

Souderton Area School District
760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

A meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, August 10, 2006 at the District Administrative Office in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 PM by President Eric MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Jack Silva, representatives from The Souderton Independent, The Reporter, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

Dr. Amuso presented the requests to attend conferences/workshops, stating that they conform to district administrative policy and procedures.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Mr. Verbeke, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

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

DAWN CURTIS
Mathematics, Senior High School

4Sight Benchmark Assessment Initial Training
Harrisburg, PA
August 14-15, 2006 (Mon.-Tues.)
Estimated Expenses: \$309.00
Substitute Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$309.00

BRENDA JONES BRAY
Director of Business Affairs

2006 Business Administrators' Workshop
Lake Harmony, PA
September 27-29, 2006 (Wed.-Fri.)
Estimated Expenses: \$438.19
Substitute Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$438.19

Report of the Superintendent

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (continued)

TOBY J. ALBANESE	Restorative Practices Conference and Training
Assistant Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High	Bethlehem, PA
KELLY FICKERT	October 16-17, 2006 (Mon.-Tues.)
Ninth Grade Science, Indian Crest Jr. High	Estimated Expenses: \$332.04 (combined)
	Substitute Expenses: <u>200.00</u> (Fickert only)
	Total Expenses: \$532.04 (combined)

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Brenda Jones Bray

Action on School Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2006

Mrs. Bray presented the Minutes of the July 27, 2006 Board meeting for approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2006 Board meeting as presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held July 27, 2006 to discuss possible litigation. The meeting lasted 10 minutes.

An Executive Session was held August 2, 2006 to discuss personnel items. That meeting lasted 45 minutes.

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel items. That meeting lasted 25 minutes.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Grace Eves

Approval of the Financial Statements for July 2006.

Mrs. Eves presented the financial statements for July 2006 as an information item.

Mr. MacDougall questioned the decrease in the Food Service balance.

Mrs. Eves indicated that the Food Service Department had several expenditures for software and retirement benefits during 2005-2006.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Education-Personnel Committee discussed the following at the August 2, 2006 meeting:

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Second Reading of Scope and Sequence/Planned Courses/Textbooks

Mr. Leer mentioned that this was the second reading of the planned courses as listed and the third reading would take place at the next Board meeting.

- a. Planned Course for Algebra III/Trigonometry – Grades 10-12
- b. Planned Course for Honors Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus – Grades 10-12
- c. Planned Course for Integrated Business Systems – Grades 10-12

Third Reading and Approval of Scope and Sequence/Planned Courses/Textbooks

Mr. Leer indicated that since there were questions remaining about one of the items listed, he would suggest pulling the Elementary Technology Curriculum and vote on it as a separate item.

- a. Elementary Technology Curriculum
- b. Language Arts Intervention Course and Materials
- c. Information Processing Course and Materials
- d. Secondary ESL Program Materials

The floor was opened for questions.

Mr. Currie questioned the integration of technology in the elementary curriculum. He asked if there was any research data that proved elementary student learning is enhanced with the integration of technology.

Dr. Amuso responded that he is not aware of any such research. However, students are comfortable with technology and many courses use technology in their research and learning. Parents expect the integration of technology in their child's education. Students who enter into college are expected to be able to use technology in their field of learning.

Mr. Miller asked at what level are the elementary students introduced to technology, such as keyboarding.

Mr. Silva responded that students in elementary grades need to be physically developed in order to be ready for keyboarding. Traditionally, keyboarding has been introduced in middle school.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that fifth graders experimented with keyboarding last year.

Dr. Baumgartner asked if all primary teachers have the necessary technology skills in order to teach their students.

Education-Personnel Committee

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Third Reading and Approval of Scope and Sequence/Planned Courses/Textbooks (continued)

Dr. Amuso and Mr. Gallagher responded that teachers have been trained in technology skills over the past few years. Mr. Gallagher indicated that when a project is started in either the classroom or the computer lab, both the classroom teacher and the computer lab teacher have the necessary technology skills to help the student complete the assignment.

Mr. Currie indicated that his concern is that elementary students may be distracted from their core learning if technology is introduced too soon.

Mr. Clemens explained the elementary curriculum format and how the primary grades and the intermediate grades have different time allotments for technology.

Upon a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 8 to 1, with Mr. Currie voting no, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the third reading and grant approval of the scope and sequence of the planned course for the Elementary Technology Curriculum.

Upon a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the third reading and grant approval of the scope and sequence of the planned courses as listed:

- a. Language Arts Intervention Course and Materials
- b. Information Processing Course and Materials
- c. Secondary ESL Program Materials

OTHER

Request for Non-Resident Tuition Special Education Students to Attend Souderton Area School District Classrooms for the 2006-2007 School Year:

- Souderton Area High School – LSS Program – 1 student from Perkiomen Valley S. D.
1 student from Upper Perkiomen S. D.
1 student from Methacton S. D.
- Souderton Area High School – LS Program – 2 students from Upper Perkiomen S. D.
Indian Crest Jr. High School – LS Program – 1 student from Upper Perkiomen S. D.

Mr. Miller asked for clarification of the LS and LSS indications of special education.

Mr. Clemens responded that LS is Learning Skills and LSS is Life Skills Support.

Education-Personnel Committee

Request for Non-Resident Tuition Special Education Students to Attend Souderton Area School District Classrooms for the 2006-2007 School Year (continued)

Upon a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the request for non-resident tuition special education students to attend Souderton Area School District for the 2006-2007 school year as presented.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the personnel items as listed, with the addition of the items listed on the addendum:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Resignations

STACY DESTEFANO Special Education Teacher, Lower Salford Elem.
Effective: TBD

JOSEPH REICHERT Instrumental Music, Senior High School
Effective: TBD (on or before October 7, 2006)

DREW SCHEELER Business Education, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: July 28, 2006

Request for Health Sabbatical

VIRGINIA L. SCHAEFER Sixth Grade Math, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: 2006-2007 school year

Transfer

LYNN CONNERY-ORCUTT From: First Grade, Lower Salford Elem.
New position – one year To: Elementary Literacy Coach
(Accountability Block Grant) Effective: 2006-2007 school year

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment

WILLIAM D'ANGELO

New position per 2006-2007
Budget.

Mathematics Teacher, Senior High School and
Indian Crest Jr. High School

TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL

Beginning: 2006-2007 school year

Education

Hofstra Univ. (BA) 1999
Hofstra Univ. (MA) 2003

Experience

2002-2006-East Meadow SD, Westbury, NY-East
Meadow High School-Math and AP Computer
Programming
1996-2002-East Meadow SD, Westbury, NY-Woodland
Middle School-Math

Recommended Salary

\$45,813 – M (4)

MICHAEL J. FELICIANI

Replacement for
Drew Scheeler (resigned)

Keyboarding Teacher, Indian Valley Middle School

TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL

Beginning: 2006-2007 school year

Education

East Stroudsburg Univ.
(BA & BS) 1996
Delaware Valley College
(Certif.) 2005

Experience

2005-2006-Twin Valley SD-Twin Valley High School
Information Technology Teacher

Recommended Salary

\$38,226 – B+12 (2)

AMANDA JOHNSON

Replacement for
Lynn Conner-Orcutt (transfer)

First Grade, Lower Salford Elem.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective: 2006-2007 school year

Education

Penn State Univ. (BS) 2004

Experience

Jan.-June 2006-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.-First
Grade (LTS)
Sept.-Dec. 2005-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.-Title V Aide
2004-2005-Perkiomen Valley SD-South Elem.-First
Grade (LTS)

Recommended Salary

\$36,771 – B (1)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

JAMI KAZATSKY Third Grade, West Broad Street Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Rebecca Derstine (childrearing) Effective: 2006-2007 school year
Education Experience
George Washington Univ. (BA) 2005-2006-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Fourth Grade (LTS)
2002 2004-2005-Perkiomen Valley SD-First Grade (LTS)
Temple Univ. (M.Ed.) 2004 Feb.-June 2004-Central Bucks SD-Substitute Teacher
Recommended Salary
\$40,439 – M (1)

JENNIFER KRAUSE First Grade, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Courtney Panachyda (childrearing) Effective: First semester, 2006-2007 school year
Education Experience
Chestnut Hill College (BS) 1997 Feb.-June 2006-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Kindergarten
Cabrini College (MS) 2005 Per Diem Extended Substitute
Sept. 2005-Jan. 2006-SASD-West Broad Street Elem.
First Grade (LTS)
Spring 2005-Colonial SD-Plymouth Elem.-First Grade
Student Teaching
Recommended Salary
\$20,219.50 – M (1)

MEGAN LEADBEATER Third Grade, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Bertina Hsu-Miller (childrearing) Effective: First semester, 2006-2007 school year
Education Experience
Arcadia Univ. (BA) 2006 Spring 2006-Wissahickon SD-Stony Creek Elem.
Third Grade-Student Teaching
Recommended Salary
\$18,385.50 – B (1)

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

STEPHANIE MACBAIN Second Grade, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Karen Planinshek (childrearing) Effective: First semester, 2006-2007 school year
Education Experience
Lebanon Valley College (BS) 2002 Dec. 2005-June 2006-SASD-Oak Ridge Elem.-Second
Grade (LTS)
Sept.-Nov. 2005-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Second Grade
Extended Per Diem Sub.
2003-2005-Perkiomen Valley SD-Evergreen Elem.
First Grade (LTS)
Recommended Salary
\$18,385.50 – B (1)

KATHRYN REICHARD .5 Kindergarten, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Cheri Fogle (childrearing) Effective: First semester, 2006-2007 school year
Education Experience
Kutztown Univ. (BS) 2005 Apr.-June 2006-Central Bucks SD-Mill Creek Elem.
Fourth Grade (LTS)
Feb.-Apr. 2006-Central Bucks SD-Mill Creek Elem.
Building Substitute
Fall 2005-Kutztown Univ. Early Learning Center and
Saucon Valley SD-Second Grade-Student
Teaching
Recommended Salary
\$9,192.75 – B (1)

COLLEEN SCHNEIDER Part-Time Learning Support, Franconia Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: 2006-2007 school year
Amy Glover (transfer)
Education Experience
SUNY at Genesee (BS) 1989 2005-2006-Pittston, NJ-Alexandria Middle School
Special Education-Multiple Handicapped
1990-1998-East Orange, NJ-East Orange SD-Special
Education
Recommended Salary
\$26.00 per hour - 3 hours per day

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

CHRISTINE SODA	Guidance Counselor, Senior High School
New position per	TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL
2006-2007 Budget	Beginning: 2006-2007 school year
<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Arcadia Univ. (BA) 1995	1997-2006-Arcadia Univ.-Academic Advisor
Arcadia Univ. (MA) 2005	2004-2005-Bensalem High School-School Counseling Intern
	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
	\$45,183 – M+24 (1)

SUPPORT STAFF

Resignations

JORDAN BARTOS	Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elem. Effective: August 18, 2006
ANITA BROWN	Title I Reading Aide, West Broad Street Elem. Effective: August 10, 2006
KAREN GANA	Title I Math Aide, Oak Ridge Elem. Effective: August 1, 2006
NATHAN HICKS	Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elem. Effective: August 8, 2006
AMY KRUZIC	Special Education Aide – LSP, Lower Salford Elem. Effective: August 8, 2006
LEANNE LIGHTCAP	Title V Aide, Salford Hills Elem. Effective: August 3, 2006
REGINA MCCLELLAND	Learning Support Aide, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: August 2, 2006
JAMIE MCFADDEN	ESL Teaching Assistant, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Effective: August 2, 2006

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Transfers

JANE DITULLIO

From: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Franconia Elem.
To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide Substitute, Franconia
Effective: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.55 per hour
Hours: as needed

NISHA PENNOCK

From: Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elem.
To: District Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Beginning: August 11, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$8.96
Hours: 4 per day

Recommendations for Employment

LINDA IMBODEN

Replacement for
David Lindsay (resigned)

Second Shift, Full-Time Custodian
Indian Crest Jr. High School
Beginning: August 25, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$16.43
Hours: 8 per day

JULIE MAZUREK

Replacement for
Jen Wilde (resigned)

Special Education Aide, Multiple Handicapped Class
E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$10.23
Hours: 7.5 per day

BRANDON PRIDGEN

Replacement for
Matthew Jeinnings (resigned)

Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$8.96 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

Recommendations for Employment of Coaches/Instructors for the 2006-2007 School Year

Supplemental Contract

ADAM TUCKER

Asst. Director, Marching Band (HS)

\$2,992.00

Education-Personnel Committee

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Recommendations for Employment of Coaches/Instructors for the 2006-2007 School Year
(continued)

Contracted Services

TRISHA SWANSON	Assistant Water Polo Coach (HS)	\$2,032.00
PERRY BOUCHER	Head Percussion Instructor (HS)	2,600.00
DAVID FRY	Asst. Percussion Instructor (HS)	1,531.00
LARRY TRIMBLE	Head Colorguard Instructor (HS)	2,600.00
STEVE RAYSOR	Asst. Colorguard Instructor (HS)	2,001.00
STEVE YODER	Asst. Percussion Instructor (HS)	
	<i>Paid by Band Boosters</i>	(1,200.00)

There was discussion among the Board members regarding a change in meeting time for both the Education-Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee. No decision was reached.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that if a change is made, the Board must re-advertise the balance of the 2006-2007 meeting schedule.

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 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

William J. Brong and Mark D. Leer, Representatives

No report.

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:30 PM at the North Montco Technical Career Center, Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

R. "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Proposed agenda items for the August 16, 2006 Operations Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- New High School Project – Update

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities

Mr. Miller presenting the requests stating that the requests meet prevailing rates and conform to present policy.

E. M. CROUTHAMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AFS Lenape
Florida Fruit Sale
November 17, 18; December 15, 16, 2006
January 26, 27; February 23, 24; March 23, 24, 2007
Friday's – 7:00PM – 10:00PM
Saturday's – 10:00AM – 12:00PM
Insurance Certificate on file

INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Community Flag Football League
Football field
Flag football practice
September 10 – December 10, 2006
Sundays only
9:00AM – 3:00PM
Insurance Certificate on file

INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Community Flag Football League
Football field
Flag football practice
September 10 – December 10, 2006
Sundays only
9:00AM – 3:00PM
Insurance Certificate on file

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Harleysville Thunderbirds Softball
Gym
Oct, Nov, Dec., 2006
Jan, Feb, March, April 2007
Tuesday & Thursday evenings
6:00PM – 9:00PM
Practice
Insurance Certificate on file

Operations Committee

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Harleysville Girls Softball Association

Library

August 03; September 7; October 5; November 2; December 7, 2006

January 4; February 1; March 1; April 12, 2007

Board Meetings

7:00PM – 9:30PM

Insurance Certificate on file

New High School Project Update

Mr. Miller reported that aerial pictures of the project have been placed on the Souderton Area School District Website. The Board will be visiting the site on August 16, 2006. Progress is continuing on the project.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Finance Committee discussed the following items at the August 2, 2006 meeting:

Act 1 of 2006 - Local Tax Study Commission (PFM Proposal)

Dr. Parry indicated that as a result of Special Session Act 1 of 2006, the Souderton Area School District must appoint a Local Tax Study Commission to gather information and hold public meetings and hearings in order to make a recommendation to the Board of School Directors concerning a referendum for the adoption of an income tax to offset property taxes. This tax may be assessed against either earned income and net profits or personal income.

Finance Committee

Act 1 of 2006 - Local Tax Study Commission (PFM Proposal) (continued)

Act 1 provides that voters in each school district must have the opportunity to vote on a referendum question calling for the shifting of taxes from real estate taxes to an income tax. Dr. Parry mentioned that the district has a proposal from Public Financial Management (PFM) to provide tax data to the Commission and to instruct them on how to use the data.

Mrs. Bray explained that the components of the PFM proposal would include a group session at the Intermediate Unit for all school districts in Montgomery County; general education on the provisions of Act 1; present an Act 1 calendar of events through 2006-2007; review specific decision points for the tax study commission, Board and administration; review critical information and factors to support decisions; review historic and present district revenue from taxes; review the demographic characteristics of the district; project district revenue from current taxes and from any additional earned income tax or personal income tax; prioritize decisions and actions, and review and analyze the impact of the distribution of property tax relief funds based on the best available information. This proposal would cost the district \$4,000.

Dr. Parry indicated that he thought \$4,000 would provide the commission with very valuable resources and would be well worth the money.

Mrs. Bray and Mr. Sultanik indicated that since there were several school districts within the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to utilize these services, we would benefit with a discounted fee.

Mr. Verbeke asked for clarification that this information would be tailored for Souderton Area and not county-wide information.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve and participate in the Public Financial Management (PFM) Act 1 proposal as presented at the cost of \$4,000.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Parry presented a Resolution, authored by Fox, Rothschild and Frankle, regarding the time lines and procedures of Act 1.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the Board could address the Resolution tonight, but the Resolution needed to be adopted before September 14, 2006. The Commission members must be appointed by the Board by September 14, 2006.

There was discussion among the Board members regarding specific wording of the Resolution, the timeline of Act 1 requirements, and how the Board would proceed in appointing Commission members.

Dr. Parry, Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. MacDougall all indicated that since there is a tight timeline, an Ad Hoc Committee of three Board members should be appointed by the President of the Board.

Mr. Leer asked if the Local Tax Study Committee would be an annual appointment.

Finance Committee

Act 1 of 2006 - Local Tax Study Commission (PFM Proposal) (continued)

Mr. Sultanik responded that this appointment is only for the initial referendum.

After more discussion and debate, the specific wording for the Resolution was agreed upon and will be prepared by Mr. Sultanik's office.

A resident in the audience questioned if the Board had received any interested candidates.

Mr. MacDougall responded that there are a few who have shown an interest.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the wording of the Local Tax Study Commission Resolution as discussed and prepared by Fox, Rothschild and Frankle. **EXHIBIT B**

Dr. Parry indicated that interested candidates must fill out an application and asked Board members for suggestions or recommendations to the application.

Mr. MacDougall suggested that the application should quantify income brackets. He suggested that the administration determine the income brackets based on the socioeconomics of the district.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the application form requests personal information and mentioned that applicants can be non-resident taxpayers.

There was a question as to whether or not the information on the application would be regarded as public record and therefore public information. Mr. Sultanik responded that the information on the applications is to be kept confidential.

Mrs. Cole suggested that some type of clarification was needed on the application regarding age, socioeconomic status and the question regarding children.

There was discussion among the Board members regarding the application's question about children.

Mr. Miller commented that the application needed some definition of income.

Mr. Sultanik clarified the difference between all income and earned income.

Mr. MacDougall suggested that the administration clarify the questions on the application.

Mr. Verbeke questioned how the Board would make the list of candidates public without divulging personal information.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that if the process works, the commission will see that the needs of the community are addressed. It will not be an easy recommendation for the commission.

Finance Committee

Act 1 of 2006 - Local Tax Study Commission (PFM Proposal) (continued)

Dr. Parry recommended that the administration make the necessary changes to the application form and have the President review the form before it is released.

Mr. Miller was concerned about educating the public and how Act 1 will affect the community.

Mr. Currie suggested using IRS tax guidelines to clarify income levels.

2007-2008 Budget - Budget Timeline Requirements and Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Bray mentioned that the Act 1 timeline requirements move the budgeting schedule up at least three to four months. She explained a possible budget format and commented on the time constraints at Finance Committee meetings.

Dr. Parry suggested flip-flopping the time of the Education-Personnel Committee meeting and the Finance Committee meeting.

The Board members discussed the pros and cons of changing the future meeting structure.

Mr. MacDougall recommended that the administration work out a suitable schedule.

Dr. Amuso agreed that more time is needed at the meetings. We can start meetings late, but we can not start meetings earlier than the advertised start time.

After more discussion by the Board, no decision was reached. Discussion will continue at the August 24th Board meeting.

2007-2008 Budget – Budget Format

Dr. Parry highlighted the approaching deadlines and discussions that need to take place before those deadlines. The preliminary budget must be displayed by January 2007.

Mr. Currie indicated that at the last Finance Committee meeting, he had offered some suggestions regarding the process. Discussion will take place at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Land Development and Construction Escrow Agreement – Update

Mrs. Bray indicated that the agreement had gone from our attorney to Franconia Township's attorney with hopes to have the agreement ready for the Operations Committee meeting next week. After discussion by the Operations Committee, it will move to the Board for action.

Recommendation to Approve Budgetary Transfers

Mr. Currie questioned the reason for two transfers and why the transfers were that magnitude.

Mrs. Bray responded that transfers were made at her recommendation because of budget coding changes. Also, there was a change in the procedure for E-Rate funds. Mr. Bray explained the E-Rate federal funding program and process.

Finance Committee

Recommendation to Approve Budgetary Transfers (continued)

Mr. Miller questioned if the staff is spending more than what is budgeted.

Mrs. Bray responded that these two budgetary transfers were the result of a conscious decision to change budget codes.

Upon a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the budgetary transfers as presented.

EXHIBIT C

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices, Lowell A. Tinner Board Room, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tracy G. Cole, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Proposed agenda items for the August 16, 2006 Policy Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- * Video Taping Board Meetings for Television Viewing
- * Policy #913 – Non-School Organization/Groups/Individuals
- * Policies #317.1, #417.1 and #517.1 – Terroristic Threats/Acts – Employee Levels

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 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

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole indicated that she had not been at the last meeting, but distributed information received from the Intermediate Unit regarding the last meeting.

The next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2006 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 reported that Congress is in recess at the present time, but she is trying to schedule a meeting with Rep. Dent and Rep. Schwartz to discuss issues related to education. Mrs. Cole also reported that the Perkins Act has been reissued and is waiting for the President's signature. The Perkins Act is funding for technical career students and programs.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Jack Parry, Representative

Dr. Parry mentioned that the PSBA Legislative Conference will be held on October 10-13, 2006 in Hershey. Souderton is entitled to three voting delegates. Dr. Parry, Dr. Baumgartner and Mrs. Cole volunteered to represent Souderton Area School District at the conference.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

No report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Report on Graduation Requirements – PSSA

Dr. Amuso indicated that this issue had been raised at the July 27 board meeting. Currently in effect, all senior students must be proficient in order to graduate. There was a proposal in November from PDE for school districts to align courses to state standards. AYP benchmarks are increasing over the next few years. Dr. Amuso mentioned that at the Education-Personnel Committee meeting in November, a program was presented to provide intervention to eleventh graders who did not score high enough on the PSSA's.

Mr. Silva indicated that preliminary results show that secondary scores have increased. This is raw data and we will not get actual numbers for a few more weeks.

David Lord, from Telford, questioned the actions that were taken by the administration.

Mr. Silva indicated that the program was reviewed with the board, put into place and we are seeing results that the program is working.

Mrs. Cole asked when parents will receive PSSA results.

Unfinished/New Business

Report on Graduation Requirements – PSSA (continued)

Mr. Silva indicated that information will go out to parents in September.

Dr. Baumgartner asked how Souderton compares to other school districts.

Mr. Silva responded that he will present a report at a future Education-Personnel Committee meeting that will show comparisons to other school district in the county.

A resident from the audience asked if the students who show non-proficient include eleventh graders.

Mr. Silva responded that the number includes career center, special education and regular students.

Mr. Lord continued to question the acts of the administration.

Mr. Miller shared information regarding the upcoming Education Foundation Golf Outing on October 2, 2006.

Mr. Brong asked if the swale at West Broad Street Elementary School was addressed.

Mr. Gallagher responded that work on the swale has been completed and the butterfly garden was cleaned out. The District's custodial staff is in the process of sealing the floors at West Broad.

Mr. MacDougall announced an Executive Session following the board meeting to discuss possible litigation and personnel items.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:44 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary