

**Souderton Area School District**  
760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

A regular public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, March 15, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Vice President Dr. Jack Parry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Mark D. Leer
	William J. Brong	R. Bud Miller
	Tracy G. Cole	Dr. Jack A. Parry
	Bernard S. Currie	Victor M. Verbeke
ABSENT:	Eric R. MacDougall	
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanic, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Jeff Pammer, Steve Pollack, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, representatives from The Reporter, The Souderton Independent, and the public.

RECOGNITION

President’s Volunteer Service Award Recipients

Dr. Amuso called on Jeff Pammer, Principal of Indian Crest Junior High School, who introduced Elizabeth Bateman and Andria Alderfer and spoke about their voluntary service. **ELIZABETH BATEMAN** and **ANDRIA ALDERFER**, two Indian Crest students, have qualified for the President’s Volunteer Service Award, a program that began in 1995. This award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

Upon a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize Elizabeth and Andria for their voluntary service to their community and country. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Amuso called on Elizabeth and Andria’s parents and thanked them for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jonathan Gardenier, of Souderton, asked if the solicitor’s opinion had changed regarding the base line mentioned on the ballot question.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Sultanik responded that his opinion has not changed.

Mr. Gardenier urged the Board to change the nonlegal interpretive statement so voters will understand what a yes and no vote mean.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

The President's Report was given by Dr. Jack Parry in the absence of Mr. MacDougall.

An Executive Session was held on February 22, 2007 to discuss potential litigation. The meeting lasted 35 minutes.

A Board information workshop relating to Special Education topics was held on March 7, 2007. This session lasted 90 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on March 7, 2007 after the Finance Meeting to discuss potential litigation. This meeting lasted 45 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 30 minutes.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education-Personnel Committee – Mr. Mark Leer, Chairperson - No report.

Operations Committee – Mr. R. "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

Mr. Miller reported that the monthly construction update was given by Warren Gericke of D'Huy Engineering. His report included discussion of Change Order G-1 for #111,831.44 resulting from the removal of unsuitable soils near the tennis court area. This item will be addressed later in tonight's agenda.

There was discussion on the proposed addendum to the Franconia Sewer Agreement. The addendum will also be addressed later in tonight's agenda.

Finance Committee – Dr. Jack Parry, Chairperson

Dr. Parry indicated that there was discussion at the meeting regarding 2006-2007 budgetary transfers, along with Mrs. Berk giving a comprehensive presentation on federal and state guidelines for special education. There was also discussion on the proposed 2007-2008 special education budget and staffing. Mr. Clemens presented a report on special education staffing for both professional positions and support staff positions.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Finance Committee (continued)

Another topic discussed at the meeting was the Act 1 Exemption Summary Sheet for Special Education which includes costs normally associated with special education and other aspects, including legal, transportation, nursing, aides, etc.

The Committee discussed the nonlegal interpretive statement to explain the Act 1 ballot question that will be voted on at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. The nonlegal interpretive statement will be addressed later in tonight’s agenda. The statement must be filed tomorrow, March 16<sup>th</sup>, with both the Montgomery County and Bucks County Board of Elections.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Tracy Cole, Chairperson

Mrs. Cole mentioned that there are several policies presented tonight for a second reading.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Amuso announced that the Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2007 School Board Meeting would be moved to the Action/Discussion part of the agenda since there were questions about the Minutes.

Action items under the consent agenda were presented for approval by Dr. Amuso.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the items listed under the consent agenda as listed:

Recommendation for Ratification and Approval of Requests to Attend Conferences and Workshops

Ratification of Request

**CHERYLE RADCLIFF**

Gifted Teacher

Indian Valley M. S.

**SARA SCHWED**

District Psychologist

Challenging the Gifted

Doylestown, PA

March 15, 2007 (Thurs.)

Est. Expenses: \$200.00 (combined)

Sub. Expenses: 103.00 (Radcliff only)

Total Expenses: \$303.00 (combined)

Requests for Approval

**GAIL RYAN**

Director of Elementary Ed.

*Paid by the Accountability*

*Block Grant*

Celebration of Teaching and Learning

New York City, NY

March 23, 2007 (Fri.)

Est. Expenses: \$318.12

Sub. Expenses: 0.00

Total Expenses: \$318.12

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Ratification and Approval of Requests to Attend Conferences and Workshops (continued)

Requests for Approval (continued)

**SHARON FUHRMAN**  
Principal, Vernfield Elem.

**FRANK GALLAGHER**  
Director of Pupil Services

**DONNA HUFF**  
Principal, Lower Salford

**MARYELLEN MYERS**  
Principal, Salford Hills

**GAIL RYAN**  
Director of Elementary Education

Pennsylvania Department of Education  
Conference 2007 – Effective Interventions:  
Meeting the Needs of All Students  
Hershey, PA  
March 28, 2007 (Wed.)  
Est. Expenses: \$ 500.00 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 500.00 (combined)  
***Paid by Accountability Block Grant***

**KAREN BERK**  
Director of Special Ed.

**REBECCA FOGLE**  
Supervisor of Secondary  
Special Education

**ELIZABETH MAZA**  
Supervisor of Elementary  
Special Education

Pennsylvania Department of Education  
Conference 2007 – Effective Interventions:  
Meeting the Needs of All Students  
Hershey, PA  
March 28-29, 2007 (Wed.,-Thurs.)  
Est. Expenses: \$1,638.20 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$1,638.20 (combined)  
***Paid from Federal Program Funds.***

**DR. W. STANTON HOLLOWAY**  
District Psychologist

Legal Issues Regarding Psychoeducational  
Assessments, Evaluation Reports, and Due  
Process Hearings  
Norristown, PA  
April 18, 2007 (Wed.)  
Est. Expenses: \$100.00  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$100.00

**THERESA BLOCK**  
Title I, Franconia Elem.

**JEAN CHRASTINA**  
Title I, Franconia Elem.  
(Sat. only)

**APRIL SMITH**  
Title I, Franconia (Fri. only)

Kutztown University Children’s Literature Conf.  
Kutztown, PA  
April 20-21, 2007 (Fri.-Sat.)  
Est. Expenses: \$320.88 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$320.88 (combined)  
***Paid from Federal Program Funds.***

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Ratification and Approval of Requests to Attend Conferences and Workshops (continued)

Requests for Approval (continued)

**SHARON ALDERFER** Schools Attuned Program: Generalist Path  
CARS Teacher New York City, NY  
Lower Salford Elem. June 18-22, 2007 (Mon.-Fri.)  
Est. Expenses: \$1,616.40  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$1,616.40

**DONNA HUFF** Schools Attuned Program: Generalist Path  
Principal, Lower Salford Rosemont, PA  
**LINDA H. MOYER** June 25-29, 2007 (Mon.-Fri.)  
Counselor, Lower Salford Est. Expenses: \$4,616.40 (combined)  
**LAURIE PLANK** Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Instructional Support Total Expenses: \$4,616.40 (combined)  
Lower Salford Elem.

Curriculum Items – Request for Overnight Field Trips

Souderton Area High School – PMEA Band Participants – Grades 11-12

Date: March 22-24, 2007 (Thurs.-Sat.)

Destination: Pennsylvania Music Educators Assoc. Region VI State Band  
Festival, Hatboro-Horsham High School, Horsham, PA

Purpose: Selected students will improve their performance experience through  
the auditioning process and large ensemble playing.

Number of Students: 3

Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 1 teacher

Requesting Teacher: Stephen Straka

Funding to Trip: Paid by High School Activity Fund

E. M. Crouthamel Elementary – Fourth Grade Students

Date: May 29, 2007 (Tues.)

Destination: Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ

Purpose: To enhance the curriculum for the science unit on oceans.

Number of Students: 60

Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 4 teachers/12 parents

Requesting Teacher: Pamela Hydeck, Jill Kardane, Linda Keller

Funding of Trip: By students and Home and School Association.

Request to add two (2) classroom aide positions at Oak Ridge Elementary, second  
grade classes, due to increased enrollment. Three hours/day, \$9.40/hour through  
the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Personnel Items

Professional Staff

Request for Childrearing Leave

**NICOLE PAUZANO** District Psychologist  
Beginning May 17, 2007 through the end of the 2006-2007 school year, following Family Medical Leave. Mrs. Pauzano is planning to return to work for the 2007-2008 school year.

**THERESE TIRADO** English Teacher, Senior High  
Beginning approximately June 3, 2007 through the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year, following Family Medical Leave. Mrs. Tirado is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

Support Staff

Resignations

**JEAN CHRASTINA** Title I Aide, Franconia Elem.  
Effective: April 4, 2007

**ERIC WENGERT** Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: March 7, 2007

Transfer

**LINDA IMBODEN** From: Full-Time Custodian, E.M.C.  
Replacement for To: Full-Time Custodian, Second Shift,  
Jean Zola (resigned) Senior High School  
Beginning: February 26, 2007  
Hourly Wage: \$17.04  
Hours: 8 per day

Recommendations for Employment

**MICHAEL CHAVEZ** Full-Time, Second Shift, Custodian, E.M.C.  
Replacement for Beginning: April 10, 2007  
Linda Imboden (transfer) Hourly Wage: \$17.04 per hour  
Hours: 8 per day

**RICHARD KINCADE** Study Hall Aide, Senior High School  
Replacement for Beginning: March 5, 2007  
Johanna Kulp (resigned) Hourly Wage: \$9.40 per hour  
Hours: 7 per day

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Supplemental Contracts for Second Semester Mentors – 2006-2007 School Year

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kerry Boyle, E.M.C.	{ LINDA MOYER }	\$150.00
	{ KAREN ELKO }	150.00
Jennifer Krause, VF	NAOMI DONOVAN	300.00
Kathryn Reichard, VF	CHRISTINE MAINE	300.00
James Garner, IC	ARLENE BUCHMAN	300.00
Joshua Klimovich, IC	ROSE HILL	300.00
Meredith McMahon, HS	JACKIE KELLY	300.00

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching Positions - 2006-2007 School Year

<b>KATIE JOHNSON</b>	Head Softball Coach (IC)	\$ 2,032.00
<b>SUSAN MARKLEY^</b>	Head Softball Coach (IC)	1,973.00
<b>MARA ROONEY</b>	Head Lacrosse Coach (IC)	2,504.00
<b>LAURA POLISH</b>	Head Track Coach (IC)	2,093.00
<b>DOUGLAS P. HENNING</b>	Head Track Coach (IC)	2,093.00
<b>DANIEL ROBBINS</b>	Developmental Basketball Coach (IC)	
	\$25/hour, 5 weeks, 6 hours per week	

^New to coaching at SASD

Contracted Services for Coaching Positions – 2006-2007 School Year

<b>EDWARD MOLNAR</b>	Head Baseball Coach (IC)	\$ 2,032.00
<b>CHRISTIAN NICKELS</b>	Head Baseball Coach (IC)	2,198.00
<b>SHERRY RUSSELL^</b>	Head Lacrosse Coach (IC)	1,973.00

^ New to coaching at SASD

Additions/Deletions to Substitute Teacher Listing for 2006-2007

Additions

**PATRICE BRUSKO**  
**HERBERT CARTER**  
**JEAN CHRASTINA**  
**EMILY CRESSMAN**  
**NANCY ENGEL**  
**JENNIFER GALAMBOS**

**STEPHEN GOURLEY**  
**DAWN LINDE**  
**SARAH MANBECK**  
**JOSHUA MARTIN**  
**ROBERT MORRIS**  
**ELISSA SANER**

Deletion

**LISA WRIGHT**

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Community Education Winter/Spring 2007 – Additional Staff and Salaries

<b>KERRY STREILEIN</b>	Basketball (Mon.) Head Instructor	\$40.00 per evening
<b>MICHAEL CURD</b>	Basketball (Mon.) Substitute	40.00 per evening
Kerry Streilein will replace Michael Curd as Head Instructor		
<b>DAVID SCHRODER</b>	Volleyball Supervisor (Wed.)	150.00
David Schroder will replace Theresa Berry at West Broad		
<b>JEFFREY CHILD</b>	Microsoft Office 2003 Advanced	250.00
<b>BOB HUBER</b>	Golf I	325.00
<b>IRENE SIVAR</b>	New England Cooking	100.00

Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Budgetary Transfers

**EXHIBIT B**

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2007 School Board Meeting

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

Mr. Currie requested modifications to the Minutes, page 268 – The presentation displayed a surplus in receipts over budget of \$3.261 million and an under spending to budget of \$2.780 million, combined with an unused budgetary reserve of \$504,000, totaling \$6.545 million of surplus funds. However, \$3.1 million has already been transferred from the balance to the Capitol Reserve Fund to pay for the new high school.

Mr. Currie also requested modifications to the Minutes, page 274 – Mr. Currie expressed concern regarding the policy containing any provisions for the Board to edit the video tape.

The vote was then taken, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2007 Board meeting with modifications as amended.

Financial Statements for Period Ending February 28, 2007 were presented as an information item.

Recommendation to Accept Grants

There was a motion by Dr. Baumgartner, second by Mr. Verbeke, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board accept the two grants as presented:



ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Accept Grants (continued)

1. Department of Community and Economic Development Robotics Program Grants - The school district has been informed that both of the grant applications submitted by Louisa Abney-Babcock, secondary Gifted Support teacher, to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the secondary level Robotics Program has been approved by that Department. Both of these grant awards, one for \$10,000 and the other for \$6,000 will be used to defray the costs of materials, supplies, equipment, and attendance at competitions for the Robotics Program and its staff. The grant for \$10,000 is for a duration of four to six months. The second grant, for \$6,000, will extend up to 16 months.
  
2. Meaningful Watershed Grant  
Galen Guengerich, fifth grade teacher at the Lower Salford Elementary School, has received an approval letter for his grant proposal for a Pennsylvania Meaningful Watershed Grant in the amount of \$3,000. This grant program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Environment and Ecology. The grant funds will be used to involve the fifth grade students at Lower Salford Elementary School in learning about “Introduction to Watersheds,” a program with an all-day hands-on “Streams Investigation” at the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy. The budget of \$3,000 will be used to provide transportation for all fifth grade students to the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for different activities; for instructional materials and equipment that is needed for demonstrations; and, for miscellaneous supplies.

**EXHIBIT C**

Recommendation to Approve New High School Project Change Order G-1 for \$111,831.44 – Replacement of Unsuitable Soils Near Tennis Courts

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

Mr. Miller explained the Change Order and as it will be increasing the overall budget for the General Contractor, the District will not be charged additional fees unless the overall cost of construction would rise. This change order will allow some flexibility in the future.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Change Order G-1 in the amount of \$111,831.44 for replacement of unsuitable soils near the tennis court area.

**EXHIBIT D**

Recommendation to Approve Addendum to Sewer Agreement

Mr. Miller indicated that this addendum to the Sewer Agreement is with Franconia Township and the Franconia Sewer Authority. This addendum will save the district approximately \$600,000 and guarantees that the sewer will be taken away from the new high school even if the sewer plant is not complete.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Addendum to Sewer Agreement (continued)

Dr. Parry asked if the Contingency Plan was part of the change.

Dr. Amuso emphasized that this agreement calls for the Franconia Township Sewer Authority to provide for the removal of sewage and the cost to do so, even if the plant is not complete.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the addendum to the Sewer Agreement with Franconia Township as presented. **EXHIBIT E**

Second Reading of Curriculum Revisions

1. Clay Studio 3
2. Printmaking

Mr. Leer mentioned that these two curriculum items were presented for a second reading and would be on the next Board agenda for approval.

Second Reading of Policies

1. Policy 333 - Professional Growth Guidelines (Administrative Employees)
2. Policy 433 - Professional Growth Guidelines (Professional Employees)
3. Policy 331 - Job Related Expenses (Administrative Employees)
4. Policy 431 - Job Related Expenses (Professional Employees)

Mrs. Cole mentioned that these policies were presented for a second reading and would be on the next Board agenda for approval.

Recommendation to Approve Nonlegal Interpretive Statement (NLIS) for Referendum Question for May 15th Primary Election Ballot

Dr. Amuso reviewed that the Board had voted on a nonlegal interpretive statement in February. However, after the statement was submitted to both Montgomery County and Bucks County Board of Elections offices, it was determined that the statements needed changes due to new directives from the State of Pennsylvania.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Currie to approve the statement as presented in the attachments.

Dr. Amuso stated that the Board is trying to explain the referendum question to the public as clearly as possible. The district will be mailing information regarding the Act 1 issue to all residents in the spring newsletter. We have also inquired about the possibility of a mailing to all registered voters. Dr. Amuso and Mrs. Bray have been going to different venues to explain the Act 1 Front End Referendum.

Dr. Parry explained that the Board tried to revise the statement last Wednesday. A template was received from the state and it was suggested that the template would be easier to understand by the voters. Residents want the Board to craft something that will help them understand the issue. A bullet format was used to help keep the information simple and easy to understand.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Nonlegal Interpretive Statement (NLIS) for Referendum Question for May 15th Primary Election Ballot (continued)

Mr. Currie indicated that when working on the statement, the Board was guided by the law and the election process. Brevity is very important at the polls. The Board needs to educate the public on a lot of the information that needs explanation.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that a memo from the PA Department of State's Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation was received on March 9<sup>th</sup> by the county Board of elections offices instructing them not to deviate at all from the "form" set forth in Section 331.2 (e) of Act 1, and that it is the duty of local election Boards to revise such questions so as to strip out any modifications to the nonlegal interpretive statement. Whatever the Board votes on today, may not be what is used at the polling booths. Mr. Sultanik indicated that school districts that deviate from the literal questions placed in Act 1 are to go back to the literal questions. Souderton's NLIS is close, but the county will do what they want to do. We cannot control this particular issue.

Dr. Parry mentioned that the document that the Board votes on tonight is what the Board intends to share with the voters.

At this point in the meeting, the Board spent time discussing wording of the statement, making sure that voters know how this vote will affect their households, and talked about their disappointment with the legislation.

Mr. Brong thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their efforts in trying to make the statement as clear as possible. He agreed that the Board needs to explain to the voters what a yes or no vote means.

Mr. Leer mentioned that the language shifted between homestead and households and needs to remain consistent.

Dr. Baumgartner mentioned that some people have not taken the steps necessary to qualify for the Homestead Act.

A suggestion of inserting "qualified homestead owners" instead of households was discussed.

Dr. Baumgartner called for the question

Dr. Parry instructed Mr. Clemens to take a roll call vote on the nonlegal interpretive statement as presented in the attachments, with the modification of replacing households with "qualified homestead owners."

Dr. Baumgartner - No  
Mr. Brong - No  
Mrs. Cole - Yes  
Mr. Currie - Yes

Mr. Leer - No  
Mr. Miller - No  
Mr. Verbeke - No  
Dr. Parry – No

The motion was defeated with a vote of 6 to 2.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Nonlegal Interpretive Statement (NLIS) for Referendum Question for May 15th Primary Election Ballot (continued)

Mr. Currie reiterated that it is very important that the statement stay impartial.

Mr. Verbeke mentioned that newspapers need to drive this topic home to the voters. He wanted the public to know that Independent voters can vote on this question in the primary.

Dr. Amuso clarified that Bucks County insists that both the question and statement be on the same page.

Dr. Parry asked Mr. Gardenier about an earlier question regarding additional dollars generated.

Mr. Gardenier indicated that the money generated above the base line would be used for school district and not tax relief and the voters need to know that.

Mr. Currie explained that the Ad Hoc Committee followed regulations and talked about what the committee saw as part of the information piece.

There was a suggestion to add “2007-2008” to the bullet point regarding the percentage of money the District would keep in the first year.

A motion was made by Dr. Baumgartner, second by Mr. Brong to go back to the original statement as per the model statement from Special Session Act 1.

Mr. Verbeke indicated that the Indian Valley Public Library was willing to display information regarding the referendum question and the nonlegal interpretive statement.

Dr. Baumgartner added that there is a high probability that the voters will vote this down and new legislation would appear in a few years to shift property tax relief to something else.

The question was called by Mr. Currie.

Dr. Parry instructed Mr. Clemens to take a roll call vote on using the original statement as per the model statement from Special Session Act 1.

Dr. Baumgartner - Yes  
Mr. Brong - Yes  
Mrs. Cole - No  
Mr. Currie - No

Mr. Leer - No  
Mr. Miller - Yes  
Mr. Verbeke - No  
Dr. Parry – No

The motion was defeated with a vote of 5 to 3.

Mr. Currie made a motion to use the Ad Hoc Committee version of the statement, plus the addition of “2007-2008” to bullet point #4 and replace “qualified homestead owners” in all places where “household” was listed. Mr. Verbeke second the motion.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Nonlegal Interpretive Statement (NLIS) for Referendum Question for May 15th Primary Election Ballot (continued)

Mrs. Cole suggested removing “owner” from bullet point #3.

Mr. Currie agreed to the changes made to the motion.

The revised statement was reread by Mr. Currie.

Dr. Baumgartner raised a question about the last bullet point.

Mr. Leer agreed that the last bullet point...“The School Board will still have the ability to increase property taxes within the limits of the state index.”...should be removed.

Mrs. Cole called for the question.

Dr. Parry instructed Mr. Clemens to take a roll call vote.

Dr. Baumgartner - Yes

Mr. Brong - No

Mrs. Cole - Yes

Mr. Currie - Yes

Mr. Leer - Yes

Mr. Miller - No

Mr. Verbeke - Yes

Dr. Parry – Yes

The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 2.

**EXHIBIT F**

INFORMATIONAL

Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting in the Administrative Conference Room, North Montco Technical Career Center, 1265 Sunneystown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Education-Personnel Committee Meeting will start immediately following the 6:30 PM Policy Committee meeting, with the Finance Committee Meeting immediately following Education-Personnel. All meetings will be held in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 7:45 PM Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Meeting in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Finance Committee Meeting will start immediately following the 6:30 PM Operations Committee Meeting in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Verbeke questioned when video taping of Board meetings would begin.

Dr. Amuso indicated that video taping will begin on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The tape will be shown at least twice a day on Channel 27 - SATV.

Mr. Verbeke asked if the tape could be run at various times over the weekend.

Mr. Miller asked what the guidelines were for cancellation of weekend activities, due to weather.

Dr. Amuso explained the process and when a determination is made.

Mrs. Cole reminded the Board and public that the annual Education Foundation Dinner Dance was coming up on April 13<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all to attend.

BOARD COMMENTS

No comments from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Donnelly, from Telford, commented on Act 1 and the legislation. He also asked why no one knew about the “bad dirt” at the new high school site.

Mr. Pollack responded that the ground studies were done primarily for rock. The new areas are at different spots on the property from where the tests were done. This unsuitable soil will not hold up to the proposed use of the area. The contractor will be using the unsuitable soil as fill for other areas of the project.

Mr. Gardenier expressed concern about the second year of the nonlegal interpretive statement. He feels the Board needs to let people know that as time goes on, the amount of the pie will be smaller. He encouraged the Board to let the people know exactly what a no and yes vote will mean.

Dr. Parry announced that there would be a brief Executive Session following the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray  
Board Secretary