



BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA

Thursday, February 14, 2008
7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Mission of the Souderton Area School District is to prepare students to demonstrate competencies needed to contribute and to succeed in a changing world by building on a commitment to excellence and innovation, by working in partnership with family and community, and by assuring a quality education for all students in a safe and nurturing environment.”

Welcome to a regular public meeting of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors. The Board encourages and allows citizens of the district to speak at the public meeting by following the procedures listed below:

- Persons wishing to address the Board about an item(s) listed on the agenda must sign-in on the **blue** sign-in sheet with name, address, municipality, and item(s) that they wish to address. They will be called to the podium by the President.
- Persons wishing to address the Board on a matter(s) not listed on the agenda must sign-in on the **yellow** sign-in sheet with name, address, municipality, and a brief description of the matter(s) that they wish to address. They will be called to the podium by the President.
- All statements are to be directed to the Board President; no participant may address or question Board members individually, unless directed by the presiding officer.

**** **This meeting will be videotaped.** ****

I. CALL TO ORDER – Bernard S. Currie, President

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Brenda J. Bray, Secretary

IV. WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS

A. Finance Committee – R. “Bud” Miller, Chairman

- A-1 1. Berkheimer Request – 2006 EIT Information
- 2. Auditor General’s Report for School Years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006.
- A-2 3. 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements
- A-3 4. 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Projected Expenditures

B. Education-Personnel Committee – Mark D. Leer, Chairman

- A-4 1. Virtual High School Opportunity
- 2. Middle Level Transition Update
- A-5 3. Revision of Elementary Science Curriculum - Science Kits

C. Recommendation to Approve Roofing Bids for the Following Schools:

- A-6 1. Indian Valley Middle School – Jim Miller Roofing - \$632,900.00
- 2. E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School – Jim Miller Roofing - \$159,900.00
- 3. Salford Hills Elementary School – Noble Roofing - \$357,745.00

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Bernard S. Currie

- A. An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted approximately 15 minutes.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

- A-7 *A. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2008 School Board Meeting

*B. Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

Workshop	CAROLYN ROSENBERGER Fourth Grade, Vernfield Elem.	Study Driven: Close Study in the Writing Baltimore, MD February 20, 2008 (Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$279.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$382.00
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* Indicates Action Item

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

*B. Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

AMANDA ENGLER Wilson Intervention/Applied Methods Workshop
Learning Support, Indian Crest Jr. High Norristown, PA
Paid with Federal Funds February 27, 28, 29, 2008 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$395.00
Sub. Expenses: 309.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$704.00

DAN GLATTS Link Crew Training
Technology Education, Senior High School Richmond, VA
CHRISTINE SODA March 3, 4, 5, 2008 (Mon., Tues., Wed.)
Guidance, Senior High School Est. Expenses: \$4,930.00 (Combined)
Paid with Project 720 Funds Sub. Expenses: 309.00 (Glatts only)
Total Est. Expenses: \$5,239.00 (Combined)

GRACE EVES Pennsylvania Association of School Business
Assistant Business Manager Officials Conference
Hershey, PA
March 4 and 6, 2008 (Tues. and Thurs.)
Est. Expenses: \$486.50
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$486.50

TODD BURNS Writing About Mathematics: An Essential Tool
Fourth Grade, West Broad Street Elem. for Developing Math Understanding
DIANE PALSKI Allentown, PA
First Grade, Lower Salford Elem. March 11, 2008 (Tues.)
TIA SCHWAB Est. Expenses: \$615.30 (Combined)
First Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Sub. Expenses: 309.00 (Combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$924.30 (Combined)

BARB SCOTT Connecting Boys to Books Conference
CARS, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary Fort Washington, PA
JOAN SHELLENBERGER March 11, 2008 (Tues.)
CARS, Franconia Elementary School Est. Expenses: \$410.20 (Combined)
Partially Paid with Federal Funds Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$410.20 (Combined)

CONSTANCE MEYERS What's New in Children's Literature and Strategies
Title I, Franconia Elementary to Use it in Your Program
SANDRA VOELKER Allentown, PA
Kindergarten, Franconia Elementary March 14, 2008 (Fri.)
Partially Paid with Federal Funds Est. Expenses: \$429.20 (Combined)
Sub. Expenses: 103.00 (Voelker only)
Total Est. Expenses: \$532.20 (Combined)

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

*B. Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

KAREN BERK Legal and Ethical Issues Regarding
Director of Special Education Psychoeducational Assessments, Evaluations
CRAIG EVANS Conference
District Psychologist Norristown, PA
NICOLE PAUZANO April 1, 2008 (Tues.)
District Psychologist Est. Expenses: \$442.15 (Combined)
SARA SCHWED Sub. Expenses: 0.00
District Psychologist Total Est. Expenses: \$442.15 (Combined)
Paid with Federal Funds

MICHELE NEFF Pennsylvania Family and Consumer Sciences
Family Consumer Science Teacher Conference
Senior High School Lancaster, PA
April 11, 2008 (Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$277.05
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$380.05

ALISON MORAN Pennsylvania Speech and Hearing Association
Speech Therapy, West Broad Street Elem. Conference
Paid with Federal Funds Pittsburgh, PA
April 11, 12, 2008 (Fri., Sat.)
Est. Expenses: \$175.00
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$175.00

MEGAN ALDERFER Strategies! A Tool Kit for Teaching Title I
Title I, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Struggling Readers
RYAN BABICH Drexel Hill, PA
Fifth Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. April 18, 2008 (Fri.)
AMY CIENKOWSKI Est. Expenses: \$ 981.36 (Combined)
Learning Support, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (Babich &
ASHLEY HECKMAN Cienkowski)
Title I, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Total Est. Expenses: \$1,187.36 (Combined)
STACIE YANEZ *Partially Paid with Federal Funds*
Title I, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

THERESA BLOCK Kutztown University Children's Literature
Title I, Franconia Elem. Conference
Paid with Federal Funds Kutztown, PA
April 19, 2008 (Sat.)
Est. Expenses: \$83.23
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Expenses: \$83.23

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

***B. Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (Continued)**

PATRICIA GALLAGHER Special Education, Indian Crest Jr. High	Lehigh University's Annual Middle Level Conference Bethlehem, PA April 25, 2008 (Fri.)
JONATHAN GRAF Assist. Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High	
JOSEPH GUNN Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High	Est. Expenses: \$1,677.50 (Combined)
ERIC HARTMAN Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High	Sub. Expenses: <u>1,030.00</u> (Combined)
ROSE HILL Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High	Total Est. Expenses: \$2,707.50 (Combined)
THOMAS JERNIGAN Social Studies, Indian Valley Middle School	JOSHUA KLIMOVICH Social Studies, Indian Valley Middle School
ANDREW JOHNSON Mathematics, Indian Valley Middle School	HEATHER SAND Reading, Indian Valley Middle School
JODY KILPATRICK Reading, Indian Valley Middle School	THOMAS WEIR Social Studies, Indian Crest Jr. High

***C. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

***1. Recommendation to Approve Request for Childrearing Leave**

DAWN GLOWACKI Fourth Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning approximately September 8, 2008, following Family/Medical Leave, through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Glowacki is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

BERTINA HSU-MILLER Gifted Support Teacher, Lower Salford & Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning approximately May 20, 2008 through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Hsu-Miller is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

HEATHER WILLIAMS Gifted Support Teacher, Franconia, Salford Hills & Vernfield Elementary Schools
Beginning approximately September 1, 2008, following Family/Medical Leave, through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Williams is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

***D. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF**

***1. Recommendation to Accept Resignation**

ALEX SHEPARDSON Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Effective: February 1, 2008

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

***D. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)**

***1. Recommendation to Accept Resignation (Continued)**

APRIL SMITH Title I Teaching Assistant, Franconia Elementary
 Effective: February 15, 2008

***2. Recommendation for Transfer**

KATHIE VENEZIALE From: Substitute Teacher
 Replacement for To: Title I Teaching Asst., Franconia Elem.
 April Smith (resigned) Beginning: February 19, 2008
 Wage: \$13.27 per hour
 Hours: 6 per day

***3. Recommendation for Employment**

BRIGITTE FLUEHR Special Education Aide – Autistic Support-
 Replacement for Vernfield Elementary
 Diane Reimers (resignation) Beginning: January 22, 2008
 Wage: \$10.83 per hour
 Hours: Two days/week, 6.75 hours/day

ALISON LINDSAY Student Services Secretary, Senior High
 Replacement for Beginning: March 3, 2008
 Kristin Kelly (resigned) Wage: \$12.03 per hour
 Hours: 7.5 per day

A-8 *E. Additions and Deletions to Substitute Teacher List

***F. Recommendation for Employment of Indoor Band Instructor for 2007-2008**

MATTHEW FONDA Asst. Percussion Instructor (HS) \$800.00
 (Paid by Band Boosters)

***G. Recommendation for Supplemental Contracts for Mentor Teachers**

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Margaret Burke	Oak Ridge	Barbara Hewlett	\$300.00
Stephanie Albert	Indian Valley M.S.	Thea Frey	\$300.00
Bridgette McGuire	Indian Crest Jr. High	Kathi Hussar	\$300.00
Julie Ratmansky	Indian Crest Jr. High	Tina Bachman	\$300.00
Christina Blanco	SAHS	Anne Fitch	\$300.00
Jessica Brockmann	SAHS	Lynne Stauffer	\$150.00
Leah Kowalski	SAHS	Dona Italiano	\$300.00
Sarah Manbeck	SAHS	Rob Barbadoro	\$300.00
Stuart Marjoram	SAHS	Maria Halteman	\$300.00
Jennifer Siegenthaler	SAHS	Jim Rossnagel	\$300.00

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

*H. Requests for Out-of-State Trips

*1. Souderton Area High School – Indoor Color Guard – Grades 9-12

Dates/Destination: February 23, 2008 – J. P. Stevens High School, Edison, NJ
(All Saturday Performances) March 1, 2008 – Passaic High School, Passaic, NJ
March 8, 2008 – South Brunswick High School,
Monmouth Junction, NJ
April 12, 2008 – Manchester High School, Manchester, NJ
April 26, 2008 – South Brunswick High School,
Monmouth Junction, NJ

Purpose: Indoor Color Guard Competition

Number of Students: 10

Number of Teachers: 3

Number of Parents: 2

Trip will be financed by the Band Boosters.

Requesting Teacher: Stephen Straka

*2. Souderton Area High School – German V Class – Grade 12 Students

Date: March 8, 2008 (Saturday)

Destination: Washington, D.C. – Holocaust Museum

Purpose: The students read a novel about the Holocaust.

Number of Students: 8

Number of Teachers: 2

Number of Parents: 3

Requesting Teacher: Neil Lindenfesler

Trip will be financed by students.

*3. Souderton Area High School – German V Class – Grade 12 Students

Date: April 19, 2008 (Saturday)

Destination: New York City, NY – Metropolitan Museum of Art, Goethe Institute,
and Heidelberg Restaurant.

Purpose: To visit the museums and see German art and culture.

Number of Students: 9

Number of Teachers: 2

Number of Parents: 2

Requesting Teacher: Neil Lindenfesler

Trip will be financed by students.

*4. Vernfield Elementary School – Fifth Grade Class

Date: May 8, 2008 (Thursday)

Destination: Baltimore, MD - Camden Yards, Baltimore Aquarium, Ft. McHenry

Purpose: Trip relates to Science and Social Studies units.

Number of Students: 79

Number of Teachers: 15

Number of Parents: 42

Requesting Teacher: Joseph Mraz

Trip will be financed by students and fundraising activities.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- A-9 *I. Recommendation to Approve Agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit for Contracted Costs for Maintaining Student Placement 2007-2008.
- *J. Recommendation to Approve Change Order for Indian Valley HVAC Project in the Amount of \$14,788 for N. B. Rogers Mechanical.
- A-10 *K. Recommendation to Approve LERTA Agreement with Lower Salford Township.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. INFORMATIONAL

- A. The next North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008, in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sunneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.
- B. The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.
- C. The next scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

X. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR – Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT