

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

A meeting of the Souderton Area School Board was held Thursday, September 28, 2006 at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Offices in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Eric 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, Karen Berk, Dan Bitner, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Van Le, Steve Pollack, Laurie Reynolds, Kyle Robertson, Gail Ryan, Wayne Walton, representatives from The Souderton Independent, The Reporter, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

Dr. Amuso presented the requests for conferences/workshops, stating that they conform to district administrative policy. He mentioned that the request for Catherine Orgera was to be withdrawn due to the fact that the conference was cancelled.

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

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

<b>DONNA HUFF</b>	PA Section 504 Conference
Principal, Lower Salford Elem.	Allentown, PA
	September 29, 2006 (Fri.)
	Est. Expenses: \$195.00
	Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$195.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (continued)

Requests conform to District administrative policy and procedures.

**LINDA BLEAU**

ESL, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

**LUCY BUCHANAN**

ESL, West Broad Street Elem.

**ELISABETH CLEMMER**

ESL, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

**JESSICA MILES**

ESL, Lower Salford Elem.

**ANA MARIE PECK**

ESL, Franconia Elem.

**DIANE RANKIN**

ESL, Indian Valley Middle School

Paid by Title VI funds.

**THOMAS MOLL**

Librarian, Indian Crest Jr. High

**KEVIN PAULL**

Librarian, Indian Valley M. S.

**KAREN ROBERTS**

Librarian, Senior High School

**ROBERT BARBADORO**

English, Senior High School

**NATHAN WAMBOLD**

English, Senior High School

**BEVERLY MOYER**

School Nurse, Indian Crest Jr. High

**DEBBIE QUINN**

School Nurse, Indian Valley M. S.

Training for Administration of World-Class  
Instructional Design and Assessment

King of Prussia, PA

October 4, 2006 and November 8, 2006 (Wed.)

Est. Expenses: \$133.15 (combined)

Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (Rankin only)

Total Expenses: \$339.15 (combined)

**KAREN TYBRING**

ESL, Senior High School

**KATHIE VENEZIALE**

ESL, Franconia Elem.

**JENNIFER WORTHINGTON**

ESL, Oak Ridge/Salford Hills Elem.

ACCESS Pennsylvania Training

Allentown, PA

October 5, 2006 (Thurs.)

Estimated Expenses: \$ 13.35 (combined)

Substitute Expenses: 303.00 (combined)

Total Expenses: \$313.35 (combined)

Advanced Placement Language and Composition  
Training

Philadelphia, PA

October 11, 2006 (Wed.)

Est. Expenses: \$445.00 (combined)

Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)

Total Expenses: \$651.00 (combined)

Tobacco Use, Addiction and Treatment Among  
Youth Training

Eagleville, PA

October 12, 2006 (Thurs.)

Est. Expenses: \$ 50.28 (combined)

Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)

Total Expenses: \$256.28 (combined)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (continued)

Requests conform to District administrative policy and procedures.

<b>KAREN BERK</b> Director of Special Education	Eastern Pennsylvania Special Education Administrator's Conference Hershey, PA October 18-20, 2006 (Wed.-Fri.)
<b>REBECCA FOGLE</b> Supervisor of Special Education-Sec.	Estimated Expenses: \$1,394.00 (combined)
<b>ELIZABETH MAZA</b> Supervisor of Special Education-Elem.	Substitute Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$1,394.00 (combined)

<b>DAVE RAMAGE</b> Coordinator of Technology Staff Development	Learning Connections Conference Downingtown, PA October 19, 2006 (Thurs.)
<b>CASSIE BALZER</b>	Est. Expenses: \$ 684.00 (combined)
<b>JENNIFER KLING</b>	Sub. Expenses: <u>618.00</u> (combined)
<b>ANN LANDIS</b>	Total Expenses: \$1,302.00 (combined)

**ANTHONY MOLETTIERE**  
**DARREN SMITH**  
**BRAD WENGER**  
District Elementary Technology Teachers

Paid by 2005-2006 Title II-D funds.

<b>MICHELLE STRENKO</b> Math, Indian Valley M. S.	National Council for Teachers of Math Regional Conference and Expo Atlantic City, NJ October 20, 2006 (Fri.)
<b>LEIGH VOIGT</b> Math, Indian Valley M. S.	Est. Expenses: \$322.95 (combined)
	Sub. Expenses: <u>206.00</u> (combined)
	Total Expenses: \$528.95 (combined)

<b>CAMILLE CASANI</b> CARS, Salford Hills Elem.	Keystone State Reading Association Conference Champion, PA October 22-25, 2006 (Sun.-Wed.)
	Estimated Expenses: \$602.00
	Substitute Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$602.00

<b>KAREN BERK</b> Director of Special Education	Science of Reading: Overcoming Dyslexia Fogelsville, PA October 26, 2006 (Thurs.)
	Estimated Expenses: \$95.60
	Substitute Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$95.60

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (continued)

Requests conform to District administrative policy and procedures.

<b>BONNIE BARNES</b> German Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High	Holocaust Education Conference Greensburg, PA November 6-7, 2006 (Mon.-Tues.) Estimated Expenses: \$198.00 Substitute Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Expenses: \$301.00
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<b>GRETCHEN WALTER</b> Learning Support, Indian Valley M. S.	Monitoring Student Progress in Writing Norristown, PA November 9, 2006 (Thurs.) Estimated Expenses: \$ 0.00 Substitute Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Expenses: \$103.00
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<b>BRENDA KRUPP</b> District Staff Development Coach	National Council of Teachers of English and National Writing Project Conference Nashville, TN November 17, 2006 (Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$ 0.00
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<b>SUSAN MCFADDEN</b> Counselor, Oak Ridge Elem.	The Impact of Trauma on Students and Their Families Norristown, PA December 6, 2006 (Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$ 0.00
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Local Tax Study Commission

Dr. Amuso reported that the Local Tax Study Commission had met on September 26<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing officers: Chairperson is Thomas Kwiatkowski, Vice Chairperson is Jonathan Gardenier, and Secretary is Nicholas Roussel. The commission reviewed their mission and their goal.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2006, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Tinner Board Room. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for October 10, 17 and 24, 2006. The public is welcome.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Brenda Jones Bray

Action on School Board Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2006

Mrs. Bray presented the Minutes of the September 14, 2006 Board meeting for approval.

Dr. Parry asked for clarification of a statement on page 102 of the Minutes and questioned the motion regarding the land agreement.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2006 Board meeting as presented.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Eric R. MacDougall

Mr. MacDougall announced that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss personnel issues. The meeting lasted 35 minutes.

He also indicated that there would be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

Kyle Robertson, President of the Student Council, reported on upcoming Spirit Week and homecoming events, along with the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce's Character Week activities.

Dan Bitner, Senior Class President, reported that the Souderton Area High School now has a Fellowship of Christian Athletics chapter and spoke about several of the sports teams and their seasons.

**KYLE ROBERTSON** – Senior – Class of 2007

**DAN BITNER** – Senior – Class of 2007

**VAN LEE** – Junior – Class of 2006

Mr. MacDougall welcomed all three of the representatives to the Board.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Grace Eves

Approval of the Financial Statements and Check Listings for August 2006

Mrs. Eves presented the financial statements, check listings and school activity fund statements as of August 31, 2006 for approval.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Parry questioned where the transaction was listed for the transfer of the \$3 million approved at the last Board meeting.

Mrs. Eves responded that the transfer will be reported on the September 2006 report.

Mr. MacDougall commented on the balance listed for the Food Service account, indicating that the balance was lower than past reports.

Mrs. Eves again stated that the balance of this report was as of August 31, 2006 when school was not in session.

Mrs. Cole questioned if the changes made to the vending machines had an impact on Food Service funds.

Mrs. Bray responded that it is too soon to tell since this report was for August 2006 when school was not in session.

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 approve the financial statements, check registers, and building activity fund statements for August 2006 as presented. **EXHIBIT A**

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

**Committee Chairperson Report**

Mr. Leer reported on the topics discussed at the September 2006 Education-Personnel Committee meeting, such as:

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Second Reading -- Reading Units of Study for Grades One and Grade Two

Mr. Leer indicated that this was the second reading of the Grade One and Two Reading Units of Study and asked if there were any questions.

OTHER ITEMS

Requests for Overnight Field Trips

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the overnight field trip, plus the field trip listed on the addendum, as presented:

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

OTHER ITEMS

Requests for Overnight Field Trips (continued)

- a. Souderton Area High School – Grades 11-12 – Thespian Society Members  
Date: November 30 to December 3, 2006 (Thurs.-Sun.)  
Destination: Connellsville Area High School, Connellsville, PA  
Purpose of Trip: Students will participate in the annual state conference of The International Thespian Society.  
Number of Students: 16  
Number of Chaperones: 2 Teachers  
Requesting Teacher: Carole Kershetsky  
Funding for Trip: Paid by students and fund raising activities.
  
- b. Souderton Area High School – Water Polo Team – Grades 9-12  
Date: September 29-30, 2006 (Friday-Saturday)  
Destination: Pottsville High School, Pottsville, PA  
Purpose of Trip: Water Polo Tournament  
Number of Students: 32  
Number of Chaperones: 2 Staff – 4 Parents  
Requesting Teacher/Staff Member: Terrence Nessensohn  
Funding for Trip: Paid by athletic funds.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mr. Leer recommended taking the Professional Staff items, Support Staff items, coaching positions, additions/deletions to the Substitute Teacher listing, plus the addendum items as one motion.

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 personnel items on pages 6-8, plus the addendum items as listed:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Request for Childrearing Leave

**TAMMY CACCAVO** Spanish Teacher, Senior High School  
Beginning approximately February 20, 2007, following Family Medical Leave, through the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Caccavo is planning to return to work for the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

SUPPORT STAFF

Resignations

**ANDREA BESSLER** Full-Time 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: October 5, 2006

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Resignations (continued)

**JENNY L. FREED**

Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
Effective: September 29, 2006

**CHRIS KIELBASA**

Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: September 22, 2006

**NATE RUFF**

Part-Time Custodian, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Effective: September 20, 2006

Transfers

**DANIELLE BREAUX**

Replacement for  
Susan Miller (transfer)

From: Assistant Registrar, District Office  
To: Secretary, Special Education, District Office  
Beginning: TBD  
Hourly Rate: \$14.54  
Hours: 7.5 per day

**PETER INDRISANO**

Replacement for  
Sharon Moritz (resigned)

From: Study Hall Aide, Senior High School  
2 Days per week  
To: Study Hall Aide, Senior High School  
5 Days per week  
Beginning: September 5, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.83 per hour  
Hours: 7 per day

**NANCY WELBY**

Replacement for  
Jenny L. Freed (resigned)

From: Substitute Cafeteria Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.95  
Hours: 2 per day

Recommendations for Employment

**KATHLEEN BOZEK**

Replacement for  
Joyce Williams (transfer)

Playground/Cafeteria Aide, Lower Salford Elem.  
Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.20  
Hours: 1.5 per day

**DENISE CAJINA**

Replacement for  
Kristine Walters-Title V (resigned)  
Deb Margulies-Cafeteria (transfer)

Title V Aide and Cafeteria Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
Beginning: October 3, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$12.65 – Title V  
\$9.20 – Cafeteria Aide  
Hours: 6 per day – Title V  
1 per day – Cafeteria Aide



EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

**HEATHER GRAY** Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.20  
Hours: As needed

**MARYANN HOERMANN** Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield, Elem.  
Replacement for  
Debra Margulies (resigned) Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.20  
Hours: 1 per day

**JOAN KABAJIAN** Classroom Aide, Lower Salford, Elem.  
New position due to enrollment. Beginning: September 25, 2006  
Approved 9/14/06 Board meeting. Hourly Rate: \$9.40  
Hour: 3 per day

**LORI KRAYNAK** Substitute Playground/Cafeteria Aide, Lower Salford  
Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.20  
Hours: As needed

**SUZANNE PFISTER** Classroom Aide, Lower Salford Elem.  
New position due to enrollment. Beginning: September 25, 2006  
Approved 9/14/06 Board meeting. Hourly Rate: \$9.40  
Hours: 3 per day

**NANCI TROXEL** Substitute Playground/Cafeteria Aide, West Broad Street  
Beginning: September 29, 2006  
Hourly Rate: \$9.20  
Hours: As needed

Recommendations for Coaching Positions – 2006-2007 School Year

Supplemental Contracts

**KATIE JOHNSON** Developmental Soccer Coach (IV)  
\$25.00 per hour - 7 weeks/6 hours per week

**TOM JERNIGAN** Developmental Soccer Coach (IV)  
\$25.00 per hour - 7 weeks/6 hours per week

**JACQUELINE DUGGAN** Developmental Field Hockey Coach (IV)  
\$25.00 per hour – 6 weeks/6 hours per week

**JAMES SWIGGARD** Interim Head Wrestling Coach (HS) \$3,758.00

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Additions/Deletions to the Substitute Teacher Listing for 2006-2007. **EXHIBIT B**

Contracted Services for Band Positions – 2006-2007 School Year

**PERRY BOUCHER** Transfer From: Head Percussion Instructor  
Replacement for To: Assistant Director  
\$3,333.00  
Adam Tucker (transfer) Souderton Area High School Marching Band

**STEVEN STRAKA** Head Percussion Instructor, Fall  
\$1,676.00  
Replacement for Souderton Area High School Marching Band  
Perry Boucher (transfer)

Contracted Service for 2006-2007 School Year

**LORI B. LEMAN** District Speech and Language Clinician  
Replacing Therapy Source, Inc. **CONTRACTED SERVICES**  
Effective: 2006-2007 school year  
Hourly Rate: \$48.40  
Hours: approximately 24 per week

Souderton Area Community Education – Fall 2006 Session

Recommendation to approve proposed classes and workshops, instructor rates and contract amounts for the Fall 2006 Session. **EXHIBIT C**

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

**NORTH MONTCO TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER**

William J. Brong and Mark D. Leer, Representatives

Mr. Leer reported that routine business was discussed at the last Joint Operating Board meeting. North Montco is faced with preparing an accelerated budget just as Souderton. A budget meeting will be held prior to the October 16<sup>th</sup> JOC meeting. Mr. Leer also reported that negotiations are continuing.

The next meeting of the Joint Operating Committee Board will be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Administrative Conference Room at the North Montco Technical Career Center, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

R. “Bud” Miller, Chairperson

Mr. Brong reported in Mr. Miller’s absence.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

**Requests for Use of School Facilities**

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

**FRANCONIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

North Penn YMCA – Indian Valley Branch

Gym, Cafeteria & Playground

In Service Days – Full Daycare

September 21; October 31; November 7, 20-22, 2006

February 15-16, 20-22; March 7, 27; May 15; June 13, 14, 15, 2007

Certificate of Insurance on file

Souderton Area Youth Wrestling Association

Lobby

6:00PM – 8:30PM

Wrestling Registration

September 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2006

Certificate of Insurance on file

Souderton-Telford Main Streets

Cafeteria

October 12, 2006

7:00PM – 9:00PM

Town Meeting – “A Look Back ...”

Certificate of Insurance pending

**Souderton Area High School**

Souderton Area Community Aquatic Club

Cafeteria

September 25, 27, 2006

Parent Meetings

6:00PM – 7:30PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

Souderton Area Youth Wrestling Association

Wrestling Room

October 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 (dates as scheduled with building)

Monday through Friday 6:00-8:30PM

Saturdays – 8:00AM – 10:30AM

Certificate of Insurance on file

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

**SOUDERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

Souderton Area Youth Wrestling

February 4, 2007

6:00AM – 6:00PM

Main & Aux Gym, Cafeteria,

Locker Rooms

Certificate of Insurance on file

Big Red Band Boosters

March 3, 2007

Band Rooms, Gym, LGI,

Cafeteria, Aux Gym, Auditorium

In Door Drum Line – Music In Motion

10:00AM – 10:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

Big Red Band Boosters

March 16, 2007

Band Rooms, Gym, LGI,

Cafeteria, Aux Gym, Auditorium

3:00PM – 11:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

Souderton Area Community Aquatic Club

Natorium at High School

Swim Meets

November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16, 2006

12:00PM – 5:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

**INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Cub Scout Pack 91

February 24, 2007

Cafeteria & Auditorium

“Blue & Gold Banquet”

3:00PM – 9:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

**INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Souderton Area Youth Wrestling Association

Cafeteria

October 1, 2006 through February 23, 2007

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (dates as scheduled with building)

6:00PM – 8:30PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

**INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Souderton/Harleysville Youth Basketball Assoc. (SHYBA)

Gym

September 30, 2006 through November 24, 2006

Friday evenings – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Saturdays - 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Basketball League

Certificate of Insurance on file

Community Flag Football

Football Field

Flag Football Camp

September 30, 2006

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

**LOWER SALFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

North Penn YMCA – Indian Valley Branch

Gym, Cafeteria & Playground

In Service Days – Full Daycare

September 21; October 31; November 7, 20-22, 2006

February 15-16, 20-22; March 7, 27; May 15; June 13, 14, 15, 2007

Certificate of Insurance on file

Cub Scout Pack # 137

Cafeteria

October 20; November 17; December 15, 2006

February 16; March 16; April 20; May 18, 2007

Pack Meetings

7:00PM – 8:30PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

**OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Cub Scout Pack #91

Cafeteria & Gym

September 22; November 17; December 15, 2006

January 24, 27; March 16; April 20, 2007

Pack Meetings

Certificate of Insurance on file

**VERNFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Souderton/Harleysville Youth Basketball Assoc. (SHYBA)

Gym

September 30 through November 24, 2006

Wednesday & Friday evenings – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Saturdays - 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Basketball League

Certificate of Insurance on file

Vernfield Cub Scout Pack #2006

Vernfield Library

October 13, 27; November 3; December 1, 5, 2006

6:00 – 7:30PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

Vernfield Cub Scout Pack #2006

Multi Purpose Room

September 26; October 17; November 14; December 19, 2006

6:30PM – 8:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

**WEST BROAD STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Lions Gate Homeowners Association

Cafeteria

October 24, 2006

6:30PM – 9:30PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

**Committee Chairperson Report**

The Operations Committee discussed the following at their September 19, 2006 meeting:

High School Project

Mr. Brong indicated that the new high school project is ahead of schedule.

Recommendation to Award Testing, Adjusting, Balancing Contract to Air Balance Engineers in the Amount of \$215,725

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Currie questioned if the amount of \$215,725 was included in the budget.

Mr. Pollack responded that PlanCon C included \$150,000. The amount for the balancing contract was not to exceed \$215,725.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the testing, adjusting and balancing contract to Air Balance Engineers in the amount not to exceed \$215,725. **EXHIBIT D**

Approval to Submit PlanCon H to Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mr. Brong indicated that PlanCon H was for reimbursement costs for the high school project.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board authorize the submission of PlanCon H to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as presented. **EXHIBIT E**

Recommendation by Administration to Develop a Plan for the Sale of the Current High School Property

Dr. Amuso presented documents to the Board that showed a satellite view of the present high school property, a comparison of past and projected enrollment of the district's students and building capacity, along with the administrative recommendation for the sale of the property. A committee made up Board members and Cabinet administrators have been working on this project for the last six months.

Kindergarten through fifth grade projections fall within the building capacity for elementary buildings. However, secondary enrollment projections are above capacity figures for the secondary buildings. Dr. Amuso indicated that in going forward in years, the district will have more secondary students than space until the new high school is opened. At that point, the district will have adequate space for secondary students.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Recommendation by Administration to Develop a Plan for the Sale of the Current High School Property (continued)

Dr. Amuso indicated that the existing high school building and property will not be needed and should be made available for sale. It would become taxable property and developed to benefit the community. There has been a lot of interest since the recommendation was made public at the September 19, 2006 Operations Committee meeting.

Dr. Amuso's recommendation is to go forward and develop a plan for the sale of the property.

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

Mr. Brong asked if the two parcels, Hilltown Township property and the Souderton Borough property, could be broken up for sale.

Dr. Amuso responded that the properties could be broken up. The Hilltown Township property is approximately 23 acres and the Souderton Borough property is approximately 20 acres. He added that the administration has reviewed the possible change in zoning to residential. The administration has studied the impact on elementary enrollment if that were to happen. He does not anticipate the need to turn the existing building into an elementary school.

Dr. Baumgartner indicated that he was impressed with the recommendation and level of detail that went into the decision.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board charge the administration with going forward to develop a plan for the sale of the current high school property. **EXHIBIT F**

TRANSPORTATION

Authorization to Transport a Foreign Exchange Student Hosted by a Souderton Area School District Family to Lansdale Catholic High School

Dr. Amuso indicated that the solicitor advised bringing this request to the Board for approval.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board authorize the transportation of a foreign exchange student, hosted by a Souderton Area School District family, to Lansdale Catholic High School as requested.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled Operations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson

No report.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tracy G. Cole, Chairperson

**Committee Chairperson Report**

Mrs. Cole shared information regarding the policies that were discussed at the September 19, 2006 Policy Committee meeting:

**Public Access of Board Meetings via Electronic Recording Devices and Cameras**

Mrs. Cole indicated that the committee discussed public access at the last meeting. The Board had been polled and voted to survey the community and find out what the community wanted before further discussing a policy. To date, the survey has been posted on the district's Website and also was distributed in the fall newsletter. Mrs. Cole encouraged the public to complete the survey and return to the District Office by the October 24<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Policies #317.1, #417.1 and #517.1 – Terroristic Threats/Acts (Employee Levels)**

Mrs. Cole indicated that Mr. Gallagher will model these three policies after the student policy and present at the next committee meeting.

**First Reading of Policy #913 – Non-School Organization/Groups/Individuals**

Discussion on this policy began in July. Mrs. Cole shared that the administration is constantly asked to distribute information to parents through the students. The policy addresses prohibited activities and materials, nonschool activities and materials, fundraising, scholarships and awards, and travel services.

Dr. Parry asked if there is a policy that addresses teachers or staff members.

Mr. Gallagher responded that there is nothing in place at this time. The commercialism policy addresses some issues regarding teachers or staff, but not all.

Mr. Sultanik commented that some school districts have a no-solicitation policy.

POLICY COMMITTEE

First Reading of Policy #913 – Non-School Organization/Groups/Individuals (continued)

Mr. Verbeke indicated that a reference needed to be added to page four of the policy. Reference to travel services.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that Mr. Verbeke's comment will be reviewed at the next Policy committee meeting.

Mr. Brong questioned if a notice was sent to district email subscribers about the survey on public access to meetings via electronic recording devices and cameras.

Dr. Baumgartner asked what the response was so far on the survey.

Mr. Gallagher responded that there have been over 600 hits so far.

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole reported on items discussed at the recent IU meeting such as: personnel changes, special education issues, transportation contracts, the 2007-2008 budget timeline, legislative issues, curriculum, instruction, and professional development issues.

The next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 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

Mr. Verbeke reported that Linda Beck, Director of the Indian Valley Public Library, has asked to report to the Board at an upcoming meeting. She would like to update the Board on the library's operations and activities.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole reported on the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind in 2007. She also reported that nationwide 8,446 schools (109 in Philadelphia) and 1,624 districts were classified as "in need of improvement" in the 2005-2006 school year by failing to meet AYP for at least two years in a row.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mrs. Cole also talked about the public meetings being held by the U. S. Department of Education to explain the new regulations for implementing the 2004 reauthorization of the IDEA.

Dr. Baumgartner questioned if the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit makes decisions on legislative issues or just recommendations.

Mrs. Cole indicated that the IU does not take sides on legislative matters. They leave that up to PSBA for representation on legislative issues.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Jack Parry, Representative

Dr. Parry indicated that the PSBA platform will be voted on at the conference on October 10-13, 2006. He asked the Board members to look over the platform and let Mrs. Cole, Dr. Baumgartner or himself know their opinions so they can be represented at the conference.

Dr. Parry also proposed pro-active communication with local, state and federal legislators on issues that affect education. He proposed meeting on a regular basis.

Dr. Baumgartner encouraged Board members to meet with legislators on a routine basis. Board members need to get the legislators involved in local educational issues.

Mrs. Cole expressed that she has been an advocate at the local and state level for years.

Mr. MacDougall agreed that the Board should meet regularly with legislators.

**FEDERAL PROJECTS**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR**

No report.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. MacDougall reminded Board members of the Education Foundation Golf Outing scheduled for Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray  
Board Secretary