomplishment and winning season. **EXHIBIT C**

Dr. Amuso recognized the parents of the volleyball players for their support.

Souderton Area High School Softball Team

Dr. Amuso announced that the Board was honoring the High School Softball Team this evening, but unfortunately the team could not attend because they were participating in the state playoffs. The Souderton Area High School Softball Team has worked hard to qualify for the PIAA State Championships. The team finished their season with an 18-6 season. Joseph Hallar is the team's head coach.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gehret, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Softball Team for their accomplishment and winning season. **EXHIBIT D**

Report of the Superintendent

STUDENT/SCHOOL/STAFF RECOGNITION (continued)

Baseball Player of the Year

Dr. Amuso called on Michael Childs again to recognize **KYLE GREENWALT**, a high school student, who has been named the Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year. This recognition is deserving of Kyle because of his dedication to baseball, high academic standards, and his quality of character. This award is one of the most prestigious student-athletic awards in the nation.

Upon a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Leer, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Kyle Greenwalt for his achievement.

EXHIBIT E

Dr. Amuso introduced Kyle's parents and thanked them for their support.

Public Relations Awards

Dr. Amuso called on **BRIGITTE BAGOCIUS**, the District's Web Development Specialist, who recently won the Website Award of Excellence from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) in the annual communications contest. Dr. Amuso noted that Brigitte is always available day or night ready to post important messages on the District's Website.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Brigitte Bagocius for her achievement.

Dr. Amuso then called on **ELLEN JAMISON**, the District's Coordinator of Community Relations, who recently won the Award of Excellence for her 2005 Souderton Area School District Annual Report. Ellen won this award from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's annual educational publications contest. Ellen also won the 2006 National School Public Relations Association Golden Achievement Award for her winning entry "Community Day of Service."

Upon a motion by Mr. Verbeke, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Ellen Jamison for her achievements.

EXHIBIT F

Twenty-Five Year Employees

Dr. Amuso introduced the following employees who were in attendance, stating that these staff members have given twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Souderton Area School District. The Board of School Directors extends their congratulations and gratitude to all.

SALLY ATKISS – Third Grade Teacher – Franconia Elem.
CHARLENE CROWELL – Instructional Support Teacher – Indian Valley M. S.
JOHN FERGUSON – Custodian – Oak Ridge Elem.
JOYCE KAISER-KOERT – Librarian – West Broad Street Elem.

Report of the Superintendent

STUDENT/SCHOOL/STAFF RECOGNITION (continued)

Twenty-Five Year Employees (continued)

DENISE KIRSTEIER – Fourth Grade Teacher – West Broad Street Elem.

LAURIE PHILLIPS – Second Grade Teacher – West Broad Street Elem.

ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER – Fifth Grade Teacher – Franconia Elem.

Upon a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the twenty-five year employees for their dedication to the students and parents of the Souderton Area School District.

Recognition of Board Member

Dr. Amuso called on **SHARON J. GEHRET** to recognize her for her seven years of dedication and service to the Board of School Directors of the Souderton Area School District. Mrs. Gehret has served on various Board committees, plus the Curriculum Council during her term as on the Board. She has also served as a member and chairman of the North Montco Technical Career Center's Joint Operating Committee from 2001-2006. The Souderton Area School District extends their best wishes and sincere thanks to Mrs. Gehret.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Cole thanked Mrs. Gehret for helping her when she first joined the Board. Mrs. Gehret helped educate and direct Mrs. Cole about what it means to be a member of the Board. She is a dedicated member and always came to the meetings prepared.

Mr. Miller commented that Mrs. Gehret always knew what was going on both here at Souderton and at North Montco.

Mr. Verbeke thanked Mrs. Gehret for her years of service.

Mr. Silva thanked Mrs. Gehret for serving on the Curriculum Council and also for serving on the North Montco Joint Operating Committee.

Mr. Leer mentioned that Mrs. Gehret helped him get started when he came on the Board and thanked her for her time.

Dr. Parry echoed the same sentiment.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that Mrs. Gehret has been a welcoming person on the Board; she helps the newcomers and puts in a lot of hours. He presented Mrs. Gehret with a gift of appreciation from the Board and the Souderton Area School District, and wished her well.

Report of the Superintendent

Notification of Grant Applications

Dr. Amuso indicated that with the change in policy, it was now the custom to notify the School Board when the district applied or received grants totaling over \$1,000. Dr. Amuso explained the two grant proposals as indicated.

- a. Grant of \$1,000 from the Caron Foundation, North Penn Community Health Foundation, for Indian Valley Middle School. This grant will involve in-depth classroom simulations with issues relating to harassment, bullying, peer pressure and other important decision making skills for the upcoming 7th graders for the 2006-2007 school year.
- b. Grant from PDE (Project 720) for the Souderton Area High School to focus on the Project 720 designated areas of high school reform.

EXHIBIT G

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Brenda J. Bray

School Board Minutes

Mrs. Bray presented the School Board Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2006 for approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the School Board Minutes of May 25, 2006 as presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held May 25, 2006 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 30 minutes.

An Executive Session was held May 31, 2006 to discuss personnel items. That meeting lasted 45 minutes.

An Executive Session was held tonight prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel issues. That meeting lasted 60 minutes.

Student Expulsion

Mr. MacDougall read the following statement for action:

Pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, that the Board approve the expulsion of Student I. D. #250514 from the Souderton Area School District for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and through the 2006-2007 school year, with the option to return during the 2007-2008 school year based on a report of good behavior, the completion of a counseling program, and successfully completing his/her academic program, all at the discretion of the superintendent.

Report of the President

Student Expulsion (continued)

Upon a motion by Mr. Verbeke, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the expulsion of Student I. D. #250514 from the Souderton Area School District for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and through the 2006-2007 school year, with the option to return during the 2007-2008 school year based on a report of good behavior, the completion of a counseling program, and successfully completing his/her academic program, all at the discretion of the superintendent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Grace Eves

Mrs. Eves presented the financial statements for May as an information item.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Education-Personnel Committee discussed in detail the following curriculum items at the May 31, 2006 meeting:

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Second Reading of Scope and Sequence/Planned Courses/Textbooks

- a. Social Studies Scope and Sequence
- b. Accelerated Word Processing and Spreadsheets – New Course and Textbook
- c. Desktop Publishing – New Course
- d. Television Production – Revised Planned Course
- e. Pre-Algebra Textbook

New Program List – Summer Development

Mr. Leer commented that an additional Education-Personnel Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 5:30 PM to discuss summer curriculum writing.

Program Evaluation – Overview and Discussion

Mr. Leer indicated that the committee will need further discussion on this topic and suggested that the administration consider this as a district goal for next year.

High Quality Professional Development

Mr. Leer shared information on this topic.

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Professional Staff retirement, resignations, request for extension of leave, recommendations for employment; Support Staff retirement, resignations, transfers, recommendation for employment; the recommendations for employment and salaries of the Summer 2006 Sports Camp employees, and contracted services for a band position, plus the items from the addendum, as listed:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Retirement

BENJAMIN CALAMIA

Physics Teacher, Senior High School
Effective: End of 2005-2006 school year
Employed by SASD: 35 years

Resignations

ANITA GREISER

ESL Teacher, Franconia Elem.
Effective: July 17, 2006

NANCY L. KARKOSKA

Science Teacher – 6th/Math – 7th, Indian Valley M. S.
Effective: June 30, 2006

Request for Extension of Leave

CHERI FOGLE

Kindergarten Teacher, Vernfield Elem.

Leave effective through the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Fogle is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

Recommendations for Employment

ROBERT FUMANTI

Chemistry, Senior High School

Replacement for

Beginning: 2006-2007 school year

Patricia Voorstad (resigned)

TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL

Education

Experience

U. S. Naval Academy (BS) 1996

2005-2006-Philadelphia S. D.-Masterman High School

Univ. of Chicago (MBA) 1998

Chemistry, Physical Science and Life Science

Eastern Univ. (Certif.) 2005

Recommended Salary

\$46,981 – M+24 (2)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

TRACY LYNNE GIBBS Replacement for Mary Ann Sleeva (retired) <u>Education</u> Indiana Univ. (BS) 2006	Family and Consumer Science, Indian Crest Jr. High Beginning: 2006-2007 school year TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL <u>Experience</u> 2005-2006-Valley Forge Middle School-Family and Consumer Science Aide Sept. 2005-Jan. 2006-Upper Moreland High School and Ben Franklin Elementary, Philadelphia Food and Nutrition – Student Teaching <u>Recommended Salary</u> \$36,771 – B (1)
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JUSTIN KREFT Replacement for Michael Ahern (retired) <u>Education</u> Univ. of Kentucky (BA) Univ. of Penn. (MA) 2006	English, Senior High School Beginning: 2006-2007 school year TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL <u>Experience</u> Jan. 2005-May 2005-Philadelphia School District- Northeast High School-English 11 th and 12 th Grades – Student Teaching <u>Recommended Salary</u> \$40,439 – M (1)
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SUPPORT STAFF

Retirement

JUNE GREENWOOD	Secretary to Psychologists/Benefits/Home and School Visitor Effective: July 21, 2006 Employed by SASD: 27 years
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Resignations

JAMES E. BARNES, SR.	Second Shift Custodian, Indian Crest Jr. High Effective: June 9, 2006
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STACY L. BOSHELL	Secretary, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: June 9, 2006
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MATTHEW FREED	Part-Time Custodian, Senior High School Effective: May 25, 2006
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Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Resignations (continued)

ANDREW HOGAN

Part-Time Custodian, Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: May 18, 2006

KATHY HOLLOWAY

Clerical Aide, Nurse's Office, Indian Crest Jr. High
Effective: End of 2005-2006 school year

Transfers

SHERRY GERHART

Replacement for
Debbie Coll (transfer)

From: Food Service Manager Trainee
To: Food Service Manager, Indian Crest
Beginning: August 28, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$13.60 per hour
Hours: 8 per day

DAVE LINDSAY

Replacement for
James Barnes, Sr. (resigned)

From: Full-Time Second Shift Custodian, E.M.C.
To: Second Shift Custodian, Indian Crest Jr. High
Effective: To be Determined
Hourly Rate: \$16.43
Hours: 8 per day

Recommendation for Employment

MICHAEL CAPKO

Summer Custodial Substitute
Beginning: June 9, 2006 (change in start date)
Hourly Rate: \$8.96
Hours: 8 per day

Summer 2006 Sports Camp – Recommendations for Employment and Salaries

EXHIBIT H

Contracted Services for Band Positions – 2005-2006

STEVEN YODER

Percussion Arranger, Marching Band, Senior High School
\$1,200 (Booster Paid)

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

NORTH MONTCO TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER

Sharon Gehret and William Brong, Representatives

Appointment of Joint Operating Committee Representative to complete the term of Sharon Gehret
Mrs. Gehret questioned if her replacement needed to be appointed by the Board or by the Board president.

Mr. Sultanik responded that North Montco is less structured than Souderton, but if we wanted to be represented on North Montco's board, we needed to appoint someone.

Mrs. Gehret made a motion to nominate Mr. Leer, close the nominations, and cast the vote in favor of Mr. Leer to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Gehret on the North Montco Joint Operating Committee until December of 2007.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board close the nominations and cast the vote for Mr. Leer to represent Souderton Area School District on the North Montco Joint Operating Committee Board to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Gehret's resignation, and complete her term until December 2007.

Mrs. Gehret also indicated that senior recognitions were held last night, and although she could not attend, she mentioned that it has always been a wonder event.

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:30 PM at the North Montco Technical Career Center, Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ralph "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Proposed agenda items for the June 14, 2006 Operations Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- New High School Project

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

FRANCONIA

PA Writing and Literature Project

(3) Classrooms

July 10–21, 2006

8:30AM – 12:15PM

Writing Enrichment Program

Self-Insured Governmental Unit

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

HIGH SCHOOL

Big Red Band Boosters, Inc.
Auditorium, Band Room & Lobby
November 18, 2006
February 2, 2007
4:00PM – 11:00PM
“Battle of the Bands”
Certificate of Insurance pending

INDIAN CREST

Vernfield Elementary Home & School Association
Auditorium & Cafeteria
March 30, 2007
5:30PM – 9:00PM
“Lip Sync”
Certificate of Insurance pending

INDIAN VALLEY

Harleysville Thunderbirds Softball
Gym
January, February & March 2007
Sundays – 9:00AM – 6:00PM
Practice
Certificate of Insurance on file

SALFORD HILLS

Harleysville Thunderbirds Softball
Gym
October thru March 2007
Wednesday evenings – 6:00PM – 9:00PM
Practice
Certificate of Insurance on file

New High School Project Update

Mr. Miller commented on the June 1st groundbreaking ceremony and how great the event was. The construction manager will be at the June 14th Operations Committee meeting to make a report on the progress of the new high school project.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

Operations Committee

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Dr. Parry indicated that the following items were discussed in detail at the May 31, 2006 meeting and he would like to take the following items as one motion.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the following items as listed:

Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Retainer/Solicitor Services **EXHIBIT I**

Recommendation to Approve 2005-2006 Local Audit **EXHIBIT J**

Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Student Accident/Football Insurance
EXHIBIT K

Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Supply Bids **EXHIBIT L**

- a. Industrial Arts
- b. Safety/Medical
- c. Science
- d. Athletic
- e. Physical Education

2006-2007 Budget Review

The adoption of the final budget and setting of the tax rates is scheduled for the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors on June 22, 2006.

Dr. Amuso reviewed some of the discussion of past Finance Committee meetings regarding the concern to reduce the budget and the conversation by the committee as to where the budget could be further reduced. He indicated that the committee had asked the administration to come in under the index number and to cut another \$600,000. These cuts will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

2006-2007 Budget Review (continued)

Dr. Parry indicated that he felt this directive was lacking specificity. He feels that the Board has put the administration into a reactive mode instead of a planning mode and feels a more rational approach should be used in the future. The Finance Committee needs to come forward and decide on the number. He asked the administration for a recommendation of cuts.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the administration based their budget decisions on the educational mission of the district. He explained how the administration determined the initial budget figures. We began with 5.7%, 5.0% then 4.8%, and then were given the directive to cut an additional \$600,000. He indicated that cutting that much money at this stage of the process would be very difficult. A report on the final cuts will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mrs. Cole felt there was contradiction on what the Board was asking. She distributed information that was given to Board members last year from Mr. Wisler when the Board was facing Act 72. Mrs. Cole asked if Mr. Miller might explain how he came up with the \$600,000 figure of cuts.

Mrs. Cole indicated that special education expenditures from a few years ago to present have increased enormously. She highlighted other increases over the years and mentioned that these increases are hard to manage locally. What we cut now will probably need to be regained later. Just look at the growth in the district and indicated that the “cost per pupil” index is not the same throughout the state. She cautioned the Board on setting limits.

Mr. Miller indicated that increased overhead has risen at a steady pace. He indicated that there has to be ways to limit additional staffing and control expenditures. Mr. Miller commented that he feels the administrators should be able to lower expenditures. The expenditure number is too high.

Dr. Parry indicated that he agreed with Mr. Miller. He felt that the Board didn’t know what kind of numbers they were dealing with until they came to the end of the process.

Mr. Currie indicated that there has been discussion about giving the administration guidance in the form of a percentage increase in the budget and let the administration make the determination. However, he feels that this comes at an inopportune time in the budget cycle. Mr. Currie went on to explain several of his suggestions in cutting the budget and how to take a more rational approach to the budget cycle for next year. *(Mr. Currie read a prepared statement which will be entered into the Minutes.)*

EXHIBIT M

Mrs. Gehret indicated that in past years, the Board was given a percentage up front and then they discussed the budget. She felt it was not fair to put the Board into this position at this time.

Mr. MacDougall agreed that there were a lot of changes in administration. However, he felt that this was not a normal year either due to the changes of direction in legislation coming from the state. He expressed that the Board can’t vote for things in the budget as they go along in the process and then get to the end with a percentage that the Board is not comfortable with. Mr. MacDougall indicated that he thought the Board needs to discuss the budget process as a goal for next year. His biggest

Finance Committee

2006-2007 Budget Review (continued)

concern is that the Board must vote on the budget in two weeks, and it is very likely that the public will not be aware of the cuts before the vote.

Mr. Leer supports the \$600,000 in cuts and wants the administration to decide where the cuts come from in the budget.

Dr. Parry added that it is possible the state will be voting on their budget in the next week or two.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tracy Cole, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Proposed agenda items for the June 14, 2006 Policy Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- a. First Reading of Policy 113.2 – Behavior Management for Special Education

Mrs. Cole indicated that the committee would be continuing the first reading of Policy #113.2 at the next Policy Committee meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 5:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

The next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2006 beginning at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the IU, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Victor M. Verbeke, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tracy Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole shared that congress is considering hurricane relief – money for schools and students affected by hurricanes.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Jack A. Parry, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

No report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Cole shared information with Board members regarding the Southeastern Pennsylvania School Districts' Education Coalition and asked members to decide if Souderton should join the coalition.

Mrs. Gehret thanked the community, administration and the Board for their support over the years. She indicated that she had opportunities to correct public rumors by informing the taxpayers about what was really happening in the district.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. MacDougall called for a recess at 8:54 PM.

Mr. MacDougall reconvened the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Board would now interview seven out of the eight candidates that had submitted letters of interest and resumes for the vacant position on the Board, left by Mrs. Gehret's resignation. One of the candidates could not attend tonight's interviews. He explained the procedures.

Candidates were interviewed as follows:

Dr. Paul Baumgartner – 9:05 PM
Nicholas Braccio – 9:21 PM
Jonathan Gardinier – 9:32 PM
Cary Hall – 9:42 PM
Denise Hussong – 9:56 PM
Douglas Killough – 10:06 PM
Stephen Nelson – 10:17 PM

Unfinished/New Business

Mr. MacDougall indicated that this was a very good group of candidates and urged all of the candidates to think about running in the next election. It will be a tough decision. He announced that the candidates should be at the June 22nd meeting when the vote will be taken.

There was discussion as to when the actual swearing in of the candidate would take place.

Mr. Clemens announced that the high school softball team had made it to the PIAA State Semi-Finals.

Mr. MacDougall commented on the very nice retiree luncheon that was held at the District Office on Wednesday, June 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the adjournment of the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray
Secretary