

Souderton Area School District

760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

A meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the District Administrative Office in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:39PM by President Eric MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Mr. MacDougall acknowledged that Mr. Verbeke was called out of town on a business matter and joined the meeting via telephone conference call as per Board Policy #006.1.

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Jeff Mann, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Sam Varano, representatives from The Arrowhead, The Souderton Independent, The Reporter, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

Dr. Amuso introduced Jeff Mann, who introduced several members of the yearbook staff and spoke about their accomplishments. The Souderton Area High School “2005-2006 Unaliyi” yearbook has earned the Pennsylvania School Press Association Gold rating for the 2005-2006 yearbook. The yearbook has also been submitted for judging for the Keystone All State Award, which recognizes the top 5% of yearbooks in Pennsylvania. Michelle Ruch was the advisor for the 2005-2006 edition of the yearbook. Jeff Mann is the current advisor.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the 2005-2006 Unaliyi staff for their accomplishment.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Amuso also recognized the parents of the staff members who were in attendance and thanked them for their support.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests for 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 Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

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

Ratification of Requests

CARLA CLARK

Speech and Language Clinician
Vernfield/Oak Ridge Elem.

PATRICIA HEDRICK

Life Skills, Oak Ridge Elem.

KATHRYN RAMSPACHER

Speech and Language Clinician
Oak Ridge Elem.

Assistive Technology Core Team Training
Norristown, PA
November 2, 2006 (Thurs.)

Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00
Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)
Total Expenses: \$206.00 (combined)

Conference/Workshop Requests for Approval

SHAWN MESSMER

Assistant Principal, Senior High School

Improving Academic Achievement/Preventing
and Treating Stress, Anxiety, Depression and
Learning Disability
Lafayette Hill, PA
November 14, 2006 (Tues. – ½ day)

Est. Expenses: \$50.00
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$50.00

M. LYNN CONNERY-ORCUTT

K-2 Literacy Coach

KATHRYN REICHARD

Kindergarten, Vernfield Elem.

CHRISTINE SNYDER

Transitional First, Salford Hills Elem.
Partially paid from ABG Grant

Kid Writing Workshop
King of Prussia, PA

November 15, 2006 (Wed.)

Est. Expenses: \$375.00 (combined)
Sub. Expenses: 154.50 (Reichard ½ day
Snyder 1 day)
Total Expenses: \$529.50 (combined)

M. LYNN CONNERY-ORCUTT

K-2 Literacy Coach

National Council of English Teachers 2006
Conference
Nashville, TN

November 16-17, 2006 (Thurs.-Fri.)

Partially paid from ABG Grant

Est. Expenses: \$125.00
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$125.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

DONNA HUFF Principal, Lower Salford Elem.	National Staff Development Council Conference Nashville, TN December 1-5, 2006 (Fri.-Tues.)
BRENDA KRUPP Staff Development Coach	Est. Expenses: \$1,605.00 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00 (combined)</u> Total Expenses: \$1,605.00 (combined)
LINDA BLEAU ESL, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.	Training for World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment
LUCY BUCHANAN ESL, West Broad Street Elem.	King of Prussia, PA December 12, 2006 (Tues.)
JESSICA MILES ESL, Lower Salford/Vernfield Elem.	Est. Expenses: \$ 85.65 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00 (Snyder only)</u> Total Expenses: \$188.65 (combined)
ANA MARIE PECK ESL, Franconia Elem.	
NAHEED SNYDER ESL, Indian Crest Jr. High Paid from Title III funds.	
MARYELLEN MYERS Principal, Salford Hills Elem.	Restorative Practices: Differentiating Your Discipline Bethlehem, PA December 15, 2006 (Fri.)
	Est. Expenses: \$111.36 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$111.36
KEVIN PAULL Librarian, Indian Valley M. S.	Designing Student Assessment for School Librarians Norristown, PA December 18, 2006 (Mon.)
	Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Expenses: \$103.00

Local Tax Study Commission Report – Public Hearing November 14, 2006

Dr. Amuso announced that the Local Tax Study Commission would be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Indian Valley Middle School auditorium to present the Commission's findings and recommendation regarding property tax relief. The Commission will present their recommendation to increase the Earned Income Tax rate by 1.0%, which would bring the current rate to 1.5%. Dr. Amuso announced that the public may make comments at the November 14th public hearing by contacting Mrs. Bray and asking to have their name placed on the public comment list. Mrs. Bray will also receive written comments until 4:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2006. The Tax Commission will have another meeting on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Tinner Board Room at the Administration Office to review all public comments received during the public hearing.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Local Tax Study Commission Report – Public Hearing November 14, 2006 (continued)

The recommendation from the Tax Commission will be presented to the Board on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at a special meeting school board meeting, which will immediately follow the board reorganization meeting that will begin at 6:30 PM. The Board will have until March 2007 to vote on the recommendation. The voters will determine the outcome in May 2007 ballot when the question will be in the form of a front end referendum.

Mr. Miller indicated that North Penn School District has gone through the public hearing process and is recommending less than 1.0% increase. He mentioned that he was under the impression that the minimum increase was 1.0%.

Mrs. Bray responded that the minimum tax increase per school district depended on the calculation of the minimum property tax reduction for that particular school district.

Dr. Amuso added that the commission is doing a very fine job on sifting through the data and working on the proposal. In the end, the voters will be making the final decision.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Brenda Jones Bray

Action on School Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2006

Mrs. Bray presented the Minutes of the October 26, 2006 Board meeting for approval.

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

Mr. Verbeke noted on page 148, that Mr. Gifford is from the Lower Salford Board of Supervisors, not Upper Salford.

Mr. Currie added that during discussion on the request for an additional Learning Support Aide at the High School (page 156), he had asked the question if other alternatives were considered prior to the request. He indicated that this was an important question, and should be placed in the minutes.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2006 Board meeting with the corrections as noted by Mr. Verbeke and Mr. Currie.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held October 26, 2006 to discuss personnel items and potential litigation. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel items and the disposition of real estate. This meeting lasted 95 minutes.

American Education Week Proclamation

Mr. MacDougall read the American Education Week Proclamation, designating November 12-18, 2006 as the 85th annual observance of American Education Week. **EXHIBIT B**

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Grace Eves

Financial Statements for October 2006

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

Mr. MacDougall questioned the \$3.1 million transfer from the Construction Fund and the interest of only \$4.31.

Mrs. Eves responded that the \$3.1 million was transferred from one PLGIT account to another PLGIT account, and the interest was given back to the bank for that period of time.

Mr. Currie asked about the 3% increase in expenditures from this time last year.

Mrs. Eves responded that the increase was due to the transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

Topics of discussion at the November 15, 2006 Education-Personnel Committee will be, but not limited to the following:

- Souderton Area High School Program of Studies

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Third Reading and Recommendation to Approve Planned Courses

Mr. Leer indicated that this was the last opportunity for questions regarding the two planned courses that were reviewed at the last Education-Personnel Committee meeting.

With no questions, Mr. Leer made a motion to approve the planned courses as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Currie, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board grant final approval to the planned courses as listed:

- a. Planned Course Revision of Pre-Algebra – Grades 6 and 7
- b. Planned Course Revision of Honors English 12

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Requests for Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

Mr. Leer presented the requests for out-of-state/overnight field trips, and made a motion to approve the requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Verbeke, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the out-of-state/overnight field trips as listed:

- a. Salford Hills Elementary School – Fourth Grade Students
Date: December 8, 2006 (Fri.)
Destination: Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ
Purpose of Trip: The trip to the aquarium will enhance the fourth grade curriculum on Oceans.
Number of Students: 61
Number of Chaperones: 3 Teachers/3 Staff/15 Parents
Requesting Teacher: Dawn Glowacki
Funding for Trip: Paid by students and Home and School Association.

- *b. Souderton Area High School – Life Guarding/Adventure/Water Safety Instruction Students
Date: May 4-6, 2007 (Fri.-Sun.)
Destination: Jim Thorpe, PA and Hickory Run State Park
Purpose of Trip: This trip will give hands-on skills for assessment in Life Guarding, Kayaking, Canoeing, Camping, Orienteering and First Aid.
Number of Students: 45
Number of Chaperones: 5 Teachers
Requesting Teacher: James Schulte
Funding for Trip: Paid by students.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

There was 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 Professional Staff items, the Support Staff items, recommendations for coaches, additions and deletions of substitute teachers and nurses, Community Education additional Fall 2006 classes and instructors, and a professional contract, all as listed:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Retirement

CATHERINE BALZER

Technology Education, Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: December 30, 2006
Employed by SASD: 35.5 years

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Request for Extension of Leave

MICHELLE RUCH

English Teacher, Senior High School

Request to extend her leave through the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

Mrs. Ruch is planning to return to work for the 2007-2008 school year.

Recommendations for Employment

MARISOL RUBALCAVA

Spanish Teacher, Senior High School

Replacement for

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Tammy Caccavo (childrearing)

Effective: November 14, 2006 through June 2007

Education

Experience

Bloomsburg Univ. (BS) 2000

2001-2006-Northwest Area S. D.-Elementary

Wilkes Univ. (MS) 2004

Spanish (K-6)

Mar.-Jun. 2001-Montgomery High School-

Montgomery, PA – Spanish

Recommended Salary

\$40,439 (pro-rated) – M (1)

COLLEEN SCHNEIDER

Learning Support Teacher, Franconia Elem.

Replacement for

TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL

Lorraine Bodor (resigned)

Beginning: November 13, 2006

Education

Experience

SUNY at Geneseo (BS) 1989

Sept.-Nov. 2006-SASD-Franconia Elem.-

Part-Time Learning Support Teacher

2005-2006-Alexandria Middle School, Pittstown,

NJ - Special Education-Multiple

Handicapped

1990-1998-East Orange S. D.-East Orange, NJ

Special Education

Recommended Salary

\$37,296 (pro-rated) – B+12 (1)

SUPPORT STAFF

Resignation

PATTI S. KLINE

ESL Aide, Souderton Area High School

Effective: November 17, 2006

Recommendations for Employment

CHARLES BIEHN

Second Shift, Full-Time Custodian, Vernfield

Replacement for

Elem.

Jesus Hernandez (transfer)

Beginning: November 13, 2006

Hourly Rate: \$17.04

Hours: 8 per day

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendations for Employment

TERESA SCHLOSSMAN	Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem. Beginning: November 10, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$9.20 Hours: as needed
ANN MARIE TOBAR New position	ESL Assistant/Title I Aide, West Broad Street Elem. Beginning: November 10, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$12.65 Hours: 6 per day
SUZANNE TYSON New position approved on October 26, 2006.	Special Education One-on-One Aide, Vernfield Elem. Effective: November 6, 2006 for duration of IEP Hourly Rate: \$10.23 Hours: 4.5 per day

Recommendations for Coaching Positions – 2006-2007 School Year

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching

MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Girls Basketball Coach (IC)	\$2,325.00
RICK HESS	Head Girls Basketball Coach (IC)	2,573.00
JAMES CHAIKOWSKY^	Head Wrestling Coach (IC)	2,591.00
MARA ROONEY	Head Cheerleading Coach (IC)	1,628.00
RICK HESS	Head Boys Basketball Coach (IC)	2,573.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Boys Basketball Coach (IC)	2,325.00
JOHN HANDERHAN	Head Boys Basketball Coach (IV)	2,649.00
KEVIN PAULL	Head Boys Basketball Coach (IV)	2,649.00
JONATHAN BLAIR	Head Girls Basketball Coach (IV)	1,944.00
JEFF WALKER	Head Girls Basketball Coach (IV)	1,944.00
JOHN ROWE	Girls Winter Track Coach (HS)	3,539.00
(Replacement for James O’Neill)		
TAMI WENGER	Girls Developmental Basketball Coach (IV)	

\$25.00 per hour/6 hours per week/5 weeks

^ New to Coaching at SASD

Additions/Deletions to Substitute Teacher and Nurse Listing for 2006-2007

EXHIBIT C

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Community Education – Additional Instructors/Classes for Fall 2006 Session

IRENE SIVAR	Gifts from the Kitchen #2	\$80.00
IRENE SIVAR	Gifts from the Kitchen #1	80.00
IRENE SIVAR	Italian Holiday Desserts	80.00

Professional Staff Eligible for Professional Contract

The following professional staff member has successfully fulfilled the three-year requirement and necessary ratings as a temporary professional employee and is eligible for a professional contract.

MICHELLE CLAUSZ Indian Valley Middle School Music

OTHER ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve Facilities Manager Compensation Plan

There was 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 Facilities Manager Compensation Plan for school years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010. **EXHIBIT D**

The next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 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, November 20, 2006 at 7:30 PM at the North Montco Technical Career Center, Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

R. “Bud” Miller, Chairperson

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Committee Chairperson Report

The Operations Committee discussed the following at the November 1, 2006 meeting:

- New High School Project Update
Mr. Miller indicated that it was discovered that some of the soil was not suitable for construction, and new soil had to be trucked in. The project is ahead of schedule.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

- Indian Valley HVAC Options

Mr. Miller questioned if the Board needed to vote tonight on the project option. He added that the HVAC unit at Indian Valley is 45 years old and will be replaced over the summer.

Mr. Pollack responded that a vote would not be needed until bids were received and analyzed.

Capital Improvement Plans

Mr. Miller indicated that capital improvements were discussed extensively at the meeting and were sent to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Requests for Use of School Facilities

Mr. Miller presented the requests for use of school facilities stating that the requests meet prevailing rates and conform to present policy.

FRANCONIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EPYSA – Souderton Soccer

Gym

Wednesdays – 6:30 – 7:30PM -- November 15, 2006 – March 30, 2007

Indoor Soccer Practice

Certificate of Insurance on File

SOUDERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Del Val Volleyball Club

Gym

Sunday – 11:30AM – 6:30PM -- November 13 & 19, 2006

Travel Volleyball Tryouts

Certificate of Insurance on File

INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Franconia Township Police DARE Unit

Auditorium & Cafeteria

Thursday – 5:30 – 9:30PM -- March 29, 2007

DARE Graduation- WB, FR & VR

Certificate of Insurance on File

The Dance Centre

Auditorium, Cafeteria & Music Room

Saturday & Sunday – 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM -- June 9 & 10, 2007

Dance Recital

Certificate of Insurance on File

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHYBA – Souderton Harleysville Youth Basketball Assoc.

Gym

Wednesdays & Thursdays - 6:00 – 7:30PM -- October 25, 2006 – November 29, 2006

Basketball League

Certificate of Insurance on File

SAYFA – Souderton Area Youth Football Assoc.

Cafeteria & Auditorium

Saturday & Sunday – 4:00 – 10:00 PM -- January 20 & 21, 2007

Annual Banquet

Certificate of Insurance on File

LOWER SALFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cub Scout Pack #91

Cafeteria/Gym

Thursdays - 7:00 – 8:00PM -- November 2, 2006 – May 24, 2007

Cub Scout Meetings

Certificate of Insurance on File

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bucks County Community College

Mondays - 3:30 – 4:30PM -- October 25, 2006 – May 9, 2007

G Pod & Classrooms

FLEX Classes (Foreign Language Experience)

Certificate of Insurance on File

SALFORD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bucks County Community College

Thursdays - 3:30 – 4:30PM -- October 26, 2006 – May 17, 2007

1 Classroom

FLEX Classes (Foreign Language Experience)

Certificate of Insurance on File

WEST BROAD STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bucks County Community College

Thursdays - 3:30 – 4:30PM -- October 26, 2006 – May 17, 2007

1 Classroom

FLEX Classes (Foreign Language Experience)

Certificate of Insurance on File

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Recommendation to Approve New High School Right of Way Agreement with PP&L for Lower Road
Mr. Leer presented the Right of Way Agreement for approval. The purpose of the agreement is for moving utility poles on Lower Road.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the new High School Right of Way Agreement with PP&L for Lower Road, with the agreement subject to review by the solicitor.

EXHIBIT E

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 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

Dr. Parry announced that the Finance Committee discussed the following at the November 1, 2006 meeting:

Recommendation to Approve 2006-2007 Budgetary Transfers

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2006-2007 Budgetary transfers as presented.

EXHIBIT F

Recommendation to Approve Purchasing Resolution

Mrs. Bray indicated that this Resolution would allow the school district to save approximately \$6,800 by purchasing a vehicle from the State Bid list.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Purchasing Resolution as presented.

EXHIBIT G

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Approve Tax Waiver Request from Franconia Township

Mrs. Bray indicated that this parcel of land was designated for open space and community use. There is a farmhouse on the property, but it is not being used. The property is on Forrest Road in Telford, Franconia Township, and the amount of taxes waived would be \$2,408.

Mrs. Cole mentioned that taxes for other open space parcels have been waived in the past.

(The following motion was deleted from original minutes approved by the Board on November 21, 2006)

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the tax waiver request from Franconia Township as presented. **EXHIBIT H**

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Dr. Parry indicated that the Finance Committee reviewed the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan that will cover years 2006 to 2011. The plan had previously been discussed at an Operations Committee meeting.

Projects for 2007-2008 will include the replacement of flooring at Lower Salford Elementary, an underground storage tank at Indian Crest, and a new temperature control system at Indian Valley.

Dr. Parry suggested that a line item be placed in the budget and a cap placed on expenses for improvements from year to year.

Mr. Currie agreed that including a line item in the budget would be helpful in the budget process.

Mrs. Bray indicated that either a line item in the general fund budget or fund transfer could be done to cover the capital improvement expenses.

A reporter for WNPV Radio, asked what the total cost would be for the five year plan.

Dr. Parry responded that the five-year total was \$6,855,000.

Dr. Baumgartner suggested that when a piece of equipment is due to be replaced, the board would like to see a report on the maintenance costs for the life of that piece of equipment.

Dr. Parry added that the Finance Committee will be discussing technology at the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 8:30 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 Wednesday, November 15, 2006 Policy Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- Video Taping Board Meetings for Television Viewing
- Policies #317.1, #417.1 and #517.1 – Terroristic Threats/Acts

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 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

No report.

The next Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 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 announced that the Indian Valley Public Library Task Force would be meeting on November 29, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the library. Mr. MacDougall and Mrs. Bray, along with Mr. Verbeke, will be representing Souderton Area School District at this meeting. Mr. Verbeke also added that the Indian Valley Library Board held their annual dinner dance last weekend, and he thanked the Board for allowing Mrs. Beck and Mr. Gifford to present their report at the last school board meeting.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

Mrs. Cole mentioned that she will be communicating with Representatives Dent and Schwartz about the decrease in ACCESS funding and how that will impact Souderton.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Jack Parry, Representative

Dr. Parry indicated that the candidates to the PSBA Fall Leadership Conference would be making a presentation about the conference at the November 21, 2006 meeting. He commented that one issue

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

that was brought to the attention of the candidates was that the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare was asking for children to pay a premium for Medicaid benefits. Dr. Parry mentioned that PSBA has asked school districts for their top five priorities in education. PSBA will take these top five priorities to Harrisburg for legislative discussions. Board members are to notify Dr. Parry of their recommendations.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

No report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. MacDougall announced that there would be a brief Executive Session following tonight's meeting to discuss the disposition of real estate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary