

**SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

A regular public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Eric R. MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Brigitte Bagocius, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Mike Childs, Brad Clemens, Deb Doeblner, Grace Eves, Henry Franz, Karen Frazier, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Jonathan Graf, Jeff Pammer, Gail Ryan, Joan Shepardson, Jack Silva, Sam Varano, representatives from *The Reporter*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

RECOGNITIONS

Fair Housing Council Winners

Dr. Amuso introduced Elizabeth Albert from the Montgomery County Fair Housing Council, who spoke about their recent contest and student winners from Salford Hills Elementary School. **JACKSON FUHRMAN**, fifth grade student, was selected as the county-wide winner of the 2007 Montgomery County Fair Housing Council's "Fair Housing Education Program and Poster Contest." The winning poster will be made into the Housing Council's official T-shirt. Other student winners were **KYRA PAUL-FOWLER** and **NICHOLAS WAY**, who were two of the top ten finalists in the contest. **ANDREW SHAN** was also one of the top ten finalists in the contest, and his design will be used for the 2007 "Fair Housing Magnet." Elizabeth Albert is the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Fair Housing Council.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize these contest winners for their achievements.

**EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Amuso thanked the parents of these students for their encouragement and support.

RECOGNITIONS (CONTINUED)

Indian Crest Junior High School PA Junior Academy of Science Winners

Dr. Amuso introduced Karen Frazier, science teacher at Indian Crest, who talked about the Indian Crest students who participated in the PJAS Science Fair program this year. These students were encouraged to follow the scientific method to select a project, research the background, formulate a hypothesis, develop an experiment to prove or disprove the hypothesis, and to collect and analyze data from their experiment. The students then prepared a written report and gave an oral presentation with audio visuals.

**ZACHARY BRONG** - First Place – Local/Second Place – State  
The Effectiveness of Polyacrylamide in Soils

**JOSEPH DILLE** - First Place – Local and State levels  
The Effect of Weight Distribution on a Quarter Midget

**CORY HABERKERN** - First Place – Local and State levels  
Eyewitnesses: Are They Reliable?

**CHRISTOPHER HINK** – First Place – Local and State levels  
The Most Effective Neutralizing Agents for Acidic Soil

**BRANDON JAMES** – First Place – Local /Second Place – State  
The Effect of an Electromagnetic Field on Eremosphaera Algae

**RYAN WOODWARD** – First Place – Local and State Levels  
Optimum Conditions for Catalase from Ginger Root

**KEVIN WU** – First Place – Local and State levels  
The Effects of pH on Tardigrades

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the Indian Crest Science Fair students for their accomplishments. **EXHIBIT B**

Dr. Amuso thanked the parents of these students for their encouragement and support.

Souderton Area High School PA Junior Academy of Science Winners

Dr. Amuso introduced Sam Varano, who spoke about the high school students who participated in this years' the PJAS Science Fair program. Peter Spizzirri, Jr., science teacher at the High School, was this year's sponsor.

**ERIC STROM** – First Place – State level  
Science Competition

RECOGNITIONS (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School PA Junior Academy of Science Winners (Continued)

**EMILY THUDIUM** - First Place – State level  
Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) Scholarship to Penn State  
Engineering Camp and \$100 prize from Pennsylvania Science Teachers  
Association (PSTA)

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School PJAS winners  
for their accomplishments. **EXHIBIT C**

Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda

Mr. Varano introduced **MEGAN PIETRUSZKA**, who will be representing the State of Pennsylvania  
at the Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda 2007 National Leadership Conference  
in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Varano spoke about the conference activities in which Megan will  
participate. Marie Halteman is the FBLA sponsor at Souderton Area High School.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize Megan Pietruszka for this honor. **EXHIBIT D**

Dr. Amuso recognized Megan's parents for their support.

Souderton Area High School Sports Championships

Mr. Varano spoke about the high school's exciting sports year and accomplishments of two  
teams in particular. The 2006-2007 school year ended with both teams winning the District 1  
Championships, and the baseball team going on to the PIAA AAAA State Finals.

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL** – Will Lapp, Head Coach

Mr. Lapp called on the volleyball players that were present and spoke about their winning season. He  
noted that Souderton was ranked the #1 volleyball team in the state for much of the season.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Varsity  
Volleyball Team for their winning season. **EXHIBIT E**

Dr. Amuso thanked the parents of these students for their encouragement and support.

RECOGNITIONS (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School Sports Championships (Continued)

**VARSITY BASEBALL – Mike Childs, Head Coach**

Mr. Childs spoke about the team's participation in the state finals in Altoona and thanked the Board members and the community for their continued support.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Varsity Baseball Team for their unprecedented season. **EXHIBIT F**

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

WORKSHOP SESSION

Recommendation to Adopt the National School Boards Association Resolution for the Federal *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007*, House Bill #648.

Dr. Amuso stated that the resolution was discussed at a recent Policy Committee meeting and that *No Child Left Behind* law is up for reauthorization this year. He reviewed several reasons for supporting the reauthorization of the Bill and indicated that action on this resolution would be taken later in the meeting.

Mrs. Cole thanked Dr. Amuso for the synopsis of the reauthorization. These changes to the law, which are mostly implementation issues, will help raise academic achievement. Congressman Dent has given testimony about the NCLB legislation. If passed, Mrs. Cole will pass the acknowledgement of support on to the National School Boards Association.

Mr. Verbeke suggested adding specifics to the resolution that would identify Souderton's funding status with NCLB.

Mrs. Cole indicated that obtaining support for funding of Title I and IDEIA are critical issues. She spoke about current legislation in the federal government that addresses funding for these programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held on May 24, 2007 following the Board meeting to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on June 6, 2007 to discuss personnel issues. That meeting lasted 15 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 35 minutes.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education-Personnel Committee – Mr. Mark Leer, Chairperson

Mr. Leer reported on the first and second reading of several textbooks and planned courses and a request for an out-of-country field trip. The main topic of the evening was a presentation by the secondary administrative staff on Secondary Reorganization – Project 4 – High School Transition and how that will affect education. The Board will be discussing transition and reform as the program develops and we prepare for the opening of the new high school.

Operations Committee – Mr. R. “Bud” Miller, Chairperson

Mr. Brong presented the Operations Committee report in Mr. Miller’s absence. The Board started the evening of June 6 with a tour of the new high school and a report of the project’s progress. Lower Road improvement will begin June 18<sup>th</sup>, with the completion expected the end of July. More unsuitable soil was unearthed on the construction the site. Mr. Brong reported that the Operations Committee met last evening to discuss the design and preliminary costs of the building(s) on the athletic campus. The recommendation of the Board was to go forward with the design and preliminary costs of the toilet/concession building and the team building and report back to the Board.

Finance Committee – Dr. Jack Parry, Chairperson

Dr. Parry indicated that the Finance Committee discussed budgetary transfers, special education services contract from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, and the final budget.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Tracy Cole, Chairperson

Mrs. Cole reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the bullying policy and had several questions that will require the solicitor’s opinion. This policy will be going back to the committee for further discussion. She indicated that there was a review of the current Foreign Exchange policy. At the present time the administration is reviewing the policy and making recommendations to update the policy. The policy on Relations with Parents/Guardians, is listed on tonight’s agenda for a first reading. This policy addresses communications between school and parents/guardians.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Amuso presented the consent agenda items for action.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

On a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

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

- A. Approval of Minutes from the May 24, 2007 School Board Meeting.
- B. Approval of Financial Statements and Check Listings for May 2007. **EXHIBIT G**
- C. Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

**JOAN SHELLENBERGER** Celebrate Literacy VIII Conference  
CARS, Franconia Elem. West Chester, PA  
June 26-27, 2007 (Tues.-Wed.)  
Est. Expenses: \$185.00  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Est. Expenses: \$185.00

**REBECCA FOGLE** 2007 Pennsylvania Community on Transition  
Supervisor of Special Education Forum  
Secondary State College, PA  
July 18-20, 2007 (Wed.-Fri.)  
*Budgeted through 2007-2008* Est. Expenses: \$247.40  
*IDEA Federal Funds* Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Expenses: \$247.40

**EDWARD GALLAGHER** Math Coaching Academy – Introductory Level  
Mathematics, Senior High School Norristown, PA  
September 27, 2007 (Thurs.)  
December 5, 2007 (Wed.)  
February 28, 2008 (Thurs.)  
*Budgeted through 2007-2008* Est. Expenses: \$225.00  
*Funds* Sub. Expenses: 206.00  
Total Expenses: \$431.00

- D. Request for Out-of-Country Trip

Souderton Area High School – SAVE Organization

Date: July 11-18, 2007 (Wed.-Wed.)

Destination: Eco-Era Reserve, Costa Rica

Purpose of the Trip: To volunteer and to explore the tropical rainforest environment.

Number of Students: 20

Chaperones: 2 Staff Members/4 Other Adults

Trip will be financed by students.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

E. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Transfer

**JONATHAN GRAF**

Replacement for  
Joyce Mundy (resigned)

From: Acting Assistant Principal, Indian Crest  
To: Assistant Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High  
**ACT 93 GROUP**  
Beginning: July 1, 2007

Education

Millersville Univ. (BS) 2000  
Pennsylvania State Univ.  
Graduate Credits &  
Principal Certification 2005

Experience

2000–2006, SASD, Indian Crest Jr. High,  
Social Studies  
2006-2007, SASD, Indian Crest Jr. High,  
Acting Assistant Principal

Recommended Salary - \$89,140

F. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Resignations

**DANIEL BELL**

Fifth Grade Teacher, E.M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year

**WILLIAM D'ANGELO**

Mathematics Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High &  
Souderton Area High Schools  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year

**MEGAN GORDON**

Autistic Support Teacher, Lower Salford Elem.  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year

**SHERRI WILLENBECHER**

School Counselor, Salford Hills Elem.  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year

Retirements

**LOUISA ABNEY-BABCOCK**

Gifted Support Teacher, Senior High  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year  
Employed by SASD: 33 years

**SUSAN HANNA**

Science Teacher, Indian Crest Junior High  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year  
Employed by SASD: 38 years

**ELAINE NEMEC**

Art Teacher, Franconia Elementary School  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year  
Employed by SASD: 36 years

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

F. PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Retirements (Continued)

**JANICE SORTMAN** Social Studies Teacher, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: End of 2006-2007 School Year  
Employed by SASD: 36 years

Transfers

**LINDA BLEAU** From: ESL Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Replacement for To: ESL Teacher, Lower Salford and Vernfield Elem.  
Jessica Miles (transfer) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

**RACHEL IRVIN** From: Second Grade, Vernfield Elementary  
Replacement for To: Elementary Technology, Oak Ridge Elem.  
Catherine Balzer (retired) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Millersville Univ. (BS)	1999-2007 – Souderton Area School District
Gratz College (MA)	1999-2003-Lower Salford Elem., First Grade
	2003-2007-Vernfield Elem., Second Grade
Recommended Salary - \$57,953 – M+24 (8)	

**JESSICA MILES** From: ESL Teacher, Lower Salford and Vernfield  
Replacement for To: ESL Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Linda Bleau (transfer) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

Recommendations for Employment

**TODD BAUER** Mathematics Teacher, Indian Valley M. S.  
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Virginia Schaefer (retired) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Bucknell University (BA)	2006-2007-Upper Moreland S. D.-Upper Moreland
2006	High School-Mathematics
	Fall 2005 - Lewisburg Area High School – Student
	Teacher
Recommended Salary - \$37,323 – B (1)	

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**MARK JAMES** Mathematics Teacher, Senior High School  
Replacement for **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE**  
Thomas Musselman (retired) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Miami University, Ohio (BS)	2005–2007 - Bethlehem Area S. D.,
1989	Liberty High School, Mathematics
Drexel University (M.Ed.)	2000-2005 - Souderton Area S. D.
2003	Indian Valley M. S., Mathematics
Recommended Salary - \$54,919 – M+24 (6)	



CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

F. PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**LEAH KOWALSKI** English Teacher, Senior High School  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Therese Tirado Effective: First semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Arcadia University (BA) 2006	March-June 2007 - SASD, Senior High, English, per-diem extended substitute Sept.-Dec. 2006 - Lower Merion S.D., Harriton High School, Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

Request for Childrearing Leave

**JENNIFER GRANITO** Special Education Teacher, Senior High  
Beginning November 20, 2007 through the first semester of the 2007-2008 school  
year, following Family/Medical Leave. Mrs. Granito is planning to return to work  
for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

G. SUPPORT STAFF

Resignations

**BENJAMIN DELP** Part-Time Custodial Substitute  
Effective: May 24, 2007

**ROSEMARY DILLON** Learning Support Aide, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: June 13, 2007

**JESSICA LOMAS** Part-Time Custodian, E.M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Effective: June 1, 2007

**JENNIFER MILLER** Title I Teaching Assistant, Salford Hills Elem.  
Effective: June 12, 2007

**STEFAN SHOUP** Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: June 8, 2007

Transfers

**MARIA HALL** From: Substitute Nurse  
Replacement for To: Special Services Nurse – Multiple  
Barbara Kanas (resigned) Disabilities class, Vernfield Elementary  
Beginning: September 4, 2007  
Hourly Wage: \$18.22  
Hours: 7.5 per day

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

G. SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Transfers (Continued)

**JULIE HOPWOOD** From: Food Service Asst., Senior High  
Replacement for To: Full-Time Custodian, Senior High  
Rachel Haggerty (resigned) Beginning: June 21, 2007  
Hourly Wage: \$17.04  
Hours: 8 per day

Recommendation for Employment

**JORDAN GREEN** Substitute Summer Custodian  
Beginning: June 21, 2007  
Wage: \$9.21 per hour  
Hours: As needed

H. Recommendation for Supplemental Contract - 2006-2007 School Year

**KAREN MANNO** Social Studies Advocate, High School \$650  
Replacing Nicole Harner Second Semester

I. Recommendation for Employment of Summer Special Education Program Staffing.

**EXHIBIT H**

J. Additional Recommendation for Employment for the 2007 Summer Sports Camp

**NATALIE PYRZ** Head Counselor, Water Polo \$20.80/hour

K. SAVE Summer Environmental Camp Staff

<b>KEN HAMILTON</b>	Camp Director	\$15.00 per hour
<b>CAROLINE CRESS</b>	Head Counselor	11.00 per hour
<b>ALI GOTWALS</b>	Head Counselor	11.00 per hour
<b>BRIAN PEDDIE</b>	Head Counselor	10.00 per hour
<b>KIRSTIE HARDY</b>	Counselor	7.25 per hour
<b>JACKIE HELD</b>	Counselor	7.25 per hour
<b>SHELBY KAY-FANTOZZI</b>	Counselor	7.25 per hour
<b>KATHLEEN WLOTKO</b>	Counselor	7.25 per hour

L. Recommendation for Employment of Community Education Summer 2007 Staff and Salaries.

M. Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Budgetary Transfers. **EXHIBIT I**

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

- N. Recommendation to Approve Resolution for Cooperative Purchasing Through the Following Sources:  
Montgomery County Intermediate Unit #23, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13, COSTARS-3, PEPPM, PA 5850-05, Southeastern Pennsylvania Buying Group (Food Service), DVASBO Purchasing Group (Food Service), and Chester County Intermediate Unit #24 (Food Service).
- O. Recommendation to Approve 2007-2008 Bids **EXHIBIT J**  
a. Athletic  
b. Industrial Arts  
c. Physical Education  
d. Safety/Medical  
e. Science
- P. Submission of Application for Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) Grant - \$1,000. **EXHIBIT K**
- Q. Recommendation to Approve Special Education Contract with the Bucks County Intermediate for the 2006-2007 School Year. **EXHIBIT L**

At this point in the meeting, Jonathan Graf, selected for the assistant principal position at Indian Crest Jr. High School, thanked the Board, administration, Indian Crest staff and his family for their support. He is looking forward to giving back to the students and the community.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading of Textbooks and Planned Course

- a. AP Government Textbook  
b. AP Calculus Textbook  
c. Sixth Grade Social Studies Revised Planned Course

Dr. Amuso presented the textbooks and planned course listed above and indicated that if Board members had any questions they should contact Mr. Silva.

Third Reading and Final Approval of New/Updated Textbooks

- a. German I – *Komm mit!*  
b. Forensics – *Forensic Science: An Introduction*  
c. *Everyday Mathematics* – Third Edition  
d. Pennsylvania History (Grade 4) – *Pennsylvania: My Home*

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board grant final approval of the new/updated textbooks as listed above.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

First Reading Review of Policies

- a. Policy #908 – Relations with Parents/Guardians

Mrs. Cole and Mr. Gallagher reported that the Board had asked the administration to look at policies located in the Community section of the policy manual and update where needed. The revision to this policy adds guardian along with parent. The Committee is working on policies in the 900 section – Community Relations.

Recommendation to Approve Audit Proposal for Fiscal Years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie.

Dr. Parry questioned where the Gorman firm was located.

Mrs. Bray responded that Gorman & Associates is located in the Lehigh Valley area.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Gorman & Associates, PC for auditing purposes for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 school years. **EXHIBIT M**

Review of Proposals – Bond Proceeds Investment Services

A recommendation by the administration to select Commerce Bank.

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

Mrs. Bray mentioned that five firms had received a request for proposal for the investment of the 2007 variable rate bonds. One company, that received a request for proposal, did not respond. Two of the respondents were commercial banks, and two were local government investment pools. Mrs. Bray indicated that the recommendation was based on the current yield, index used, and arbitrage reporting.

Based on the information supplied, the variable rate proposal submitted by Commerce Bank is the most favorable to the Souderton Area School District. Commerce's current yield is 5.285%; the index used is a 90 day Treasury Bill + 50 basis points. Arbitrage reporting costs are included.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Commerce Bank for the investment of the 2007 variable rate bonds.

2007-2008 Budget

The Finance Committee is recommending adoption of the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$96,341,606 and that local taxes to support this budget are established as listed:

The REAL ESTATE TAX of 24.46 mils and a PER CAPITA TAX of \$5.00 under Section 679 be levied, and,

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

2007-2008 Budget (Continued)

The following Act 511 taxes are continued for the 2007-2008 fiscal year:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX.....	1%
EARNED INCOME TAX.....	1%
PER CAPITA TAX.....	\$10.00

The Real Estate Tax, Earned Income Tax on residents, and the Per Capita Taxes under Act 511 are shared equally with municipalities.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the Finance Committee has worked on this budget since September 2006. This budget will allow the district to continue all current programs and services. The increase in real estate tax will be 3.51%.

Mrs. Bray shared a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the 2007-2008 budget. She spoke about the expenditures and revenue, with budgeted expenditures totaling \$96,341.606, and use of \$2,310,657 in Fund Balance. A millage increase of .83 mils and a millage increase of 3.5% will increase property taxes for district taxpayers by an average of \$125.00 (based on an assessed value of \$150,000).

There was a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Dr. Parry.

Dr. Parry also commented on the time spent on the budget and thanked the members of the Finance Committee and Mr. MacDougall for their hard work. The Board was able to keep a healthy fund balance, keep money in the capital reserve, and still keep the tax increase under 4%.

Mrs. Cole also thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work. She added that the Pennsylvania legislators still have not passed the budget. She expressed that the Board should not use too much of the fund balance until the high school project is complete.

Mr. Currie commented that the tax increase was held to 3.5%. However, the budget includes increases in expenditures and suggested that the administration and Board make efforts to curb expenditures in some categories. He suggested that a policy be adopted for clearer budgetary guidelines for the preparation of future budgets.

Mr. MacDougall thanked Dr. Parry and Mr. Currie for their hard work on the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee put out good directives to the administration for budget formulation. The directive was given for the administration not to exceed 6.25%, and they succeeded.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the 2007-2008 Budget as presented.

**EXHIBIT N**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

2007-2008 Budget (Continued)

Dr. Amuso again thanked the Board and Finance Committee for the many hours put into this budget. He also thanked Mrs. Bray and her department for their hard work.

Recommendation to Approve the Designation of \$4,200,000 of the June 30, 2007 Fund Balance for Construction Purposes Within the General Operating Budget.

Dr. Amuso indicated that prior to this meeting, the Board had talked about transferring the money to the construction fund. With this recommendation, the money will stay within the General Fund and will be earmarked for construction purposes.

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

Mr. Currie questioned if any or all of the money was reversible.

Dr. Parry indicated that he was under the impression that the \$4.2M would be used for funding the high school project.

Mr. Sultanik commented on the designation and purposes of the recommendation.

Mrs. Bray indicated that to comply with the Fund Balance requirement, the money would remain in the General Fund but earmarked for construction purposes. In the future, the Board could move money to Capital Reserve with Board action.

The vote was taken, and with a vote of 7 to 1, with Dr. Parry voting no, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the designation of \$4.2M of the June 30, 2007 Fund Balance for construction purposes within the General Operating Budget

**EXHIBIT O**

INFORMATIONAL

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 will be the next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Meeting beginning at 7:45 PM in the PaTTAN offices in King of Prussia.

The next scheduled School Board Workshop/Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 Wednesday, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. MacDougall spoke about the Board transitioning into the new meeting format. Beginning in July, the Board will begin regularly scheduled Board meetings with a workshop session. The Board will announce changes from month to month as needed.

Recommendation to Adopt the National School Boards Association Resolution for the Federal *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007*, House Bill #648.

Dr. Amuso asked the Board to adopt the resolution that was discussed earlier in the agenda.

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

Dr. Parry asked if the paragraph on funding could be more specific to address Souderton's financial position with NCLB.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the resolution was an outline of what was written in the Bill.

Mr. Brong shared that the Board is asked to support this Bill, but federal funding keeps going down. He questioned why the Board was supporting a Bill that does not help Souderton with increased funding.

Dr. Amuso explained that the federal law requires certain things for students, but funding is not attached to the Bill. The Bill will be reauthorized; it is just a matter of what it is going to say. This resolution is what the Nation School Boards Association feels is the best for the students who are affected the most so that no students in sub-groups are left behind.

Mrs. Cole spoke about the State of Utah does not participate in NCLB because they did not receive any funding. She also spoke about Congressman Dent's involvement in the NCLB reauthorization campaign.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Resolution to support the reauthorization of  
No Child Left Behind as presented. **EXHIBIT P**

Mr. MacDougall thanked the Souderton Area High School administration and staff for their hard work and orchestration of the graduation ceremony held last week.

Mr. MacDougall also announced that Dr. Parry was stepping down as the Board's PA Legislative Representative. Dr. Baumgartner has agreed to take on the responsibilities of this position.

Mr. MacDougall announced that there would be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss legal issues.

Mr. Brong stated that he wanted to squelch a rumor that was going around in the community: there are will be no marble floors at the new high school.

BOARD COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 8 to 0 it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray  
Board Secretary