

Souderton Area School District

760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

President Richard Swartley called the meeting of the Souderton Area School Board to order on Thursday evening, August 11, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room.

The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Tracy Cole Heidi Johnson Mark Leer	Eric MacDougall Richard Swartley Richard Thompson
ABSENT:	Sharon Gehret R. Bud Miller	Dr. Jack Parry (arrived 7:52 PM)
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were Dr. Charles D. Amuso, Brad Clemens, Dr. Robert Hollister, Ellen Jamison, Gail Ryan, Stan Wisler, representatives from The Reporter, The Souderton Independent, The Intelligencer, and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

Requests for Conferences/Workshops

Upon a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Mrs. Johnson, and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the requests for conferences and workshops as listed:

BARB SCOTT CARS, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.	Keystone State Reading Association Conference Hershey, PA October 17, 18, 19, 2005 (Mon., Tues., Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$190.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$190.00
TOBY ALBANESE Assistant Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High	PAESSP State Conference King of Prussia, PA October 24, 25, 2005 (Mon., Tues.) Est. Expenses: \$293.74 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$293.74

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Stan Wisler

School Board Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. MacDougall, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the School Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2005 and July 28, 2005.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Richard Swartley

An Executive Session was held August 3, 2005 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

Mr. Swartley announced that there would be an Executive Session following the Board meeting for personnel and land acquisition.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Donna Bennis-Devlin

Financial Statements for July 2005

Mr. MacDougall presented the report in Mrs. Devlin's absence. The report was given as an information item.

Mrs. Cole asked for clarification regarding the negative revenue items.

Mr. Wisler indicated that the negative revenue items are related to the adjusting entries for receivables revenue received in 2005-2006 but applicable for the 2004-2005 school year.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Richard Thompson, Chairperson

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve Planned Courses

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mrs. Johnson, and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the planned courses for French IV and French V as presented.

Advanced Placement Scores

Mr. Thompson indicated that Mr. Silva presented information at the last Education-Personnel Committee meeting regarding the Advanced Placement scores.

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mrs. Johnson, and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the appointment of Gail Ryan as interim principal at Franconia Elementary School, effective August 12, 2005 until such time that a replacement is able to assume the duties of the principalship at Franconia. Stipend: \$5,000 – first semester (pro-rated).

Mrs. Ryan expressed that she is pleased to have the opportunity to be back in the schools in this capacity.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

There was a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. MacDougall.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the recommendation for employment for Jean Chrastina should be deleted and the addendum recommendation for employment for Jacqueline Duggan should be added to the motion as well.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Professional Staff resignations, requests for childrearing leave, transfers, and recommendations for employment as listed:

Resignations

LISA A. PRENDERGAST Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High
Effective: August 3, 2005

JO ANN PISTORIUS Special Education, Franconia Elem.
Effective: July 27, 2005

PATRICIA J. VOORSTAD Chemistry, Senior High School
Effective: July 28, 2005

Requests for Childrearing Leave

NICOLE KRATZER First Grade, Franconia Elem.
Beginning approximately December 28, 2005 through the end of the 2005-2006 school year (following Family Medical Leave). Mrs. Kratzer is planning to return to work for the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

MELISSA SCIOTTO Fifth Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Beginning approximately January 10, 2006 through the end of the 2005-2006 school year (following Family Medical Leave). Mrs. Sciotto is planning to return to work for the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Transfers

NANCY GRESHOCK

New position as per 2005-2006 budget.

Education

Bloomsburg College (B.S.) 1969
Beaver College (M.A.) 1988

From: Science, Indian Crest Jr. High
To: Gifted Support Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High
Beginning: 2005-2006 school year

Experience

1992-2005-SASD-Indian Crest Jr. High-Science Teacher
1999-Present-SASD-Indian Crest Jr. High-Science Advocate

CATHERINE SCHADLER

Replacement for
Rachael Simms (transfer)

Education

Elizabethtown College (B.S.) 2004

From: Itinerant Autistic Support, District
To: Intermediate Autistic Support, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: 2005-2006 school year

Experience

2004-2005-SASD-Itinerant Autistic Support
Spring 2004-Cedarcrest High School, Lebanon, PA
Autistic Support-Student Teacher

RACHAEL SIMMS

Replacement for
Catherine Schadler (transfer)

Education

Mansfield Univ. (B.S.) 1997
Arcadia Univ. (M.Ed.) 2001

From: Intermediate Autistic Support, Vernfield
To: Itinerant Autistic Support, District
Beginning: 2005-2006 school year

Experience

2004-2005-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Intermediate
Autistic Support
Dec. 2003-June 2004-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Autistic
Support
2001-2003-Indian Creek Foundation-Behavior Specialist
and Clinical Supervisor

Recommendations for Employment

TAMARA CALLAHAN

Replacement for
Heather Williams (childrearing)

Education

Clarion Univ. (B.S.) 1996
Xavier Univ. (M.Ed.)

Gifted Teacher, Vernfield/Salford Hills Elem.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective: First Semester 2005-2006 school year

Experience

1998-2005-Forest Hills Local S. D., OH-Maddux Elem.
Gifted Specialist
1996-1998-Cleveland County Schools, NC-Third Grade

Recommended Salary

\$19,823 – M (1)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

JACQUELINE DUGGAN Language Arts/Reading, Indian Valley M. S.
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Mark James (resigned) Beginning: 2005-2006 school year
Education Experience
University of Pittsburgh (B.A.) 2004-2005-New York City S. D.-Thomas McCann
1996 Woodside Intermediate School, Eighth Grade
Queens College, NY (M.S.) 2004 Language Arts
2002-2004-New York City S. D.-The New Prep. Middle
School-Seventh Grade Communications Arts
Recommended Salary
\$39,646 – M (1)

CHRISTINE GREEN Fourth Grade, Lower Salford Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Kim DiPietro (sabbatical) Effective: 2005-2006 school year
Education Experience
Arcadia Univ. (B.S.) 1990 2004-2005-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.-Title V
Language Arts Assistant
Oct. 2001-June 2004-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.
Learning Support Classroom Aide
1990-1994-The Village Schoolhouse-Jarrettown, PA
Kindergarten
Recommended Salary
\$36,565 – B+12 (1)

AMANDA GREISER German, Indian Crest Junior High
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Neil Lindenfelser (transfer) Beginning: 2005-2006 school year
Education Experience
Millersville Univ. (B.S.) 2004 Sept. 2004-Present-Immanuel German School-Part-time
Philadelphia, PA
Feb.-March,2005 Per Diem Extended Sub., Spanish,
Indian Crest Jr. H.
2004-05-Per Diem Substitute, SASD and North Penn SD
Spring,2004-Student Teaching-German-Grades 9-12,
Hempfield High School, Hempfield S.D.,
Landisville, PA
Recommended Salary
\$36,050 – B (1)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

COLEEN HEARY Fourth Grade, West Broad Street Elem.
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Elizabeth Stone (transfer) Beginning: 2005-2006 school year
Education Experience
Penn State Univ. (B.S.) 1998 Feb. 2005-June 2005-Jenkintown S. D.-Jenkintown
Elem.-Fourth Grade (LTS)
Oct. 2004-Feb. 2005-Substitute Teacher Services-
Media, PA-Substitute
2001-2004-St. Luke the Evangelist School-Glenside, PA
Fourth Grade
1999-2001-St. Anne School-Philadelphia, PA-Second Grade
Recommended Salary
\$36,050 – B (1)

JILL KARDANE Fifth Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Melissa Sciotto (childrearing) Effective: October 2005 through June 2006
Education Experience
Gwynedd-Mercy College (B.S.) Dec. 2004-June 2005-SASD-E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
2002 Title I Language Arts Aide
Sept.-Dec. 2004-SASD-E. M. Crouthamel Elem.-Title I
Math Aide
Mar.-June 2004-SASD-Indian Crest Jr. High-Title I Aide
Jan.-June 2003-Quakertown S. D.-Neidig Elem.
Building Substitute
Recommended Salary
\$36,050 (pro-rated) – B (1)

ALISON TODD Spanish Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Maureen Krum (sabbatical) Effective: First semester, 2005-2006 school year
Education Experience
West Chester Univ. (B.S.) 1992 Sept. 2003-Aug. 2005-Masters Academy of Fine Arts
Villanova Univ. (M.A.) 1997 Quakertown-Spanish Teacher for Home
Schooled Students
1998-2000-Central Bucks S. D.-Tamanend Middle
School-Spanish
1993-1998-Norristown Area S. D.-Colonial Middle
School-Spanish
Recommended Salary
\$19,823 – M (1)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF

There was a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the effective date for Kim Sheridan should be September 2nd, and included in the motion would be the addendum items.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Support Staff resignations, transfers, and recommendations for employment as listed:

Resignations

KEVIN ESHBACH

Part-Time Summer Custodian
Effective: August 19, 2005

BRAD GERHART

Part-Time Custodian, Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: August 30, 2005

SANDRA L. FROST-HORVATH

Assistant School Nurse, Vernfield Elem.
Effective: July 26, 2005

ANTONELLA POWERS

Food Service Cafeteria Manager, Indian Crest Jr. High
Effective: September 16, 2005

KIM SHERIDAN

Attendance Clerk, West Broad Street Elem.
Effective: September 2, 2005

JOSH SOBEL

Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Effective: August 1, 2005

Transfers

DEBORAH COLL

Replacement for
Antonella Powers (resigned)

From: Food Service Manager Trainee, Indian Valley M. S.
To: Food Service Secondary Manager, Indian Crest
Beginning: September 19, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$13.24 per hour
Hours: 8 per day

JUDI LANDIS

Replacement for
Elizabeth Rudolph (retired)

From: Attendance Clerk, Salford Hills Elem.
To: Building Secretary, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning: August 8, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$13.24 per hour
Hours: 7.5 per day

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment

JOSHUA FISHER Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: August 22, 2005
Brad Kolb (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

BRENDA GODSHALL Attendance Clerk, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: August 15, 2005
Tricia Keiper (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$10.51 per hour
Hours: 6 per day

DEREK MATHE Part-Time Custodian, Oak Ridge Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: August 22, 2005
Tyler Arcaro (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

NICOLE OWENS Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.
Replacement for Beginning: August 22, 2005
Michael Capko (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

DEBORAH SNYDER Guidance Secretary, Senior High School
Replacement for Beginning: August 8, 2005
Robin Eddy (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$11.40 per hour
Hours: 7.5 per day

Supplemental Contracts for 2005-2006

There was a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. MacDougall.

Mrs. Cole questioned the fact that no one is listed for Indian Crest Social Studies.

Mr. Clemens indicated that the Social Studies advocate is from Indian Valley.

Mr. Thompson indicated that Janet Grippi, subject area advocate for Math from Indian Crest, should be deleted from the list.

The vote was taken and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the supplemental contracts for District Coordinators and Subject Area Advocates for 2005-2006 and 2005-2006 supplemental contracts and contracted services for coaching and band positions as listed, along with correction as noted.

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Supplemental Contracts for 2005-2006 (continued)

District Coordinators for 2005-2006

Art K-5	ELIZABETH BOROWSKI	\$1,500.00
Art 6-12	VIRGINIA PERRY	1,500.00
Business	KATHRINE DOLL	1,500.00
Environment and Ecology	CHRISTINE BENNETT	2,250.00
Family & Consumer Science	MICHELE NEFF	1,500.00
Guidance K-5	LINDA MOYER & SUSAN CHAMBERS	750.00 each
Guidance 6-12	DAN BARBER	1,500.00
Instructional Support K-7	DEB SCHULTZ & CHARLENE CROWELL	750.00 each
Language Arts K-5	PATRICIA MATHUES	3,000.00
Language Arts 6-12	DONA ITALIANO	1,500.00
Library K-12	JEAN MOSSER & SUE PLUMMER	1,125.00 each
Math K-5	ESTHER MCKENNA & JUDY ROTHENBERGER	1,500.00 each
Math 6-12	CATHERINE ORGERA	1,500.00
Music K-5	ERIC STOVER	1,500.00
Music 6-12	DANIEL KUJALA	1,500.00
Nurse	ROBIN FOX	2,250.00
Physical Education K-5	DANIEL STOVER	1,500.00
Physical Education 6-12	CHRISTINE NENSTIEL	1,500.00
Science K-5	JOSEPH MRAZ	3,000.00
Science 6-12	PATRICIA BERGER	1,500.00
Social Studies K-5	JANET SMITH	3,000.00
Social Studies 6-12	JONATHAN GRAF	1,500.00
Technology Education	JOEL BERGER	1,500.00
World Languages	ARLENE BUCHMAN	1,500.00

Subject Area Advocates – Senior High School

Language Arts	NATHAN WAMBOLD	\$1,300.00
Math	DAWN CURTIS	1,300.00
Science	COLLEEN HARTMAN	1,300.00
Social Studies	NICOLE HARNER	1,300.00
Special Ed	ALISON BOOKHEIMER & CATHERINE RAGUSA	650.00 each

Subject Area Advocates – Indian Crest Jr. High

Language Arts	MARTHA SCHULTZ	\$1,000.00
Science	NANCY GRESHOCK	1,000.00
Special Education	KAREN YERK & LORI GRAF	500.00 each

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Supplemental Contracts for 2005-2006 (continued)

Subject Area Advocates – Indian Valley Middle School

Language Arts	THEA FREY	\$1,000.00
Math	ANDREW JOHNSON	1,000.00
Science	NANCY KARKOSKA	1,000.00
Social Studies	THOMAS JERNIGAN	1,000.00
Spec Ed	GRETCHEN WALTER	1,000.00

Subject Area Advocates - Senior High School or Indian Crest Junior High School

(Dependent upon building location of Coordinator)

Art	TINA BACHMAN (IC)	\$1,000.00
Business	BARBARA GARCIA (IC)	1,000.00
Music	LISA SHUMAS (IC)	1,000.00
Physical Education	MARA ROONEY (IC)	1,000.00
Technology Education	NATHANIEL BENDER (HS)	1,000.00
World Languages	CAROL RAMSEY (HS) & ANNE FITCH (HS)	500.00 each

Recommendations for Contracts for 2005-2006 School Year (continued)

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching/Band Positions for 2005-2006

DOUGLAS P. HENNING	Football Head Coach, IC	\$2,442.00
RICHARD HESS	Head Soccer Coach, IC	2,855.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Soccer Coach, IC	2,424.00
KATIE MULLEN	Head Field Hockey Coach, IC	2,072.00
MARA ROONEY	Head Field Hockey Coach, IC	2,572.00
RICHARD HESS	Athletic Director, IC	5,284.00
EDWARD GALLAGHER	Head Football Coach, HS	6,837.00
WAYNE MACFARLAND	Asst. Football Coach, HS	4,929.00
KEITH BUSSOM	Asst. Football Coach, HS	4,171.00
ANTHONY CIPRIANO	Asst. Football Coach, HS	5,728.00
WILLIAM CODDINGTON	Freshman Football Coach, HS	4,954.00
KIMBERLY DUDEK	Asst. Field Hockey Coach, HS	3,001.00
JEFFREY WALKER	Freshman Boys Soccer Coach, HS	3,098.00
FRED CICACCI	Head Golf Coach, HS	3,396.00
JAMES O'NEILL	Head Girls Cross County Coach, HS	3,470.00
JOHN DONAHUE	Head Boys Cross Country Coach, HS	3,470.00
BRAD GARRETT	Asst. Girls Tennis Coach, HS	1,995.00
JOSEPH REICHERT	Marching Band Director, HS	4,359.00
ADAM TUCKER	Marching Band Asst. Director, HS	2,876.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Baseball Coach (HS)	4,082.00
AMANDA WEBER	Head Girls Volleyball Coach (HS)	3,513.00

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Recommendations for Contracts for 2005-2006 School Year (continued)

Contracted Services for Coaching/Band Positions for 2005-2006

MICHAEL ROWAN	Asst. Football Coach, IC	\$1,849.00
PAUL FARGO	Asst. Football Coach, IC	1,660.00
JAMES HENNING	Asst. Football Coach, HS	4,786.00
ROBERT MCNALLY	Asst. Football Coach, HS	4,954.00
DAVID ALLEM	Freshman Football Coach, HS	3,744.00
MARY ANN HARRIS	Head Field Hockey Coach, HS	4,622.00
JOAN MOSER	Asst. Field Hockey Coach, HS	3,001.00
LEE SPEERS	Asst. Boys Soccer Coach, HS	3,286.00
^ANTHONY COLELLI	JV Boys Soccer Coach, HS	2,496.00
LESLIE REYBURN-SHISLER	Head Cheerleading Coach, HS	5,001.00
RACHEL MOYER	Asst. Cheerleading Coach, HS	2,739.00
TERRENCE NESENHORN	Head Water Polo Coach, HS	3,674.00
RYAN MCGRATH	Asst. Water Polo Coach, HS	2,073.00
NANCY KIMBEL	Head Girls Tennis Coach, HS	2,850.00
AMY ALWINE	Freshman Field Hockey Coach (HS)	2,913.00
PERRY BOUCHER	Head Percussion Instructor, HS	2,437.00
DAVID FRY	Asst. Percussion Instructor, HS	1,437.00
LARRY TRIMBLE	Head Colorguard Instructor, HS	2,437.00
STEVE RAYSOR	Asst. Colorguard Instructor, HS	1,828.00
~MATTHEW THOMPSON	Marching Band Instructor, HS	1,000.00
~JONATHAN KLINE	Asst. Percussion Instructor, HS	1,200.00

^New to coaching at SASD

~ Paid by Big Red Band Booster

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 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 Ralph "Bud" Miller, Representatives

No report.

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM at the North Montco Technical Career Center, Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ralph "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities

Mr. Leer presented the requests for use of school facilities in the absence of Mr. Miller. Mr. Leer stated that the requests conform to prevailing rates and present policy.

Souderton Aquatic Club

Senior High School

Wednesdays, September 28; October 26; November 30; December 21, 2005; January 25;
February 22, 2006

Board Meetings

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Tabor United Methodist Church

Indian Valley Middle School

Wednesdays, September 7, 2005 - December 28, 2005

Youth Group

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (2) tables

Souderton Youth Football Cheerleaders

Lower Salford Elementary School

Thursdays, September 8, 2005 - November 17, 2005

Cheerleading Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Souderton Youth Football Cheerleading

Franconia Elementary School

Tuesdays, September 6, 2005 - September 27, 2005; Fridays, September 30, 2005 - November 18, 2005

Cheerleading Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

S/H Youth Basketball

Franconia Elementary School

Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays, December 1, 2005 - March 18, 2006

Basketball Program

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour

Souderton Baseball

Franconia Elementary School

Thursdays, January 5, 2006 - March 30, 2006

Baseball Clinic

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Telford Hills Condominium Association

Indian Crest Junior High School

Monday, September 19, 2005

Meeting

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (80) chairs, (6) tables

Souderton Youth Football Cheerleading

E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School

Mondays thru Thursdays, September 7, 2005 - September 29, 2005; Thursdays & Fridays,
October 6, 2005 - November 17, 2005

Cheerleading Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Harlesyville Thunderbirds

Salford Hills Elementary School

Wednesdays, October 5, 2005 - April 26, 2006

Pitching Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

S/H Youth Basketball

Salford Hills Elementary School

Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, November 29, 2005 - March 18, 2006

Basketball Program

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour & \$32/hour

Souderton Youth Football Cheerleaders

Salford Hills Elementary School

Thursdays, September 8, 2005 - November 17, 2005

Cheerleading Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

S/H Youth Basketball

Vernfield Elementary School

Fridays & Saturdays, October 1, 2005 - November 24, 2005

Basketball Program

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Harleysville Thunderbirds

Indian Valley Middle School

Sundays, January 8, 2006 - March 26, 2006

Practice

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$32/hour

Indian Valley YMCA

Indian Valley Middle School

Saturdays, September 24, 2005 - November 12, 2005

Soccer Clinics

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

S/H Youth Basketball

Indian Valley Middle School

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, October 1, 2005 - March 18, 2006

Basketball Program

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour

S/H Youth Basketball

Indian Crest Junior High School

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, December 2, 2005 - March 18, 2006

Basketball Program

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour & \$32/hour

The North Pennsmen

Senior High School

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Rehearsal

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

New High School Project

Mr. Leer indicated that the Act 34 Hearing on the new high school project was held on July 28th and Act 34 testimony will be accepted until 4:00 PM, Tuesday, August 29, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

Operations Committee

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eric MacDougall, Chairperson

Recommendation to Approve 2004-2005 Budget Transfers

There was a motion by Mr. MacDougall, second by Mrs. Cole and on a vote of 6-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2004-2005 budget transfers as presented.

EXHIBIT A

PSBA Owner-Controlled Insurance Program

Mr. MacDougall indicated that there was a presentation at the last Finance Committee meeting regarding the owner-controlled insurance program through PSBA. He indicated that the committee and the administration will continue to explore this option and will get additional information in order to weigh the pros and cons. There will be discussions held with the architect.

Mrs. Johnson asked if contractors would provide limited insurance or none at all.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that this would cover liability insurance, as well as the workers compensation program. It is his understanding that the contractors would not have to provide any of their own insurance for this particular project.

(NOTE: Dr. Parry arrived at this point in the meeting.)

Fundraising Efforts

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Finance Committee had a presentation by Schultz & Williams regarding fundraising efforts in terms of the new high school building project. They discussed ways to generate money for naming rights as well as contributions for the project. The committee will continue to review this concept.

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POLICY COMMITTEE

Tracy Cole, Chairperson

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 6:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Heidi Johnson, Representative

No report.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Richard Thompson, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tracy Cole, Representative

No report.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Sharon Gehret, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

Dr. John Eells, Coordinator

No report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Johnson indicated that she had a request that the District no longer send the postcards regarding meetings. She indicated that with email and other forms of communication, the postcards are no longer necessary.

Mrs. Cole expressed her appreciation to the administration and staff who work hard over the summer to get the schools ready for the new school year. She added that many parents have been helping at the secondary schools, particularly with handouts for the beginning of the year and stuffing envelopes with materials that will be sent home in the first few days of school.

Unfinished/New Business

Mr. Forstater, resident of the district, read a portion of the recent Board minutes and questioned the Board in terms of what information was sent out regarding the Act 34 Hearing for the high school.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that legal notices and media packets were sent out. The packets were sent out 14 days prior to the hearing.

Mrs. Cole indicated that there were email alerts through the District's email notification system.

Mrs. Jamison indicated there were announcements regarding the hearing on cable channel 78.

Mr. Forstater expressed his concern that residents don't seek out the information.

Dr. Amuso also indicated that he was part of a talk show on WNPV Radio regarding the new high school project.

Mr. Forstater also expressed his concern that residents are not aware of the true cost and tax impact.

Mrs. Cole indicated that there was a newsletter sent out to all residents earlier in the process that addressed all of the issues regarding the high school, including cost and tax impact.

Mr. Forstater indicated that the true costs were not presented in a meaningful manner.

Mrs. Cole responded that there is a great deal of meaningful information on the District's Web site regarding the new high school. The Board and administration have been very upfront with this project.

Mr. Forstater offered his opinion that the new high school building is too expensive and is being over-built. The actual PEL report doesn't match the figures that have been reported.

Evelyn Kampmeyer, from Montgomeryville, expressed her concern that she is not in favor of a grade structure that includes ninth grade at the high school. She indicated that there would be control issues and a greater problem with discipline. She asked the Board to consider a different grade structure.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the architect, in conjunction with direction from the administration, has designed a building that will have a "small school feel."

Mr. Swartley indicated that current bussing for the students has children in grades eight through twelve together. He also indicated that the Demographics Committee has studied these issues and the recommendation was for a grade structure reflecting a nine to twelve high school.

Ms. Kampmeyer asked if the ninth graders would be sharing facilities, for instance the gym and cafeteria.

Mr. Silva responded that it is likely that all students attending the high school would share those facilities.

Unfinished/New Business

Mr. Leer asked if the nine to twelve structure is the most common.

Mrs. Johnson indicated that Pennridge had their populations divided into two groups – 9-10 and 11-12. She felt that our plan mimics the Pennridge plan when she attended there. Mrs. Johnson added that with our current system, there are more transitions. The 9-12 grade structure and the two middle schools of grades 6-8 will have less transitions. She also felt that the district could be successful in creating a “small house feel” within a larger building.

David Lord asked why the tape of the Act 34 Hearing was not played on the cable channel.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the hearing was not taped.

Mr. Forstater again questioned the PEL enrollment numbers.

Mrs. Cole clarified the enrollment projections.

Mr. Swartley indicated that at this point we are in a different phase of the project. When the decision was made the projected number was 2250. Essentially the building was built for 2500 students.

Mr. Forstater expressed his concern that there will be many empty rooms and the Board has not been fiscally responsible with the project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Mr. MacDougall, second by Dr. Parry, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the adjournment of the meeting at 8:22 PM.

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stan Wisler
Secretary