

Souderton Area School District

760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

A meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, February 8, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:37PM by President Eric MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Dr. Jack A. Parry
	William J. Brong	Eric R. MacDougall
	Tracy G. Cole	Victor M. Verbeke
	Mark D. Leer	
ABSENT:	Bernard S. Currie	R. Bud Miller (arrived at 8:12 PM)
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanic, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Jamie Doyle (PFM), Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Rob Walper (FoxRothschild), representatives from The Arrowhead, The Souderton Independent, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

Requests for Conferences/Workshops

Dr. Amuso presented the requests for conferences and workshops, stating that they conform to District administrative policies and procedures.

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

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

JOSEPH PODRAZIK
Technology Education, High School

Drexel’s Engineering High School Day
Philadelphia, PA
February 20, 2007 (Tues.)
Est. Expenses: \$ 36.25
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Expenses: \$139.25

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

Requests comply with Board and administrative policies and procedures.

MARY MOYER
Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High

Challenging the Gifted Workshop
Doylestown, PA
March 15, 2007 (Wed.)
Est. Expenses: \$100.00
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Expenses: \$203.00

DR. JOHN M. EELLS
Supervisor of Special Services

Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs
Coordinators Annual Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
April 16-18, 2007 (Mon.-Wed.)
Est. Expenses: \$819.70
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$819.70

Paid with Federal Program funds.

HILARY COCHRAN
Science, Indian Crest Jr. High
LORI GRAF
Learning Support, Indian Crest Jr. High
ERIC HARTMAN
Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High
SUSAN MARKLEY
Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High

Co-Teaching That Works: Effective Strategies
for Working Together in Today's Inclusive
Classrooms
Philadelphia, PA
April 30, 2007 (Mon.)
Est. Expenses: \$ 774.69 (combined)
Sub. Expenses: 412.00 (combined)
Total Expenses: \$1,186.69 (combined)

Paid with Federal Special Education funds.

NANCY CIANCHETTA
Science, Indian Valley M. S.
LAURIE HAAS
Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High
SUZANNE HOLCOMBE
Learning Support, Indian Crest Jr. High
KATIE JOHNSON
Learning Support, Indian Valley M. S.

Co-Teaching That Works: Effective Strategies
for Working Together in Today's Inclusive
Classrooms
Allentown, PA
May 3, 2007 (Thurs.)
Expenses: \$1,925.88 (combined)
Sub. Expenses: 1,030.00 (combined)
Total Expenses: \$2,955.88 (combined)

ADAM KAYSER
Social Studies, Indian Valley M. S.
ANDREW MCCLINTOCK
Social Studies, Indian Valley M. S.
STEPHEN NOGAMI
Science, Indian Valley M. S.

LAURA POLISH
Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High
MICAH RAMPULLA
English, Indian Crest Jr. High
GRETCHEN WALTER
Learning Support, Indian Valley M. S.

Paid with Federal Special Education funds.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Development of New Board Meeting Agenda Format

Dr. Amuso indicated that the Board has been working with a consultant, Dr. Ray Jorgensen, on Board development and procedures. As a result of these workshops, the Board has developed a new format for Board meetings that will provide additional time and focus on items that need to be discussed at the Board level. He highlighted several areas of the new format such as the two public comment areas, the consent agenda, and the inclusion of action items and informational items.

Mr. MacDougall added that committee meetings will remain the same. The new format will also help the flow of the Board meetings and televising of such meetings.

Mr. Verbeke spoke about the public comment sections.

Mr. Sultanik stated that this new format agrees with the law in that it permits public comment before Board action.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Dr. Baumgartner, to begin using the new format as of the next Board meeting, February 22, 2007.

Mr. Hugh Donnelly, from Franconia Township, asked for clarification as to when the public could ask questions during Board meetings.

Further clarification came from Mrs. Cole and Mr. MacDougall.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the new Board meeting agenda format as presented and begin the new format with the February 22, 2007 Board meeting. **EXHIBIT A**

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Brenda Jones Bray

Action on School Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Bray presented the Minutes of the January 25, 2007 Board meeting for approval.

Upon the motion by Mr. Brong, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 7 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2007 Board meeting as presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

On January 24, 2007, the Board participated in a developmental/procedures workshop. The workshop lasted three (3) hours.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

An Executive Session was held on January 25, 2007 following the Board meeting to discuss Board development/procedures. This meeting lasted 30 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on January 31, 2007 prior to the Finance Committee meeting to discuss negotiations. This meeting lasted 15 minutes.

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

Request to Attend Conference/Workshop

DR. R. PAUL BAUMGARTNER
Board Member

Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislative
Conference
Hershey, PA
February 25, 26, 2007 (Sun.-Mon.)
Est. Expenses: \$532.30

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mr. Verbeke to approve Dr. Baumgartner's request to attend the PSBA Legislative Conference.

Mrs. Cole referred to several policies that address Board conference attendance and commented on the importance of Board members keeping informed. Mrs. Cole added that consistency is needed when conference requests are made.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that historically, it was felt that state conferences were more important to attend than national conferences.

Dr. Baumgartner expressed his concern for professional development at the Board level.

There was discussion among Board members regarding what conferences should be attended and the equity of funding for those conferences.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the conference request from Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner as presented.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Grace Eves

Financial Statements for January 2007

Mrs. Eves presented the financial statements for January 2007 as an information item.

(Mr. Miller arrived at this point in the meeting.)

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Topics of discussion at the February 14, 2007 Education-Personnel Committee will include the following topics, but discussions will not be limited to the following:

- Revised Planned Courses: Clay Studio 3 and Printmaking
- High School Curriculum Development Cycle
- Technology: Long-Term Strategic Planning
- Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

CURRICULUM ITEM

Request for Overnight Field Trip

Mr. Brong questioned why the trip was an overnight trip when the destination was local.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this request was a three day band festival and students would be staying in a hotel during their participation at the festival.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the overnight field trip as listed:

- a. **Souderton Area High School – District Band Members**
Date: February 8-10, 2007 (Thurs.-Sat.)
Destination: Upper Dublin High School, Maple Glen, PA
Purpose of Trip: Souderton has 4 students who have qualified to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 11 Band Festival
Sponsor/Teacher: Stephen Straka, Band Director
Cost of Trip: Registration - \$100.00 X 4 students = \$400.00 (includes lodging)
Transportation by District Van - \$25.00 mileage

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

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

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Resignation

KELLIE CONLAN

Long-Term Substitute, Special Education Teacher
Indian Crest Junior High
Effective: February 9, 2007

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Request for Childrearing Leave

JENNIFER DETWILER Math Teacher, Indian Crest Junior High
Beginning April 11, 2007 through the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year.
Mrs. Detwiler is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

Recommendations for Employment

JAMES GARNER German Teacher, Indian Crest
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Bonnie Barnes (leave) Effective: Second Semester 2006-07
Education Experience
Ursinus College (BA) 2006 Dec. 12, 2006 to Present-SASD, Indian Crest
Per-Diem Extended Substitute, German Teacher
Sept.-Dec. 2006-Spring-Ford High School,
Student Teaching, U.S. History & German
Recommended Salary
\$18,385.50 – B (1)

JOSHUA KLIMOVICH Social Studies Teacher, Indian Crest
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Stanley Smith (leave) Effective: Second Semester 2006-07
Education Experience
West Chester Univ. (BA) 2005 Sept. 2006 to Present-SASD, Indian Crest,
Per-Diem Extended Substitute, Social Studies
Feb.–June 2006-Substitute Teacher Service,
Media, PA
Fall 2005–Coatesville S.D., South Brandywine
Middle School – Student Teaching
Recommended Salary
\$18,385.50 – B (1)

SUPPORT STAFF

Resignation

JEANMARIE WEIR Title I Aide, West Broad St. Elem.
Effective: February 2, 2007

Transfers

ANGELA PURVIS From: Substitute Teacher
Replacement for To: Title V Aide, Vernfield Elementary
Alice Hollingsworth (transfer) Beginning: February 1, 2007
Hourly Wage: \$12.65
Hours: 6 per day

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Transfers (continued)

ANDREA RAWA From: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford
Replacement for To: Special Education Aide – One to One,
Suzanne Tyson (resigned) Vernfield Elementary
Beginning: January 31, 2007 through the duration
of the IEP
Hourly Wage: \$10.23
Hours: 4 per day

Recommendation for Employment

CHRISTINE BONAVENTURE Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: January 30, 2007
Andrea Rawa (transfer) Hourly Wage: \$9.20
Hours: 1.5 per day

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching Positions - 2006-2007 School Year

MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Baseball Coach (HS)	\$4,164.00
NATHANIEL BENDER	Assistant Baseball Coach (HS)	2,516.00
ROBERT TYBRING II	Assistant Softball Coach (HS)	2,516.00
TAMI WENGER	Head Lacrosse (Girls) Coach (HS)	4,133.00
PETER SPIZZIRRI	Head Lacrosse (Boys) Coach (HS)	3,387.00
WILLIAM GROSS	Assistant Lacrosse (Boys) Coach (HS)	2,857.00
ANTHONY C. COLELLI	Assistant Lacrosse (Boys) Coach (HS)	2,371.00
ANDREW McCLINTOCK	Assistant Soccer (Girls) Coach (HS)	2,886.00
JEFFREY WALKER	Junior Varsity Soccer (Girls) Coach (HS)	2,802.00
WILLIAM McKOWN^	Assistant Tennis (Boys) Coach (HS)	1,590.00
BILL CODDINGTON	Head Track (Boys) Coach (HS)	4,680.00
JOHN DOHAHUE	Assistant Track (Boys) Coach (HS)	3,133.00
JAMES O'NEILL	Head Track (Girls) Coach (HS)	4,680.00
RICHARD HESS	Assistant Track (Girls) Coach (HS)	3,150.00
JOHN ROWE	Assistant Track (Girls) Coach (HS)	3,277.00
BRAD GARRETT	Assistant Volleyball (Boys) Coach (HS)	2,516.00
JONATHAN BLAIR	Developmental Boys Basketball Coach (IV)	
	\$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week	
JOSHUA PENNINGTON^	Developmental Boys Basketball Coach (IV)	
	\$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week	

^ Indicates new to coaching at SASD

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Contracted Services for Coaching Positions – 2006-2007 School Year

DAVID MYERS	Assistant Baseball Coach (HS)	\$2,915.00
BRIAN REIMERS	Assistant Baseball Coach (HS)	2,326.00
JOSEPH HALLAR	Head Softball Coach (HS)	4,003.00
DANALYNN TURO	Assistant Softball Coach (HS)	2,326.00
ROBERT PEPKOWSKI	Freshman Softball Coach (HS)	2,928.00
TERRY UNDERKOFFLER	Head Soccer (Girls) Coach (HS)	4,268.00
NANCY KIMBEL	Head Tennis (Boys) Coach (HS)	2,605.00
BRADLEY KULL	Assistant Track (Boys) Coach (HS)	2,925.00
WILL LAPP	Head Volleyball (Boys) Coach (HS)	4,353.00

Additions/Deletions to 2006-2007 Substitute Teacher Listing.

EXHIBIT B

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

NORTH MONTCO TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER

William J. Brong and Mark D. Leer, Representatives

No report.

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the North Montco Technical Career Center, Sumneypike, Lansdale, PA.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

R. "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Operations Committee discussed the following at the January 31, 2007 meeting:

Construction Managers' Report – High School Update - Mr. Miller indicated that the report from the construction manager of the new high school project mentioned that a change order will be needed for unsuitable soil to be removed from the project. Change order will be in the amount of \$111,000.

Franconia Sewer Plant – Status Report and Proposed Addendum – On February 7, 2007, Dr. Amuso, Brenda Bray, and Steve Pollack, along with a few Board members, attending a hearing at Franconia Township regarding an appeal to approve a waiver to the number of fixtures

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson Report (continued)

required at the stadium facility at the new high school. The waiver was approved reducing the total number of fixtures from 100 to 58. Dr. Amuso indicated that the architect will now begin design of the stadium facility.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

FSDirect Report - Requests for Use of School Facilities

Mr. Miller explained the new reporting system for use of school facilities.

EXHIBIT C

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Bray shared that on January 31, 2007 at an exit interview held at District Office, a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Clarissa MacIntosh, reported that the Food Service records were well documented and the nutritional analysis of the menus met all of PDE's targets. PDE reviewed and observed Food Service operations during the week of January 17th.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Finance Committee discussed the following at the January 31, 2007 meeting:

Recommendation to Approve Issuance of Emmaus 2007 General Obligation Bonds

Mrs. Bray introduced Jamie Doyle, from Public Financial Management, who explained the Bond Sale documents for the \$30,255,000 Emmaus 1996/PLGIT Bond Pool Loan and the \$16,665,000 2000A Emmaus/PLGIT Bond Pool Loan. Ms. Doyle explained the reasoning for the change of bond purchaser from Goldman Sachs to Emmaus General Authority for the 2007 bonds. The principal and the payment are the same as the original agreement.

There were questions from Board members about administrative fees, interest rates and subsidies.

Ms. Doyle responded that there are no additional administrative fees, and the interest rate has been locked in at 3.6%. The district will acquire \$350,000 in savings with the new agreement. Mrs. Bray and Ms. Doyle are working through the Act 1 exception for debt expense.

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Recommendation to Approve Issuance of Emmaus 2007 General Obligation Bonds (continued)

Mr. Miller questioned if the district would be earning more in interest than will be paid out.

Jamie Doyle explained the spend down requirements and how that would impact arbitrage.

Mr. Rob Walper, from FoxRothchild, explained the Supplemental Resolution as required by Act 1. He indicated that the resolution correlates to the parameters of the original agreement and feels confident that this resolution is consistent with the original resolution. This resolution ratifies that the district will continue with what was originally agreed upon and the supplemental resolution indicates the change in parties.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that action needed to be taken on the Supplemental Resolution.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong to approve the Supplemental Resolution to a prior Resolution adopted on December 20, 2005 authorizing the General Obligation Note, Series of 2007 (Emmaus 1996 Bond Pool). The motion was put to a vote, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Supplemental Resolution to a prior Resolution adopted on December 20, 2005 authorizing the General Obligation Note, Series of 2007 (Emmaus 1996 Bond Pool) and the original Resolution relating to the 1996 Emmaus Bond Pool Loan as presented.

EXHIBIT D

Recommendation to Approve Berkheimer Request – 2005 EIT Information

Mrs. Bray indicated that in order to maintain current earned income tax files, the administration is requesting action on this request.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the request to obtain 2005 EIT information from Berkheimer Associations as requested.

EXHIBIT E

Recommendation to Approve 2007-2008 Bids

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2007-2008 Bids as listed: General, Art – Paint, Art – General, and Custodial.

EXHIBIT F

2007-2008 Personnel Expenditures

Dr. Parry indicated that there was extensive discussion at the Finance Committee meeting regarding past, present and future student enrollment and staffing levels.

2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget

Recommendation to approve, as required by Act 1 of 2006, the 2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget for the Souderton Area School District with expenditures totaling \$96,573,481, and to authorize District Administration to apply for and file with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for all exceptions to which the District is entitled

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget (continued)

Dr. Amuso indicated that the administration and Board have been working under the Act 1 requirements regarding the 2007-2008 budget since September on the new budget format. As required by law, the 2007-2008 proposed preliminary budget was placed on the Souderton Area School District Website as of January 19th. We have until May to make changes in the budget. The final vote on the budget will take place in June. He indicated that the expenditure budget does not include a tax rate increase at this point.

Dr. Parry reiterated that this is the proposed preliminary budget.

Mr. Miller asked for clarification on how much fund balance will be utilized to balance the 2007-2008 proposed preliminary budget.

Mrs. Bray commented that the proposed preliminary budget has been reported in the PDE 2028 format and that \$1,800,000 is required to balance this budget.

There were questions from the Board regarding the impact high school funding will have on a tax increase and what exceptions can be applied for.

Mrs. Bray indicated that the exceptions allow for more than a 5.71% millage increase. The state will either approve or deny all exceptions by March 21st.

Mr. Verbeke questioned if the Board could make changes to the preliminary budget under the Act 1 regulations.

Mr. Sultanik responded that there are some issues regarding the advertising of the budget, but he is confident that changes can be made to the preliminary budget.

Mr. Verbeke added that the Board needs to take a second look at the budget and find more cuts.

Dr. Amuso added that the Governor's budget was not released until this past Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bray indicated that preliminary figures from the Governor's budget show that there is a 2% increase in Basic Education funding and 2.52% increase in Special Education funding.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Leer to approve, the 2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget with expenditures totaling \$96,573,481, and to authorize District administration to apply for all exceptions to which the District is entitled. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. Verbeke voting no, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve, as required by Act 1 of 2006, the 2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget for the Souderton Area School District with expenditures totaling \$96,573,481, and to authorize District administration to apply for and file with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for all exceptions to which the District is entitled.

EXHIBIT G

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007-2008 Proposed Preliminary Budget (continued)

The adoption of the final budget and setting of the tax rates is scheduled for a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors in June 2007.

May 15th Ballot Question – Property Tax Reduction and Tax Shift

Dr. Parry indicated that tonight's focus was to discuss property tax reduction and tax shift. The Board will vote on the ballot question at the February 22nd School Board meeting. The recommendation from the Local Tax Study Commission was to increase the Earned Income Tax (EIT) by 1%, thus raising the total EIT attributable to Souderton Area School District to 1.5%.

Dr. Amuso stated a requirement of Act 1 is for the Board to adopt a ballot question for the May primary election. The voters must decide yes they want a tax shift or no they do not want a tax shift. The Board must decide what the final question will be, an increase in the EIT or propose a Personal Income Tax (PIT).

The Board discussed the pros and cons of an increased EIT over a PIT. They discussed collection rate, what percentage of the taxpayers in the district would be paying a higher tax, assessments, and new housing.

Mr. Sultanik explained that an interpretive statement will be handed to the voters at the polling places. The district will post the statement on the Souderton Website, SATV, and share with the media.

Dr. Amuso indicated that after the February 22nd vote, he and Mrs. Bray will visit service groups, employees, and other community groups to explain the ballot question.

Mr. MacDougall polled the Board members for their preference.

Mr. Miller – supports PIT

Mr. Verbeke – supports EIT

Mr. MacDougall – doesn't support either one, but recommends EIT

Dr. Parry – EIT at the maximum level of 1.9%

Mr. Leer – PIT at the minimum level of 0.9%

Mr. Brong – supports EIT

Mrs. Cole – supports EIT

Dr. Baumgartner – supports EIT

Mr. Ernest Rosato, from Upper Salford, indicated that Act 1 is a poor piece of legislation.

May 15th Ballot Question – Property Tax Reduction and Tax Shift (continued)

Dr. Amuso indicated that the administration will prepare a resolution based on the recommendation of the Local Tax Study Commission for an increase in the EIT and present to the Board for a vote on February 22nd.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 immediately following the 7:30 PM Education-Personnel Committee meeting in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

POLICY COMMITTEE
Tracy G. Cole, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Proposed agenda items for the Wednesday, February 14, 2007 Policy Committee meeting will include the following topics, but discussions will not be limited to the following:

Policies Under Review

Mrs. Cole shared that the following policies will be reviewed at the next meeting:

- a. Policy #333 – Professional Growth Guidelines (Administrative Employees)
- b. Policy #433 – Professional Growth Guidelines (Professional Employees)
- c. Policy #331 – Job Related Expenses (Administrative Employees)
- d. Policy #431 – Job Related Expenses (Professional Employees)

Second Reading of Policy – Broadcasting Board Meetings

Mrs. Cole indicated that there had been one change in this policy since the last Board meeting. The policy will include two operable cameras instead of one. Mr. Gallagher explained the need for the second camera. Costs associated with this policy will be discussed at the Policy Committee meeting.

Dr. Parry expressed some concerns regarding the language of the policy.

Mr. Miller spoke against the televising of Board meetings.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that Board members have a high level of legislative immunity. The Chair has the right to control the meetings. He suggested looking at the public participation at meetings policy and put the same language in both policies.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole indicated that she had sent out a report to Board members regarding the last MCIU meeting.

The next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2007 beginning at 7:45 PM. The meeting will be held at the IU, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Victor M. Verbeke, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole distributed a report from the recent National School Boards Association Federal Relations Conference that she attended in Washington, D.C.

EXHIBIT H

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Jack Parry, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

No report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brong read a letter of thanks from the Souderton Area Youth Wrestling Association.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:26 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary