

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, September 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Also present at the meeting were Dr. Charles D. Amuso, Karen Berk, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Ellen Jamison, Glenn Keller, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Stan Wisler, representatives from The Reporter, The Souderton Independent, The Intelligencer, The Morning Call, Radio Station WNPV and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

Requests for Conferences/Workshops

Upon a motion by Mr. McDougall, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

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

TIMOTHY ROBERTS
Supervisor of Technology

Dell K-12 Executive Briefing
Round Rock, TX
September 13-15, 2005 (Tues.-Thurs.)
Est. Expenses: \$570.00
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$570.00

DEBRA GEISSLER
Special Education, Indian Valley M. S.

Special Olympics PA Leadership Conference
Harrisburg, PA
September 16-19, 2005 (Fri.-Sun.)
Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00
Sub. Expenses: 100.00
Total Expenses: \$100.00

Report of the Superintendent

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

DR. CHARLES D. AMUSO Superintendent of Schools	Lehigh Study Council Educational Leadership Conference Boston, MA September 27-30, 2005 (Tues.-Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$2,490.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$2,490.00
JACK SILVA Director of Secondary Education	
GRACE EVES Assistant Business Manager	Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials – Elements of School Finance Grantville, PA October 11, 2005 (Tues.) Est. Expenses: \$185.75 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$185.75
TRACY COLE School Board Member	Pennsylvania School Boards Association School Leadership Conference Hershey, PA October 26-27, 2005 (Wed.-Thurs.) Est. Expenses: \$503.69 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$503.69
DR. CHARLES D. AMUSO Superintendent of Schools	Pennsylvania School Boards Association School Law Workshop Hershey, PA October 26, 2005 (Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$205.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$205.00
PATRICIA GOODHART Registrar, Student Accounting Specialist	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Conference Hershey, PA October 28, 2005 (Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$169.19 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$169.19

Report of the Superintendent

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

TOM FERLICK Assistant Principal, Indian Valley M. S.	National Middle Level Conference Philadelphia, PA November 3, 2005 (Thurs.)
JOYCE MUNDY Assistant Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High	Est. Expenses: \$54.30 (combined)
JACK SILVA Director of Secondary Education	Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> (combined) Total Expenses: \$54.30 (combined)
JOEL BERGER Technology Ed., Indian Valley M. S.	National Middle School Conference Philadelphia, PA November 4, 2005 (Fri.)
NANCY CIANCHETTA Science, Indian Valley M. S.	Est. Expenses: \$1,668.60 (combined)
CAROLE DARRAGH Language Arts, Indian Valley M. S.	Sub. Expenses: <u>600.00</u> (for 6 teachers) Total Expenses: \$2,268.60 (combined)
TOM FERLICK Assistant Principal, Indian Valley M. S.	
ERIC HARTMAN Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High	JOYCE MUNDY Assistant Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High
ALISON KIRCHER Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High	JEFF PAMMER Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High
SUSAN MARKLEY Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High	JACK SILVA Director of Secondary Education
GRACE EVES Assistant Business Manager	Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials – Elements of State Subsidies Grantville, PA November 22, 2005 (Tues.)
	Est. Expenses: \$185.75
	Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$185.75

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Stan Wisler

School Board Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the School Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2005.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Richard Swartley

An Executive Session was held August 25, 2005 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 30 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on September 7, 2005 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

Appointment of Treasurer to Fill Vacancy

Mr. MacDougall nominated Grace Eves for the position of Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Donna Devlin.

There was a motion by Mr. MacDougall to appoint Grace Eves as Treasurer to complete the unexpired term of Donna Devlin, and to accept the resignation of Donna Devlin as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That Grace Eves be appointed as School Board Treasurer to complete the unexpired term of Donna Devlin who resigned as Treasurer as of September 15, 2005. Grace Eves' term will expire on June 30, 2006.

Mr. Swartley announced that there would be an Executive Session following the Board meeting to discuss personnel items.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Financial Statements for August 2005

Mr. MacDougall gave the financial report for August 2005 as an information item.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Richard Thompson, Chairperson

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Souderton Area School District/Montgomery County Community College Dual Credit Program and Souderton Area School District/DeSales University Partnership Program

There was a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. MacDougall to take these two items as one motion.

Mr. Silva explained both programs: The dual credit program with the Montgomery County Community College and the DeSales University Partnership Program.

Mr. Miller asked who pays for the course with regards to the Community College program.

Mr. Silva responded that it would be eventually offset by grant money.

Education-Personnel Committee

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Souderton Area School District/Montgomery County Community College Dual Credit Program and Souderton Area School District/DeSales University Partnership Program (continued)

Mr. Miller then asked, regarding the DeSales Partnership Program, when the teachers would be taking the courses.

Mr. Silva responded that it would be outside of the school day.

Mr. Miller then recognized Paul Mike Bitner who was in the audience, and who is chairman of the Montgomery County Community College Board.

Jerry Forstater, resident of Harleysville, asked if there were grants for other courses/classes for a more advanced technical school as opposed to going to college.

Mr. Silva indicated that at this point, he is not aware of any, but would continue to look at our options.

Dr. Parry questioned the DeSales Partnership Program in relation to the induction program.

Mr. Silva responded that this program is over and above the requirements of the induction program.

Dr. Parry asked if the DeSales program would utilize the Blackboard Online type program.

Mr. Silva responded no, this would actually entail attending classes.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve both the Montgomery County Community College Dual Credit Program and the DeSales University Partnership Program.

EXHIBIT A and B

Second Reading of Curriculum/Textbooks

Mr. Thompson indicated that the following curriculum and textbooks were presented for a second reading:

- a. Elementary Beliefs About the Instruction of Reading
- b. Revised Elementary Reading Curriculum - Reading Units of Study for Grades 3-5
- c. Conceptual Physics – High School Elective
- d. Math 6
- e. Math 7
- f. Geometry/Unified Arts – 7th Grade
- g. 3-D Design I
- h. 3-D Design II
- i. Drawing and Sculpture
- j. Drawing and Painting II

Education-Personnel Committee

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Special Education Plan for Services and Programs for 2005-2008

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

Mrs. Berk indicated that the Special Education Plan is required every three years and this outlines our program.

Dr. Parry asked if it could be modified if there are changes.

Mrs. Berk responded yes, the plan can be modified if there are changes to the program.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Special Education Plan for Services and Programs years 2005-2008 as presented. **EXHIBIT C**

Inclusion and the Least Restrictive Environment

Mr. Thompson indicated that at the last Education-Personnel Committee meeting, there was a discussion lead by Mrs. Berk and Mrs. Johnson regarding inclusion and the least restrictive environment.

Second Reading of Strategic Plan Midpoint Review

Mr. Silva reviewed the process regarding the midpoint review of the Strategic Plan.

Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the out-of-state field trips requests as listed:

a. Souderton Area High School "Big Red" Marching Band

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2005

Destination: South Brunswick High School, South Brunswick, NJ

Purpose of Trip: United States Scholastic Band Association Marching Band
Competition

Teacher Advisor: Joseph Reichert

Number of Chaperones: 2 – Teachers 8 – Parents

6 – Other Professional Staff

Number of Students: 70

Financing of Trip: Fundraising Activities

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CURRICULUM ITEMS

Out-of-State Field Trip Requests (continued)

- b. Souderton Area High School "Big Red" Marching Band
Date: Saturday, October 8, 2005
Destination: Towson University, Towson, MD
Purpose of Trip: Bands of America Regional Championships
Teacher Advisor: Joseph Reichert
Number of Chaperones: 2 – Teachers 8 – Parents
 6 – Other Professional Staff
Number of Students: 70
Financing of Trip: Fundraising Activities
- c. Souderton Area High School "Big Red" Marching Band
Date: Saturday, November 12, 2005
Destination: Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ
Purpose of Trip: United States Scholastic Band Association All-State Championships
Teacher Advisor: Joseph Reichert
Number of Chaperones: 2 – Teachers 8 – Parents
 6 – Other Professional Staff
Number of Students: 70
Financing of Trip: Fundraising Activities

Mr. MacDougall then asked a question regarding the math curriculum for sixth and seventh grades. He asked if the "Everyday Math" program, used at the elementary schools, would be integrated into the sixth and seventh grade program.

Mr. Silva explained that the sixth and seventh grade program is designed to bridge the change from "Everyday Math" to the secondary math program. The current curriculum is being reviewed for potential revision.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Professional Staff transfer and recommendations for employment as listed:

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PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Transfer

AMANDA WEBER
Replacement for
Lori Graf (childrearing)

From: Special Education Aide, Indian Crest Jr. High
To: Learning Support, Indian Crest Jr. High
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective: First semester, 2005-2006 school year

Education

Shippensburg Univ. (BS) 2002

Experience

May 2001-June 2005-SASD-Indian Crest-Special
Education Aide and Substitute Teacher

Recommended Salary

\$18,025 – B (1)

Recommendations for Employment

DANIEL DEITSCH
Replacement for
Patricia Josee Voorstad (resigned)

Chemistry Teacher, Senior High School
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective: 2005-2006 school year

Education

Temple Univ. (BS) 2005

Experience

Spring 2005-Philadelphia S.D.-Central High School
Chemistry-Student Teaching
Fall 2004-North Penn S.D.-North Penn High School
Observation

Recommended Salary

\$36,050 – B (1)

KATHRYN KARLAVAGE
Replacement for
Lisa Prendergast (resigned)

Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE
Beginning: 2005-2006 school year

Education

Millersville Univ. (BS) 2001

Experience

2002-2005-Columbia Borough S.D.-Eighth Grade
Learning Support
Feb.-June 2002-Columbia Borough S.D.-Tenth
Grade Learning Support (LTS)

Recommended Salary

\$37,477 – B+12 (2)

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PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

THOMAS WEIR Technology Education, Indian Crest Jr. High
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
James Chaikowsky Effective: 2005-2006 school year
(military leave)

Education

Univ. of Pittsburgh (BA) 2000
Holy Family College (M) 2002

Experience

Oct. 2004-June 2005-SASD-Indian Crest Jr. High
Building Substitute
Feb. 2003-Oct. 2004-Pennridge S.D., North Penn
S.D., Wissahickon S.D.-Substitute Teacher

Recommended Salary

\$39,646 – M (1)

SUPPORT STAFF

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. MacDougall, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

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

Resignations

ANDREA S. BENTZ Special Education Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Effective: September 7, 2005

DEBRA H. GUERREIRO Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Effective: August 26, 2005

KATE GWILLIAM Special Education Aide, Senior High School
Effective: August 29, 2005

ROBERT HINKLE Part-Time Custodian, Senior High School
Effective: August 29, 2005

TAMMY MARSHALL Title I Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Effective: September 7, 2005

MICHELLE A. MASON Special Education, Autistic Support Aide
Vernfield Elem.
Effective: September 7, 2005

BLAIR RUSH Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Franconia Elem.
Effective: June 30, 2005

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Transfers

CHERYL BATES

Replacement for
Deborah Coll (transfer)

From: Food Service Specialist
To: Food Service Manager Trainee
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$9.46 per hour
Hours: 5 per day

ANGELENA HEARN

Replacement for
Vicki Pavlichko (resigned)

From: Substitute Special Education Learning
Support Aide, Indian Valley M. S.
To: Special Education Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 5.5 per day

BERNADETTE MOWER

Replacement for
Deb Petrov (transfer)

From: Special Education Aide, Vernfield Elem.
To: Special Education Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 5.5 per day

Recommendations for Employment

BRADLEY BARGHER

Replacement for
Robert Hinkle (resigned)

Part-Time Custodian, Senior High School
Beginning: September 8, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

NATALIE CONARD

Replacement for
Sally Matsko (transfer)

Special Education LSSI Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$9.25 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

DIANE DETWEILER

Replacement for
Pam Taylor (resigned)

Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 1.5 per day

ANTHONY DiDOMENICO

Replacement for
Barbara Kuremsky (resigned)

Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.
Beginning: September 8, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

VICKI L. FREED Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Franconia Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 6, 2005
Blair Rush (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 1 per day

BRIANA LEE Title I Language Arts and Math Aide
Replacement for E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Shawn Warmkessel (transfer) Beginning: September 8, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$12.00 per hour
Hours: 6 per day

JAMIE McFADDEN ESL Aide, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. and
Replacement for Franconia Elem.
Jennifer Worthington (transfer) Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$12.00 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

JAMES RHODES Substitute Security Guard, Senior High School
Beginning: 2005-2006 school year
Hourly Rate: \$13.50 per hour
Hours: as needed

DEBORAH ROBINSON Cafeteria Aide, Indian Valley M. S.
Replacement for Beginning: September 8, 2005
Lisa Lacomba (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 3 per day

STEPHANIE SHAWN SMITH Special Education Autistic Support Aide
Replacement for Vernfield Elem.
Roseanna Vellner (transfer) Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

BRENDA SNYDER Special Education Autistic Support Aide
New position as per Salford Hills Elem.
2005-2006 budget. Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

EULA WALLACE
New position as per
2005-2006 budget.

Special Education Autistic Support Aide
Indian Crest Jr. High
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$8.50 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

JEANMARIE WEIR
Replacement for
Tammy Marshall (resigned)

Title I Math Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Beginning: September 16, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$12.00 per hour
Hours: 6 per day

STACIE YANEZ
Replacement for
Ann Krakau (resigned)

Title I Aide and Cafeteria/Playground Aide
Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2005
Hourly Rate: \$12.00 per hour-Title I Aide
8.50 per hour-Cafeteria/Playground Aide
Hours: 6 per day-Title I Aide
1 per day-Cafeteria/Playground Aide

Recommendations for Contracted Services

Upon a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. MacDougall, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the contracted services, additions/deletions to the substitute teacher listing for 2005-2006, and the doctor and dentist assignments for 2005-2006 as listed:

JILL ALBAUGH

District Occupational Therapist
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$49.45 per hour
Hours: 20-30 per week

KRISTINE CASHATT

District Occupational Therapist
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$47.75 per hour
Hours: approximately 15 per week

PATRICIA GIDARO

District Physical Therapist
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$51.50 per hour
Hours: approximately 40 per week

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PERSONNEL ITEMS

Recommendations for Contracted Services (continued)

CLAIRE HOLCOMBE District Speech & Language Clinician
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$47.00 per hour
Hours: approximately 15 per week

DEBORAH NELSON District Behavior Specialist
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$49.45 per hour
Hours: as needed; 8-10 per week

SHEEVA PARSIA District Occupational Therapist
Effective: 2005-2006 School Year
Hourly Rate: \$48.40 per hour
Hours: approximately 20-30 per week

Additions/Deletions to the Substitute Teaching Listing for 2005-2006

EXHIBIT D

Doctor and Dentist Assignments for 2005-2006

Dr. Heather Hart Medical Director \$2,500.00

Physicians - \$13.00 per physical - \$100.00 retainer per elementary school

Tri-Valley Primary Care (Souderton Office)

Dr. Heather Hart E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Grace Christian School
Penn View Christian School
Salford Hills Elem.

Dr. Lori Rousche Senior High School

Dr. Daniel Cochran Senior High School
West Broad Street Elem.

Tri-Valley Primary Care (Lower Salford Office)

Dr. Curt Carlier Indian Valley Middle School

Dr. Susan Underwood

Dr. Joseph Ulasewicz Lower Salford Elem.
Franconia Elem.
Oak Ridge Elem.
Vernfield Elem.

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PERSONNEL ITEMS

Doctor and Dentist Assignments for 2005-2006 (continued)

Upper Bucks Orthopedic Associates

Dr. Richard Godshall (et al) Senior High School – sports
\$75.00 per home varsity football game

Dentists - \$5.00 per examination

Dr. John Nase Indian Valley Middle School
Dr. Benjamin Nase Salford Hills Elem.
Dr. Bruce Tollin Lower Salford Elem.
Dr. Michael Boraski Franconia Elem.

Dr. Tracy Reinhart and/or Penn View Christian School
Dr. George Reinhart West Broad Street Elem.
E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

Dr. Marc Lipkin Oak Ridge Elem.
Vernfield Elem.

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 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, September 19, 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. Miller presented the requests for use of school facilities stating that the requests conform to prevailing rates and present policy.

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Indian Valley YMCA

Lower Salford Elementary School

Tuesday, November 8; Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21, 22, 23, 2005;

Monday, January 2; Thursday & Friday, February 16, 17 and Friday, March 17, 2006

Y-Day

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - chairs, tables

P.A.G.E.

Indian Valley Middle School

Saturday, April 22, 2006

Science Saturday

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour - (8) tables

Souderton Soccer League

Franconia Elementary School

Saturday, September 10, 2005

Soccer Pictures

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Indian Valley YMCA

Franconia Elementary School

Tuesday, November 8; Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21, 22, 23, 2005

Monday, January 2; Thursday & Friday, February 16, 17; Friday, March 17, 2006

Y-Day

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - chairs, tables

Cub Pack #91

Oak Ridge Elementary School

Tuesday, September 20; Fridays, September 23; October 21; November 18; December 16, 2005;

Wednesday, January 18; Fridays, January 20; March 17; April 21, 2006

Monthly Meetings & Pinewood Derby

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - chairs, tables, sound system

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School

Friday, September 9, 2005

Back to School Bash

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (10) tables

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School

Mondays, September 12; October 10; November 14, 2005;

January 9; February 13; March 13; April 10; May 8; June 12, 2006

Home & School Meetings

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Cub Scout Pack #137

Lower Salford Elementary School

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Registration

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (3) tables

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School

Friday, October 14, 2005

Intermediate Prime Time

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Cub Scout Pack #137

Lower Salford Elementary School

Friday, December 16, 2005

Holiday Pack Party

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (10-12) tables

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School

Friday, January 27, 2006

Bingo Night

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School

Friday, April 7, 2006

Primary Prime Time

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School
Friday, April 28, 2006
Spring Carnival Set-Up
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School
Saturday, April 29, 2006
Spring Carnival
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Lower Salford Elementary School
Friday, May 19, 2005
Academic Day
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

S/H Youth Basketball

Indian Valley Middle School
Saturday, January 14, 2006
Photo Day
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour

Big Red Band Boosters

Franconia Elementary School
Sunday, Septebmer 11, 2005
Fundraiser Car Wash
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$32/hour (if needed) - water supply

Community Flag Football

Indian Crest Junior High School
Sundays, September 11, 2005 - November 13, 2005
Flag Football
Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Cub Pack #91

Indian Crest Junior High School

Saturday, February 25, 2006

Blue & Gold Banquet

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour - cafeteria overtime \$24/hour
(if needed) - chairs, tables, sound system

Lions Gate Homeowners Association

West Broad Street Elementary School

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Homeowner's Meeting

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - (75) chairs, (2) tables, sound system

Cub Pack #91

Senior High School

Saturday, March 25, 2006

Pool Party

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate - custodial overtime \$24/hour, supervisor \$15.50/hour, guard
\$11/hour

Souderton Aquatic Club

Senior High School

Monday, September 19, 2005

New Parents Meeting

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Souderton Aquatic Club

Senior High School

Monday, September 26, 2005

Yearly Club Meeting

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Lower Salford Home & School Association

Senior High School

Friday, November 11, 2005

Lip Sync

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy.

Franconia Home & School Association

Franconia Elementary School

Friday, September 9, 2005

Back to School Picnic

Class 3 - Insurance Certificate

At this point, Mr. Swartley indicated that the Board would be taking a brief Executive Session for consultation and to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session lasted from 8:00 PM to 8:32 PM.

New High School Project

Recommendation to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Franconia Township and the Souderton Area School District Related to the New High School Project.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. MacDougall to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Franconia Township and the Souderton Area School District relative to the new high school project, subject to administration and solicitor review, and approval of final wording, review of exhibits and modification to the second paragraph of #7, reworded to indicate that the Souderton Area School District ***shall receive a credit or an offset in the amount of \$150,000 for the potential bridge work costs.***

Mr. Miller explained that the agreement allows us to move forward with the sewer and offsite improvements. He briefly explained the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. MacDougall asked if this will go from a memorandum to an agreement.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that paragraph #10 indicates that a more detailed agreement would be executed within 60 days.

Mr. Miller also explained the rezoning and the importance of the dates outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Dr. Parry asked for clarification regarding the motion.

Mr. Sultanik reviewed the motion and the intent.

Mr. Forstater asked if it was available for review by the public since it was a legal agreement.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the document was approved by the Franconia Township earlier and was a public document through that process.

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Recommendation to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Franconia Township and the Souderton Area School District Related to the New High School Project.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Franconia Township and the Souderton Area School District relative to the new high school project, subject to administrative and solicitor review, approval of final wording, review of exhibits and modification to the second paragraph of #7, reworded to indicate that the Souderton Area School District *shall receive a credit or an offset in the amount of \$150,000 for the potential bridge work costs.*

EXHIBIT E

Recommendation to Submit PlanCon D and E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Including the Act 34 Transcript and Letters of Testimony.

Mr. Miller referred to Attachment B-7 regarding PlanCon D and E.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Leer to submit PlanCon D and E to the Department of Education.

Dr. Parry asked if once this is submitted to PDE, can changes still be made to the design.

Mr. Sultanik responded yes, changes can be made as long as they don't cost more than 8% over the maximum construction cost. He indicated that this is a ministerial action; it is a submission of documentation. The Board is "committed" when the District actually accepts bids.

Mr. Miller reviewed the Act 34 correspondence received.

Mr. Sultanik reviewed the purpose for the comments and that the documents will be submitted to the state. He mentioned that the comments are mostly for School Board use.

Mrs. Cole asked when we would hear back from the state regarding the submission.

Dr. Amuso responded that the District's hope is that we will hear something by November.

Mr. Pollack indicated that we will have a review at PDE regarding the submission.

Dr. Parry referred to the August 31, 2004 timeline and asked if the District still expected to bid the project by January 2006.

Dr. Amuso indicated that we are still anticipating that bids would go out around January 2006.

Dr. Parry asked when the bids would be received.

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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

New High School Project (continued)

Recommendation to Submit PlanCon D and E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Including the Act 34 Transcript and Letters of Testimony (continued).

Dr. Amuso indicated that we currently anticipate that the bids would be received in March 2006 and then the District has 60 days to approve the bids.

Dr. Parry asked if the structure could be modified after receiving bids.

Mr. Sultanik indicated no, at that point the District would need jurisdictional approvals for the changes.

Dr. Parry asked several questions regarding the logistics of making changes.

Mr. Sultanik indicated if there is an intent to make changes it should be done now.

Mr. Miller also indicated that now is the time to talk about changes, especially if any Board member is changing their course or changing the course that we have already taken. He went on to mention that we have received some good feedback. All of the issues that have been mentioned in the correspondence have been discussed and decided on months, and in some cases, years ago. Mr. Miller indicated that he has not seen anything in the correspondence that has changed his mind. Moving forward is imperative in terms of cost, especially with increased costs that may be related to the Katrina disaster.

Mr. Miller also continued that the athletic facilities are an important part of the educational program and process. Academically strong students are typically involved in extra-curricular activities. It is an essential part of the program. He also indicated that the market value of properties will increase with the quality of the high school building.

Mrs. Cole indicated that there is a cost of educating children and this is one of the best deals going.

Wolf Lackler, resident of Upper Salford, asked if the District can make changes to the design to reduce costs or is it just in terms of increase.

Mr. Sultanik indicated no, certainly reductions can be made as well.

Mr. Forstater indicated that the Board should have looked at what taxpayers can afford first. There is a limit as to what can be borrowed in terms of a person borrowing for a mortgage. That should have been reviewed first in terms of the District's costs for this new high school.

Mr. Miller explained the process from early on.

Mr. Swartley also indicated that the District does have a borrowing limit and there is a state formula for the amount that we can borrow. We will be borrowing less than our limit would allow.

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

New High School Project (continued)

Recommendation to Submit PlanCon D and E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Including the Act 34 Transcript and Letters of Testimony (continued).

Mr. Forstater questioned the schedule and if we realistically expected the process to be ready for bids in January. He also questioned the process in terms of approving both PlanCon D and E together.

Mr. Miller indicated that Mr. Breslin has done numerous schools over his career and it is OK to submit both PlanCon D and E together.

Mr. Sultanik agreed that this is an ambitious schedule.

Bill Brong, resident of the district, asked if after bids are open, and if they are over 8%, are we forced to redesign.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that if they exceed the 8% limit, there would be an additional Act 34 hearing.

David Lord, from Telford, asked if there was a referendum requirement.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that only if the project cost exceeds a certain dollar amount.

Karen Delp, from the audience, shared that she had two children who went through the system. She commented regarding the importance of the quality program in terms of two of her sons, who were at the top of their class, and then how they fared in their first year in college. She indicated that the focus needs to be on academics, not athletics.

Mrs. Cole explained the process through the design of the new high school, indicating that the administration met with the academic departments to provide the appropriate design.

Mr. Silva also explained the discussions that led to the current design.

Mrs. Cole indicated that although the recent focus has been on the new high school, the Board is charged with a district-wide educational program. She felt the Board has been deliberative and methodical in the process of the design.

Mr. Lord reiterated his concern with the way the swimming pool design was changed based on parents of swimmers who showed up at a meeting. In relation to the District, only .04% of residents wanted a larger pool.

Mrs. Cole indicated that the Act 34 hearing was for the entire community. She felt that the original drawings should not have been submitted with a lesser pool than we currently have.

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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

New High School Project (continued)

Recommendation to Submit PlanCon D and E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Including the Act 34 Transcript and Letters of Testimony (continued).

Mr. Forstater shared the number of "hits" that his Web site has had regarding reduction in costs and redesign of the new high school.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the submission of PlanCon D and E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, including the Act 34 transcript and Letters of Testimony. **EXHIBIT F**

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Forstater for the time he spent developing his Web site.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 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 Acknowledge Receipt of Auditor General's Report for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

Mr. MacDougall reviewed the audit report from the recent state audit. He indicated that there were no findings, but that there was one observation regarding criminal history checks for bus drivers through Transportation Services, Inc. Mr. MacDougall indicated that it was an observation, not a finding since the District is not required to provide updated criminal history checks.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that many other districts have had this observation. It is his firm's opinion that the state auditing department has no basis to make this observation.

Mrs. Murphy, a resident of the area, asked how often the criminal history check is required.

Finance Committee

Recommendation to Acknowledge Receipt of Auditor General's Report for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (continued).

Mr. MacDougall indicated that current requirements call for criminal history checks prior to employment, but nothing after that. He also indicated that TSI has agreed to get updated clearances every five years.

There was a motion by Mr. MacDougall, second by Mr. Thompson, and on a vote of 7-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board acknowledge receipt of the Auditor General's Report for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 as presented and to submit the Response as attached.

EXHIBIT G

Mr. MacDougall indicated that Mr. Wisler and his staff are to be complimented for their positive report from the state auditors.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tracy Cole, Chairperson

Policies Currently Under Review

Mrs. Cole indicated that the following policies are under review:

- a. Policy #913.1 – Commercialism in Schools
- b. Policy #815.2 – Web Site Development

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 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

Mr. Thompson mentioned that the annual dinner dance will be held on November 5, 2005.

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

Mr. Miller asked about the enrollment increases.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the enrollment at the 9-12 grade level already exceeds the 10-year PEL projections.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the adjournment of the meeting at 9:30 PM.

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stan Wisler
Secretary