

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

A meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, September 14, 2006 at the District Administrative Office in the Lowell A. Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Steve Pollack, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, representatives from The Souderton Independent, The Reporter, The Intelligencer, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charles D. Amuso, Ed.D.

Community Recognition

Dr. Amuso introduced **OFFICER TIMOTHY BOYLE**, of the Franconia Township Police Department, and indicated that Officer Boyle has been selected as “D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year” by the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. Officers Association. Nominations are sent in from around the state to honor an outstanding D.A.R.E. Officer and Educator. The Board of School Directors would like to recognize Officer Boyle for this accomplishment and thank him for being a role model for our students.

Officer Tim Boyle has run countless activities, programs, parties, and elaborate graduations to encourage alcohol and drug prevention in the Souderton Area School District. His dedication and enthusiasm for the D.A.R.E. program is seen in every school he visits, as well as, in the community. Officer Boyle makes himself available whether on or off duty when his assistance is needed in the school building relating to drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, or used as a decision making role model.

Officer Boyle thanked the Board and the administration for their support. He also indicated that his partner, Officer Klepner, deserved the award also.

Mr. Joseph Rudner, Jr., past president of the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. Officers Association, presented Officer Boyle with a plaque from the state organization.

Report of the Superintendent

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

Mrs. Cole shared that having the D.A.R.E. program in our schools enhances safety in the community. Dr. Parry added that the program and the officers make an impact on our children.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Officer Timothy Boyle for this achievement.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Amuso remembered Mr. Thomas Chipley, a very active and dedicated Education Foundation Board member, who lost his life on September 2, 2006 in the flood waters in Telford.

Requests for Conferences/Workshops

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Cole, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

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

BRENDA KRUPP Staff Development Coach Elementary	Units of Study for Teaching Writing Grades 3-5 Newark, NJ September 25, 2006 (Mon.)
PATRICIA MATHUES CARS, Oak Ridge Elem.	Est. Expenses: \$447.00 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> (combined) Total Expenses: \$447.00 (combined)
DAWN CURTIS Math, Senior High School	4Sight Benchmark Assessment Training King of Prussia, PA September 27, 2006 (Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$ 22.25 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Expenses: \$125.25
PATRICIA HEDRICK Life Skills Intermediate Oak Ridge Elem.	AAC Therapy is Just Language Therapy King of Prussia, PA September 29, 2006 (Fri.)
MARCIE HORACE Speech and Language Clinician E. M. Crouthamel Elem.	Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> (Hedrick only) Total Expenses: \$103.00 (combined)
KATHRYN RAMSPACHER Speech and Language Clinician Oak Ridge Elem.	

Report of the Superintendent

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

DR. JACK PARRY School Board	PSBA Legal Liability Workshop Hershey, PA October 10, 2006 Est. Expenses: \$120.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$120.00
JANE NATALI Supervisor of Food Service	School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania Conf. Valley Forge, PA October 17-18, 2006 (Tues.-Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$241.75 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$241.75
SARA SCHWED Psychologist, Indian Valley M. S. and Salford Hills Elem.	Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities King of Prussia, PA October 23, 2006 (Mon.) Est. Expenses: \$157.90 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$157.90
PATRICIA MATHUES CARS Teacher, Oak Ridge Elem.	Keystone State Reading Association Conference Champion, PA October 23, 24, 25, 2006 (Mon., Tues., Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$837.17 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Expenses: \$940.17
RACHEL STROHECKER Learning Support Salford Hills Elem.	The Science of Reading - Overcoming Dyslexia Fogelsville, PA October 26 (1/2 day), 2006 (Thurs.) Est. Expenses: \$ 60.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>51.50</u> (1/2 day) Total Expenses: \$111.50
PATRICIA GOODHART Registrar/Child Accounting Specialist	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Training Hershey, PA October 27, 2006 (Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$168.11 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$168.11

Report of the Superintendent

Requests for Conferences/Workshops (continued)

COLLEEN WEGIMONT	PA State Association of Health, Physical Education, Health/Phys. Ed., Oak Ridge Elem. Recreation and Dance Convention Champion, PA November 30 and December 1, 2006 (Thurs.-Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>206.00</u> Total Expenses: \$206.00
PATRICIA GOODHART Registrar/Child Accounting Specialist	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Training Hershey, PA March 21, 22,23, 2007 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$758.11 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Expenses: \$758.11

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Brenda Jones Bray

Action on School Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2006

Mrs. Bray presented the Minutes of the August 24, 2006 Board meeting for approval.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2006 Board meeting as presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held August 24, 2006 to discuss possible litigation and personnel. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

An Executive Session was held September 6, 2006 to discuss personnel items. That meeting lasted 35 minutes.

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel items. That meeting lasted 20 minutes.

Approval of Local Tax Study Commission Operating Procedures

Mr. MacDougall briefly explained the operating guidelines that have been established under Act 1. Dr. Amuso and Mrs. Bray will be the school district representatives on the Commission. The Board of School Directors will not be represented on the Commission.

Report of the President

Approval of Local Tax Study Commission Operating Procedures (continued)

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Local Tax Study Commission Operating Procedures as presented in the attachment. **EXHIBIT B**

Report of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee - Local Tax Study Commission

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Ad Hoc Selection Committee had reviewed 57 applications. They studied the financial income, age, socio-economic and demographic make-up of the community and selected the commission accordingly. He then announced the names and asked those in attendance to come forward and receive their copy of the Act 1 legislation. He welcomed them and thanked them for their service to the district and the community.

PAUL CARACCIOLO
LESTER N. FREED
JONATHAN GARDENIER
BRIAN KOLB
THOMAS A. KWIATKOWSKI

DONALD E. NORRIS
DIANE PETROVICH
NICHOLAS W. ROUSSEL
CHARL ALLYSON WELLENER

Mr. MacDougall announced that there will be a meeting on September 20th at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, to inform the commission members about Act 1 and to assist them in how to make their recommendation to the School Board. The commissions' purpose is to make a recommendation regarding a tax shift from property tax to either earned income tax (EIT) or personal income tax (PIT).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Grace Eves

Approval of the Financial Statements for August 2006.

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

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Report

The Education-Personnel Committee discussed the following at the September 6, 2006 meeting:

CURRICULUM ITEMS

Reading Units for Study for Grades 1-2

Mr. Leer indicated that the committee received an overview of the work that has been done at the elementary level over the past few years. This unit of study is part two of the entire elementary level program. He explained that the resource section has been enhanced by both hard copy and electronic versions of resources that will be great for our teachers.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

CURRICULUM ITEMS

PSSA Reports – Elementary and Secondary

Mr. Leer explained that there was good news from the PSSA reports. The district was able to move more students to the proficient and above proficient levels this year. More information on PSSA results will be shared once the final reports arrive from the Department of Education.

OTHER ITEMS

Requests for Out-of-State Field Trips

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

Mr. Brong questioned the eighth grade Indian Crest trip and asked how the 40 students would be selected.

Dr. Amuso responded that he would get an explanation and forward the information.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the out-of-state field trip requests as presented:

- a. Indian Crest Junior High School – Ninth Grade Honors Students, Yearbook Club and Newspaper Club
Date: March 24-27, 2007 (Saturday-Tuesday)
Destination: New York City, NY – United Nations, Ellis Island, New York Times, Broadway and Statue of Liberty
Purpose of Trip: Visiting Model United Nations will enrich the social studies curriculum and a visit to the New York Times will benefit the yearbook and newspaper staff.
Number of Students: Approximately 40
Number of Teachers/Chaperones: 7
Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Joyce Kupec
Trip will be financed by students and fundraising activities.
- b. Indian Crest Junior High School – 8th Grade Students
Date: April 3-7, 2007 (Tuesday-Saturday)
Destination: Washington, D.C., Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA – Mount Vernon, U.S. Capitol Building, Holocaust Museum, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Washington D.C. Memorials and Smithsonian Museum
Purpose of Trip: To enrich the curriculum which includes Holocaust and early American history.
Number of Students: Limited to 40 students.
Number of Teachers/Chaperones: 7
Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Joyce Kupec
Trip will be financed by students and fundraising activities.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Leer presented item #2 and #3 as one item.

Additional Request for a Special Education Tuition Student to Attend Souderton Area School District Classrooms for the 2006-2007 School Year:

E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School - Multiple-Disability Classroom –
One student from Spring-Ford S. D. – Additional Tuition

Request to Add Classroom Aide Positions at the Schools Listed Below Due to Increased Enrollment
Three hours per day, \$9.40 per hour, through the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Oak Ridge Elementary – Second Grade
Lower Salford Elementary – Third Grade
Lower Salford Elementary – Third Grade

Mr. Leer explained the need for aides at both Oak Ridge and Lower Salford Elementary Schools and briefly spoke about the district guidelines for teacher/student ratios and classroom aides.

Jonathan Gardenier, from Souderton, questioned if tuition for the special education student is paid by the sending district or by Souderton.

Dr. Amuso responded that the tuition is paid by the sending district.

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 request for a special education tuition student from Spring-Ford Area School District to attend Souderton Area School District classes at E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year and also approve the request to add classroom aide positions at Oak Ridge and Lower Salford Elementary Schools for the 2006-2007 school year as listed.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mr. Leer indicated that he would like to take items #1 through #5, plus the addendum items for those same categories, as one action item. He indicated that Margaret Whomsley's name was to be removed from the High School Supplemental Contract listing as SADD Advisor.

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

Mr. Miller suggested that supplemental contracts should be addressed in the next teacher's contract negotiations. He indicated that he felt these supplemental responsibilities should be incorporated within the school teacher's contract.

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mrs. Cole indicated that teachers put in long hours under these supplemental contracts. She said that these teachers are the kind of teachers that we want instructing our children.

Mr. Leer asked about the historical content of supplemental contracts.

Mr. Clemens responded that these positions are looked at constantly to see what is or is not needed from year to year. Salaries have not been raised over the past few years. Supplemental contracts of this type are up for review by administration and a time study is planned to see if the present contracts are appropriate.

Mr. Silva explained that supplemental contracts are very vital to the educational program.

Mr. Clemens added that supplemental contracts are removed when no longer needed.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Professional Staff transfer, recommendation for employment; Support Staff resignations, transfers, recommendations for employment; recommendations for supplemental contracts for 2006-2007; additional supplemental contract for a coaching position for 2006-2007; and the additions and deletions to the substitute teacher, nurse and food service listings as shown:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Transfer

JAMI KAZATSKY
Replacement for
Ann Landis (transfer)

From: Third Grade, West Broad Street Elem.
Long-Term Substitute
To: Third Grade, West Broad Street Elem.

TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL

Beginning: 2006-2007 school year

Education

George Washington Univ. (BA)
2002
Temple Univ. (M.Ed.) 2004

Experience

2005-2006-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Fourth Grade (LTS)
2004-2005-Perkiomen Valley SD-First Grade (LTS)
Feb.-June-2004-Central Bucks SD-Substitute Teacher

Recommended Salary

\$42,049 – M (2)

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF (continued)

Recommendation for Employment

LYNDA BROCK

Replacement for
Sherrie Armitage (childrearing)

Fourth Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elem.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective approximately: October 13, 2006 through
June 2007

Education

Gwynedd-Mercy College (BS)
1996

Experience

Jan. 2006-Present-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.-
Title V Assistant

2002-Dec. 2005-SASD and Perkiomen Valley SD
Per Diem Substitute

2001-2002-St. Maria Goretti School, Hatfield-
Third Grade Teacher

March 1996-June 2001-St. Timothy School, Philadelphia-
Fifth Grade Teacher

Recommended Salary

\$36,771 (pro-rated) – B (1)

DONALD KLINE

Replacement for
Joseph Reichert (resigned)

Instrumental Music, Senior High School

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Effective: First semester, 2006-2007 school year

Education

West Chester Univ. (BS) 1971
West Chester Univ. (MM) 1976

Experience

1971-2004-North Penn SD-Pennbrook Jr. High, North
Penn Jr. High School, General Nash Elem.,
Walton Farm Elem.-Instrumental Music

1985-1995-North Penn SD-Music Department Head K-12

Recommended Salary

\$22,591.50 – M+24 (1)

SUPPORT STAFF

Resignations

JENNIFER AUCHENBACH

Autistic Support Aide, Vernfield Elem.

Effective: September 22, 2006

JANINE DOLAN

Learning Support, Special Education Aide

E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

Effective: August 28, 2006

JORDAN G. GREEN

Custodial Substitute

Effective: September 1, 2006

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Resignations (continued)

BRAD KOLB

Part-Time Summer Custodial Substitute
Lower Salford Elem.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Transfers

PAUL BARBIERI

Replacement for
Christopher Ball (resigned)

From: Second Shift Custodian, West Broad Elem.
To: Second Shift Custodian, Franconia Elem.
Beginning: September 25, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$16.43
Hours: 8 per day

ROSEMARY BROOKE

From: One-on-One Aide, Vernfield Elem.
To: One-on-One Aide, Indian Valley M. S.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$11.88
Hours: 7 per day

AMANDA CAPALDI

From: One-on-One Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
To: One-on-One Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$10.68
Hours: 7.5 per day

JOSHUA HART

Replacement for
Danielle Pettit (resigned)

From: Custodial Substitute
To: Part-Time Custodian, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 15, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$8.96
Hours: 4 per day

MICHELLE KELLNER

Replacement for
Janet Hinkle (transfer)

From: Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide
Vernfield Elem.
To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 2 per day

HEATHER KOPP

Replacement for
Jean McClelland (resigned)

From: Cafeteria Aide, Indian Valley M. S.
To: Learning Support, Special Education Aide
Indian Valley M. S.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.83
Hours: 5.5 per day

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Transfers (continued)

SUSAN MILLER

New position as per
2006-2007 Budget.

From: Special Education Secretary, District Office
To: Secretary to the Director of Special Education
Beginning: September 15, 2006
Recommended Rate: \$34,156 (pro-rated)
Hours: 7.5 per day

BERNADETTE MOWER

Replacement for
Kim Fadden (transfer)

From: Learning Support Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
To: Learning Support Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 15, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$10.83
Hours: 5.5 per day

ANNE PALAZZO

Replacement for
(transfer)

From: Autistic Support Aide, Vernfield Elem.
To: Autistic Support Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$10.68
Hours: 7 per day

CYNTHIA STEYER

From: Special Education Aide, Indian Crest Jr. High
To: Special Education Aide, Senior High School
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$10.05
Hours: 6.5 per day

ROSEANNA VELLNER

Replacement for
(transfer)

From: Autistic Support Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
To: Autistic Support Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$11.63
Hours: 7 per day

Recommendations for Employment

DANIEL BERRETT

Replacement for
David Lindsay (transfer)

Full-Time Custodian-Second Shift, E. M. Crouthamel
Beginning: August 25, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$16.43
Hours: 8 per day

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Recommendations for Employment (continued)

DANIEL BERRETT Replacement for David Lindsay (transfer)	Full-Time Custodian-Second Shift, E. M. Crouthamel Beginning: August 25, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$16.43 Hours: 8 per day
AMY CANNING Replacement for Anita Brown (resigned)	Title I, West Broad Street Elem. Beginning: September 5, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$12.65 Hours: 6 per day
JOSEPHINE DESANTO	Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Franconia Elem. Beginning: September 5, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$9.20 Hours: As needed
BRIGITTE FLUEHR Replacement for Sarah Matchette (resigned)	One-to-One Special Education Aide, West Broad Elem. Beginning: September 15, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$10.23 Hours: 7 per day
DENISE GOOD Replacement for Laura Bretz (resigned)	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad Street Elem. Beginning: TBD Hourly Rate: \$9.20 Hours: 1.5 per day/2 days per week
JENNIFER GRAHAM Replacement for Bernadette Mower (resigned)	Learning Support, Special Education Aide, Salford Hills Beginning: September 7, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$9.40 Hours: 5.5 per day
JACQUELINE GRZYWACZ Replacement for Randa Dietterich (transfer)	Title V, Salford Hills Elem. Effective: September 25, 2006 to June 7, 2007 Hourly Rate: \$12.65 Hours: 6 per day for 160 days
KELLEN HENDRICKS Replacement for Shawn Smith (resigned)	One-to-One Autistic Support Aide, Vernfield Elem. Beginning: September 18, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$10.23 Hours: 7 per day

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

BARBARA KANAS Substitute Special Services Nurse, E. M. Crouthamel
Replacement for Effective: August 30, 2006 until TBD
Annemarie Bunk (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$18.05
Hours: 7.5

ELIZABETH KAUFMAN Learning Support Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 19, 2006
Karen MacCauley (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$10.83
Hours: 5.5 per day

NATALIA KUCHTA Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 15, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: as needed

REBEKAH KUNICKI Title I Aide, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 11, 2006
Karen Agnew (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$12.65
Hours: 6 per day

MARY LEIDY Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Franconia Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 5, 2006
Jane DiTullio (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 1.5 per day

SUSAN LYNCH Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
New Position Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 1.5 per day

JENNIFER MILLER Title V Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
Replacement for Effective: September 25, 2006 to June 7, 2007
Leanne Lightcap (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$12.65
Hours: 6 per day for 160 days

THERESA MIORELLI Cafeteria Aide, Indian Valley M. S.
Replacement for Beginning: September 7, 2006
Heather Kopp (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 3 per day

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SUPPORT STAFF (continued)

Recommendations for Employment (continued)

DINA MOORE Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: TBD
Terry Freeman (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 1.5 per day

LISA MORITZ Cafeteria/Playground Substitute Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: as needed

BRENDA MOYER Learning Support, Special Education Aide
Replacement for E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Jan Dolan (resigned) Beginning: September 5, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$9.40
Hours: 5.5 per day

BERNADETTE MUHLBERGER Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 5, 2006
Lori Pagano (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$9.20
Hours: 1.5 per day

DOREEN REINFORD One-on-One Aide, Autistic Support, Salford Hills Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: September 5, 2006
Brenda Snyder (resigned) Hourly Rate: \$10.23
Hours: 4 per day

NADINE ROGERS Learning Support, Special Education Aide, Salford Hills
Replacement for Beginning: September 5, 2006
Angelina Hearn (transfer) Hourly Rate: \$9.40
Hours: 5.5 per day

STEPHANIE RUANE Title I Aide, West Broad Street Elem.
New Title Position Beginning: September 11, 2006
Hourly Rate: \$12.65
Hours: 6 per day

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Recommendations for Employment (continued)

STEPHANIE RUANE New Title Position	Title I Aide, West Broad Street Elem. Beginning: September 11, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$12.65 Hours: 6 per day
LAUREN SEACHRIST Replacement for Karen Gana (resigned)	Title I Aide, Oak Ridge Elem. Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem. Beginning: September 11, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$12.65 – Title I \$9.20 – Cafeteria/Playground Hours: 6 per day – Title I 1 per day – Cafeteria/Playground
ROBERT SELLERS	Part-Time Custodial Substitute Beginning: September 7, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$8.96 Hours: 4 per day
STEFAN SHOUP	Part-Time District Custodial Substitute Beginning: September 15, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$8.96 Hours: 4 per day
ROBERT SCOTT WEBER Replacement for Paul Barbieri (transfer)	Second Shift Custodian, West Broad Elem. Beginning: September 25, 2006 Hourly Rate: \$16.43 Hours: 8 per day

Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts 2006-07

INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Audio-Visual Facilitator	THOMAS MOLL	\$400.00
Band Director	MICHAEL HAGGERTY	400.00
Class Advisor - 8 th grade	WILLIAM LUKRIDGE	400.00
Class Advisors - 9 th grade	{ CYNTHIA GESCHWINDT	300.00
	{ DOUGLAS P. HENNING	300.00

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Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts 2006-07 (continued)

INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL(continued)

INTERACT/Rotary	SHERYL CREEDEN	\$ 500.00
Math Counts	DANIEL ROBBINS	400.00
National Junior Honor Society	LINDA SCHECKENBACH	300.00
Newspaper Advisor (Replacement for Eric Hartman)	LINDA ROBINSON	300.00
Photographer	JOHN ROWE	500.00
School Play Advisors	{THOMAS MOLL	250.00
	{KATHI HUSSAR	250.00
Student Government Advisors	{ERIC HARTMAN	450.00
	{KATIE McCOY	450.00
Yearbook Advisor	JOYCE KUPEK	650.00

INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Audio-Visual Facilitator	WAYNE WALTON	\$400.00
Band Director	LOIS RUSSO	400.00
Student Council Advisors	{STEPHEN NOGAMI	225.00
	{JENNIFER BANO	225.00
	{DONNA DOME	225.00
	{CAROLE DARRAGH	225.00
Literary Magazine	JENNIFER WEVODAU	500.00
Math Counts	ANDREW JOHNSON	400.00
Photography Club Advisor	JENNIFER WEVODAU	500.00
School Play Advisor	JENNIFER BANO	500.00
Science Advocate	HOLLY DEPPEN	1,000.00
Yearbook Advisor	COREY CLEMMER	650.00

SOUDEVERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Class Advisor - 10 th grade	{GERMAINE SCHULTZ	\$ 470.00
	{LYNNE STAUFFER	470.00
Class Advisor - 11 th grade	AMANDA MILLER	1,500.00
Class Advisor - 12 th grade	{CHRISTINE NENSTIEL	1,000.00
	{NATHANIEL BENDER	1,000.00
Chorus Director	TERESA WASHAM	1,860.00
Dance Team Advisor	COLLEEN HARTMAN	600.00
Foreign Exchange Liaison	DANIEL GLATTS	450.00
Future Business Leaders of Amer.	MARIA HALTEMAN	500.00

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SOUDERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL (continued)

Key Club	ROBERT BARBADORO	\$ 300.00
INTERACT/Rotary	RUTH SELTZER	300.00
Literary Magazine	JOHN McLAUGHLIN	400.00
National Honor Society	JACQUELINE KELLY	700.00
Newspaper Advisor	STACEY ARONOW	1,500.00
Pep Band	ADAM TUCKER	400.00
Spring Musical - Director	LORI MAXWELL	2,500.00
Spring Musical - Music Director	TERESA WASHAM	2,500.00
Spring Musical - Producer	TERESA WASHAM	2,500.00
Student Council Advisor	{ KATHRINE DOLL	750.00
	{ KAREN SERFASS	750.00
Theater Arts Advisor	CAROLE KERSHETSKY	500.00
United Nations Club	KAREN MANNO	500.00
Yearbook	JEFFREY MANN	1,500.00

E. M. CROUTHAMEL ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	TIA CAREY	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	LINDA KELLER	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	PAMELA HYDECK	1,000.00
Head Teacher	SHERYL MOYER	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	BRENDA GODSHALL	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	JAYNE DRESSLER	400.00

FRANCONIA ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	DEBRA Di-CONDINA-FLEMING	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	DOUGLAS TRUMBOWER	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	JENNIFER SINKINSON	1,000.00
Head Teacher	LAURA RICHART	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	JOSEPH PALLOZZI	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	BEVERLY HANRAHAN	400.00

LOWER SALFORD ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	DINA PALSKI	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	HEIDI PEKAR	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	KATHY CAMPION	1,000.00
Head Teacher	GALEN GUENGERICH	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	GALEN GUENGERICH	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	CAROL LUCIANI	400.00

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts 2006-07 (continued)

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	MARY THOMPSON	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	VICTORIA BALL	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	BARBARA HEWLETT	1,000.00
Head Teacher	{PAT MATHUES	425.00
	{SUSAN McFADDEN	425.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	{NANCY MININGER	200.00
	{MELISSA LUERY	200.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	BARBARA HEWLETT	400.00

SALFORD HILLS ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	KAREN HEISEY	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	DAWN GLOWACKI	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	DAVID PURNELL	1,000.00
Head Teacher	DAVID PURNELL	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	JANET SMITH	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	DAVID PURNELL	400.00

VERNFIELD ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	LINDA S. MOYER	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	CAROLYN ROSENBERGER	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	NAOMI DONOVAN	1,000.00
Head Teacher	JOSEPH MRAZ	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	AMY SPANGLER-WELSH	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	PAMELA MARTINO	400.00

WEST BROAD STREET ELEMENTARY

Math Advocate	TODD BURNS	\$1,000.00
Science Advocate	MARGE HIRST	1,000.00
Social Studies Advocate	LAURIE PHILLIPS	1,000.00
Head Teacher	ERIC STOVER	850.00
Safety Patrol Advisor	ERIC STOVER	400.00
Audio-Visual Facilitator	TODD BURNS	400.00

ELEMENTARY HONORS BAND

J. WILLIAM HELMER	\$ 450.00
BARRY MERTZ	450.00
RYAN PONGRAS	450.00
LOIS RUSSO	450.00

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Addition to Supplemental Contracts for Coaching Positions – 2006-2007

TRACY GIBBS [^]	Head Cheerleading Coach (IC) <i>^New to coaching at SASD.</i>	\$2,325.00
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Additions/Deletions to Substitute Teacher, Nurse, and Food Service Listing

EXHIBIT C

Consideration of Mediator’s Recommendation, Dated August 22, 2006, for Settlement in the Matter of Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Souderton Area School District and Teamsters Local Union #384 for the Years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010

Mr. Leer indicated that this agreement includes the custodial staff except for Building Facility Managers.

Mr. MacDougall commended Mr. Clemens for the hard work and many hours.

Mr. Miller questioned what the per year increases would be.

Mr. Clemens responded that the average rate increase for each year would be 2006-2007 school year – 3.55%, 2007-2008 school year – 3.46%, 2008-2009 school year – 3.29% and 2009-2010 school year – 3.15%.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the Mediator’s recommendation, dated August 22, 2006 for settlement in the matter of Collective Bargaining negotiations between the Souderton Area School District and Teamsters Local Union #384 for the years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 as presented.

EXHIBIT D

Doctor and Dentist Assignments for 2006-2007

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the doctor and dentist assignments for 2006-2007 as listed:

Dr. Heather Hart	Medical Director	\$2,500.00
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Physicians (\$13.00 per physical - \$100.00 retainer per elementary school)

Tri-Valley Primary Care (Souderton Office)

Dr. Heather Hart	E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School
	Grace Christian School
	Penn View Christian School
	Salford Hills Elementary School
Dr. Lori Rousche	Souderton Area Senior High School
Dr. Daniel Cochran	Souderton Area Senior High School
	West Broad Street Elementary School

EDUCATION-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Doctor and Dentist Assignments for 2006-2007 (continued)

Tri-Valley Primary Care (Lower Salford Office)

Dr. Curt Carlier & Dr. Susan Underwood	Indian Valley Middle School
Dr. Joseph Ulasewicz	Lower Salford Elementary School
	Franconia Elementary School
	Oak Ridge Elementary School
	Vernfield Elementary School

Upper Bucks Orthopaedic Associates

Dr. Richard Godshall (et.al.)	Souderton Area Senior High School – sports (\$75.00 per home varsity football game)
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Dentists (\$5.00 per examination)

Dr. John Nase	Indian Valley Middle School
Dr. Bruce Tollin	Lower Salford Elementary School
Dr. Michael Boraski	Franconia Elementary School
Dr. Tracy Reinhart and/or	Penn View Christian School
Dr. George Reinhart	West Broad Street Elementary School
	E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School
Dr. Marc Lipkin	Oak Ridge Elementary School
	Salford Hills Elementary School
	Vernfield Elementary School

Mr. Leer noted that the next Education-Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, a change in the regular schedule, 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.

Mr. Miller questioned a local newspaper article that mentioned student accommodations at North Montco.

Mr. Brong indicated that North Montco is looking into a Penn State study to see what shops are still needed and what shops could be discontinued. This may help the enrollment numbers. There are currently 78 to 100 students that can not take the classes they want due to full shop enrollments.

The next Joint Operating Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 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 September 19, 2006 Operations Committee meeting will be, but not limited to the following:

- New High School Project – Update and Tour
- PlanCon G
- Recommendation from Administration Regarding Current High School

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

AFS Intercultural Programs USA

Gym and Art Room

November 17, & 18; December 15, & 16, 2006

January 26, & 27; February 23, & 24; March 23, & 24, 2007

Friday's – 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Saturday's – 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Non-profit fruit sale – overnight storage and distribution

Certificate of Insurance on file

INDIAN CREST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Community Flag Football

Football Field

September thru December 2006

Sundays - 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Certificate of Insurance on file

INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Community Flag Football

Football field

September thru December 2006

Sundays - 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Adult Flag Football

Certificate of Insurance on file

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for Use of School Facilities (continued)

Prevailing rates, conforming to present policy

INDIAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Souderton P.A.G.E.

Library

October 19; November 16, 2006; January 18; February 15; March 15; April 19; May 17, 2007

Monthly Meetings

Certificate of Insurance on file

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Harleysville Thunderbirds Softball

Gym

Tuesday & Thursday evenings

October 2006 thru April 2007

6:00-9:00PM

Indoor pitching practice

Certificate of Insurance on file

Harleysville Girls Softball

Library

September 7; October 6; November 2; December 7, 2006

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

7:00-9:30PM

Monthly Meetings

Certificate of Insurance on file

WEST BROAD STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Girl Scouts of Southeastern PA

Library

Twice Monthly – Thursday Afternoons

September 2006 thru June 2007

3:30-5:00 PM

Brownie Troop Meetings

Certificate of Insurance on file

Condemnation of the Property of Russell, Dorothy and Arlin Freed

Mr. Miller indicated that additional land was needed along Lower Road near the new high school project to soften the curve.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the condemnation of the Freed Property as proposed.

EXHIBIT E

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FOOD SERVICE

No report.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:30 PM, a change from the regular schedule, 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 at the September 6, 2006 meeting:

Recommendation to Transfer \$3.1 Million from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund

Dr. Parry indicated that the district had an excess in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year and was recommending transferring \$3.1 million to the Capital Reserve Fund.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mrs. Cole.

Mr. Miller asked for clarification on what the funds would be used for.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the money would be placed in the Capital Reserve account and used toward the high school construction.

Mr. Verbeke questioned if the law stated a maximum that could be transferred from the fund balance of the General Fund.

Mrs. Bray indicated that for the General Fund the maximum is 8%. The Capital Reserve Fund has no maximum.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the transfer of \$3.1 million from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

2007-2008 Budget – 3.4 % PDE Index

This topic brought a lengthy discussion from Board members. The focus of the discussion was on two items: (1) expenditures, and (2) imposed index.

Dr. Parry indicated that the fund balance is not enough to fund the high school project at this time and there is uncertainty if we will be allowed to claim increased debt expense as an exception.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007-2008 Budget – 3.4 % PDE Index (continued)

The majority of the Board felt that 3.4% was not what should be recommended to the administration.

Dr. Parry indicated that the Board needed to discuss what they were going to recommend to the administration as far as a cap on expenditures.

Mr. Miller asked if the 3.4% was a budget to budget comparison.

Dr. Parry indicated that the 3.4% index is what was set by the state. However, we will qualify for a few exceptions such as retirement and health benefits.

Dr. Amuso explained that a 3.4% millage increase would equal .8 mills, and the index plus possible exceptions would equal a 6.25% millage rate increase.

Dan O’Callahan, resident of Franconia Township, commented that homes are for sale in this area due to the fact that people are being taxed out of their homes.

Mr. MacDougall commented that this is a definite change in the budget process. We also have the high school project to consider. The 2007-2008 budget year will be a difficult year due to the timing of Act 1. The early budget timeline forces the administration to project figures with no hard data for 2006-2007.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke to the Board members about being fiscally responsible. The administration must be given parameters. However, he is concerned about the 3.4% index that was issued by the state. Taxpayers earned income may only increase 2%, and we can’t ask the taxpayers to pay more than they earn. The Board has a responsibility to be frugal and give the students a good education. Dr. Baumgartner asked if the district could find other resources to cover some of the extra-curricular costs.

Dr. Parry indicated that he felt taxpayers would help fund extra-curricular activities if asked.

Mr. Currie had recommended the administration develop a budget with no increases. He indicated that he would not support a millage rate that would increase by 6.25%. The administration must live within their means and suggested setting a limit on spending. Mr. Currie also mentioned that administration must put aside approximately \$3 million more for the high school project.

Dr. Parry questioned where the \$3 million would come from.

Mr. Currie indicated that if the administration would keep the expenses to no more than 2%, the district would have the \$3 million.

Dr. Parry briefly highlighted the percentage of increase expenses, budget to budget, over the past few years.

Mr. MacDougall commented on the amount of the district’s debt service in 2007-2008, which would be approximately \$10 million.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007-2008 Budget – 3.4 % PDE Index (continued)

Mrs. Bray stated that a small amount of reimbursement will come in during the 2007-2008 school year from the state. She commented that school districts are not to use the personal income tax (PIT) to estimate a budget. The earned income tax (EIT) has gone up 3.93% over the past three years.

The Board followed with discussion on percentages, averages, increases, revenue, facts and figures from the state.

Mr. Leer had expressed support for 3.4% from the state, but was changing his position. He commented that with the second phase of the debt service expense, he feels that there will be a real challenge to come up with a budget. Act 1 is designed to help the taxpayer with their real estate taxes. He indicated that he is in favor of 6.25%.

Dr. Parry questioned what a 2% increase in expenditures would drive out in taxes.

More discussion ensued regarding percentages and a tax increase.

Mr. Currie mentioned that he had worked on expenditure to expenditure when working on his budget proposal and did not consider exceptions.

Mr. MacDougall indicated the focus/objective is to give the administration a number to work with when they work through the budget process.

Mr. Miller said that Act 1 will allow us to increase the index, but feels that the process is an election ploy. Act 1 does not address the issues regarding expenses that school districts are mandated to spend for programs. Employee contracts and benefits costs are going up and there are other fixed costs that we can not control.

Dr. Baumgartner commented that the Board must give the administration guidelines. He also mentioned that maybe the Board needs to discuss the teacher/student ratio.

Dr. Amuso indicated that budget discussions are taking place very early compared to past years. The administration is already looking at programs. He asked the Board to give the administration guidance on a budget percentage.

Mr. Miller indicated that the administration should come to the next Finance Committee meeting with a total expenditure figure.

Dr. Parry indicated that the Board should give the administration firm guidance on a figure.

Mr. Leer made a motion to authorize the administration to go forward with the preliminary budget process with the 3.4% index from PDE and not to go over 6.25%. Mrs. Cole second the motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007-2008 Budget – 3.4 % PDE Index (continued)

There was a motion by Dr. Parry to hold the limit to 6.0%.

Charl Wellener, from Souderton, commented that she felt the Board needed to show the students that they are fiscally responsible.

Mrs. Cole added that she too feels that Act 1 is a smoke screen to put heat on the local Board and the Tax Study Commission. The state is working on a cost study to see what it actually costs to educate a child.

Mr. Verbeke urged the Board not to give the administration a directive tonight. He recommended that the Board come up with a percentage under the index, and then hold a public forum to discuss the choices.

The question was called for a vote on the motion.

Mr. MacDougall called on Mrs. Bray for a roll call vote, with the motion being to authorize the administration to go forward with the preliminary budget process with the 3.4% index from PDE, with the total not to exceed an increase of 6.00%, as amended by Dr. Parry.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Baumgartner – No	Mr. Miller - No
Mr. Brong – Yes	Dr. Parry - Yes
Mrs. Cole – No	Mr. Verbeke - No
Mr. Currie – No	Mr. MacDougall - Yes
Mr. Leer – No	

The vote failed on a vote of 6 to 3.

Mr. MacDougall called on Mrs. Bray for a second roll call vote, with the motion being to authorize the administration to go forward with the preliminary budget process with the 3.4% index from PDE, with the total budget not to exceed an increase of 6.25%.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Baumgartner – No	Mr. Miller - No
Mr. Brong – Yes	Dr. Parry - Yes
Mrs. Cole – Yes	Mr. Verbeke - No
Mr. Currie – No	Mr. MacDougall - Yes
Mr. Leer – Yes	

RESOLVED, That the Board authorize the administration, on a vote of 5 to 4, to go forward with the preliminary budget process with the 3.4% index from PDE, with the total budget not to exceed an increase of 6.25%.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Approve Land Development and Construction Escrow Agreement

Mrs. Cole mentioned that her exhibit had an additional page 15.

Dr. Parry indicated that he had some concerns about the contract. He asked who was developing the plans and if the escrow account would be interest bearing.

Mr. Pollack indicated that the district's engineers and contractors were developing the plans.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that a separate security account would be established and if the district does not default, the money, including interest, would come back to the district.

Dr. Parry also asked for clarification regarding the procedure established if the township does not approve plans that have already been submitted.

Mr. Sultanik explained that if the district objects to a fee, there is an appeal procedure. He added that this contract was a standard and common agreement used in construction.

Mr. Pollack clarified that the issue pertains to mostly storm drains and erosion.

Dr. Parry indicated that he felt the agreement did not protect the school district adequately.

Mr. Leer questioned if there was an urgency to vote on this item this evening.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that this agreement should have been approved before the project ever began.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong to approve the Land Development and Construction Escrow agreement as presented.

Mr. MacDougall called on Mrs. Bray for a roll call vote.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Baumgartner – Yes
Mr. Brong – No
Mrs. Cole – Yes
Mr. Currie – No
Mr. Leer – No

Mr. Miller - Yes
Dr. Parry - No
Mr. Verbeke - Yes
Mr. MacDougall - Yes

RESOLVED, That the Board approve, on a vote of 5 to 4, the Land Development and Construction Escrow Agreement with the provision that the administration and solicitor's office review the final document before signing.

EXHIBIT F

Mr. Currie pointed out the differences in wording on two of the pages.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Approve Land Development and Construction Escrow Agreement (continued)

Mr. Sultanik will address the wording with Franconia's solicitor and correct the document before the contract is signed.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 7:30 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 Tuesday, September 19, 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2006, a change from the regular schedule, 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.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Victor M. Verbeke, Representative

No report.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tracy G. Cole, Representative

No report.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Jack Parry, Representative

A meeting of the State Legislative Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

FEDERAL PROJECTS

Mr. Gallagher reported on the following items:

2006-2007 Title I (Improving Basic Programs) – Allocation: \$320,585

Title I funds are used to provide staff who offer supportive, supplementary language arts and mathematics instruction to students in the four eligible elementary schools. Each Title I Teaching Assistant has a caseload of approximately 30 to 40 students in each school, and the program design uses primarily an “in-class” model for service delivery.

2006-2007 Title I – New Life Youth and Family Services (Delinquent) – Allocation: \$65,939

Title I funds are provided for New Life Youth and Family Services for compensation to the Title I teacher there. These funds “pass through” the school district. New Life Youth and Family Services operates a reading/language arts Title I program under the school district’s administrative and fiscal supervision. The Title I teacher attends all district Title I meetings and inservice sessions.

2006-2007 Title II, Part A (Improving Teacher Quality) – Allocation: \$159,309

Part of the Title II funds is used for a portion of the salaries for an ESL and special education teacher. The remainder of the allocation is “transferred” to the Title V program to implement a program similar to Title I in the three elementary schools that are not eligible for Title I funding.

2006-2007 Title V (Innovation Education) – Allocation: \$6,353

The district is using these funds – along with transferred funds from Title II – for Academic Intervention programs in language arts and mathematics in the elementary schools that do not qualify for Title.

Mr. Gallagher added that the Pennsylvania Department of Education approval of 2006-2007 Federal Programs Consolidated application was approved in the amount of \$552,186.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Verbeke commented that he had attended his child’s “Back to School” night and was very impressed. He commended the administration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM.

Souderton Area School District

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary