

**Souderton Area School District**

760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Thursday, August 9, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by President Eric R. MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, R. Bradley Clemens, Deb Doebler, Grace Eves, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, David Thayres, representatives from *The Reporter*, *The Morning Call*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Capital Campaign Discussions

Dr. Amuso indicated that Scott Schultz, from Schultz & Williams, had been at the last Board meeting to introduce himself, his firm’s services, and how his firm could help Souderton with a capital campaign. Since that meeting, Dr. Amuso has talked to several other companies involved in capital campaigns, and the general consensus is that area corporations would be interested in a capital campaign project involving the high school.

Dr. Amuso recommended that Souderton contract with Schultz & Williams to develop a plan and draw up a contract. He indicated that the Souderton Area Education Foundation would be involved in the fundraising, which will make giving more attractive to corporations. Souderton will need to develop a team to work on the capital campaign and also develop a case for support of the project. The School Board could fine tune how the funds would be used. The Education Foundation asked if funds would be available for Foundation grants if they were involved in the capital campaign.

Dr. Amuso asked the Board for their feedback and recommended that this item should be placed on the September 13th Board agenda.

Mr. Brong asked if there were any other firms contacted about the project.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Capital Campaign Discussions (Continued)

Dr. Amuso responded that there was one other firm, but that firm could not handle this type of project.

Dr. Parry questioned if there was any way to measure how much capital would be raised.

Dr. Amuso cited one example of a group that paid out \$15,000 in order to raise \$200,000.

Dr. Amuso discussed with Mr. Schultz about the possibility of raising \$2 million, and Mr. Schultz said that our goal would be attainable.

Dr. Parry asked if there were any legal issues to be concerned about.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that if corporations give money in order to name a building, room, etc., then the Education Foundation should not have the right to change that request.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the donor may want the money to go to the Education Foundation rather than the public school entity.

Dr. Baumgartner shared that the giver will have a definite purpose for the funds. He suggested that donors talk to the Education Foundation about plans for the money.

Mr. Currie indicated that Phase One would contain the amount of dollars to be raised. The outcomes would be determined and developed in this phase. The study phase would cost the District approximately \$20,000. He suggested that Schultz & Williams take part in some of the phase two risk.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Board should move ahead. The District needs a consultant to go into this type of project. He suggested that a fee structure needed to be established for phase two.

Mr. Currie suggested setting some parameters on legal issues in phase two.

Mr. Verbeke indicated that in a recent issue of the *American School Board Journal* there was an article on *Strategic Philanthropy*. Philanthropy is the cutting edge for funding community and public school projects. He supports the services of a consultant for at least phase one.

Dr. Baumgartner supported the acquisition of a consultant.

Dr. Amuso will talk to Mr. Schultz about the questions and concerns raised, and also schedule a presentation for the Education Foundation Board prior to the end of September. He recommended that the Board take action on this item in September.

### WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### Report on Current Projects at Indian Valley and Indian Crest

Mr. Pollack submitted an update to the Board about the current status of the two projects. He indicated that the projects are going well and proceeding as scheduled. Mr. Pollack emphasized that the schools will open on time. As of Wednesday, August 8th, the new tank at Indian Crest was operational. Mr. Pollack added that the original tank was from 1972.

Mr. Brong asked about contaminated soil at the Indian Crest site and if costs involved for the removal of the soil were within the budget.

Mr. Pollack responded that test results are expected on possible contaminated soils before arranging for proper disposal. The total estimated quantity may exceed the 5 cubic yard contract allowance and require a Change Order. If the soil meets the EPA standards, we may be able to fill in some areas of the County Line practice fields.

As far as the Indian Valley project, all critical equipment deliveries have been received. The boilers and chiller are installed with the chiller start-up scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> and the boiler start-up scheduled for Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. The final classroom work is continuing on schedule.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held on July 26, 2007 following the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on August 1, 2007 to discuss collective bargaining and personnel issues. The meeting lasted 3.5 hours.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted approximately 70 minutes.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee – R. “Bud” Miller, Chairperson  
There was no report.

Education-Personnel Committee – Mark D. Leer, Chairperson  
Mr. Currie stated that there was no report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Finance Committee – Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson  
There was no report.

Policy Committee – Tracy G. Cole, Chairperson  
In Mrs. Cole’s absence, Mr. Verbeke indicated that Policy 204.1 – Foreign Exchange Student Guidelines was scheduled for a First Reading later in the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the action items/consent agenda, plus the addendum items, for consideration and approval. He mentioned that two items would be removed from the consent agenda. Item one - VIII, C, 2 – Recommendation to Approve Cabinet Administrators’ Salaries for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 was withdrawn and moved to a later meeting. Item two - VIII, H – Recommendation to Approve Non-Reimbursable Construction – PDE #3074 (a) consistent with Board approval of July 12, 2007 would be moved to the Action Items/Discussion Items portion of tonight’s agenda.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 6 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the following items as presented for approval:

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the July 26, 2007 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

<b>E. FRAN MASIN-MOYER</b> Mathematics, Senior High School	Co-Teaching: Principles, Practices, and Pragmatics Norristown, PA August 23, 24 and November 2, 2007 (Thurs., Fri., Fri.)
<b><i>Paid through Federal Funds</i></b>	Est. Expenses: \$294.40 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$397.40

<b>DR. R. PAUL BAUMGARTNER</b> School Board Member	PSBA Leadership Conference Hershey, PA October 2-5, 2007 (Tues.-Fri.)
<b>TRACY G. COLE</b> School Board Member	Est. Expenses: \$1,826.21 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$1,826.21 (combined)

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Employment Contract for Assistant to the Superintendent/  
Director of Human Resources.

**EXHIBIT A**

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

**SABRINA GODSHALL** First Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elem.  
Effective: End of the 2006-2007 School Year

**MARJORIE HIRST** Third Grade Teacher, West Broad St. Elem.  
Effective: End of the 2006-2007 School Year

**KATIE HORN** Long-Term Substitute, Mathematics, Indian Crest  
Effective: July 31, 2007

Recommendations for Transfer

**LYNDA BROCK** From: Third Grade, Long-Term Substitute, Oak Ridge  
New position per To: Fifth Grade, Oak Ridge Elem.  
2007-2008 Budget **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

Education  
Gwynedd-Mercy College  
(BS) 1996

Experience  
Oct. 2006-June 2007-SASD-Salford Hills Elem.  
Fourth Grade-Long-Term Substitute  
Jan.–Oct. 2006-SASD-Lower Salford Elem.-Title V  
Teaching Assistant  
2002-2005-Souderton Area & Perkiomen Valley S. D.  
Substitute Teacher  
2001-2002-St. Maria Goretti School, Hatfield-Third Gr.  
1996-2001-St. Timothy School, Phila.-Fifth Grade

Recommended Salary - \$37,815 – B (2)

**STEPHANIE RUANE** From: Long-Term Substitute, First Grade, Lower Salford  
Replacement for To: Kindergarten, West Broad St. Elem.  
Marjorie Hirst (resigned) **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

Education  
Gwynedd-Mercy College  
(BS) 2004

Experience  
2006-2007-SASD-West Broad St. Elem.-Title I  
Teaching Assistant  
2005-2006-Pennridge S. D.-M. Seylar Elem.  
Fourth Grade-Long-Term Substitute  
Spring 2005-Pennridge S.D.-Sellersville Elem.  
Kindergarten & M. Seylar Elem.-Sixth Grade-  
Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$37,323 – B (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment

**TARA AMBRUCH** Science Teacher, Sixth Grade, Indian Valley M. S.  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Jennifer Odenwald Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School year  
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
West Chester Univ. (BS) 2005	2006-2007-SASD-Indian Valley Middle School Part-Time Math Teacher and Daily Substitute May-June 2006-SASD-Indian Valley M. S. Per-Diem Extended Substitute-Math-Grade 6 Feb.-May 2006-SASD-Daily Substitute Fall 2005-Centennial S.D.-Davis Elementary Fourth Grade-Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

**KELLY ARNONE** Science Teacher, Indian Valley Middle School  
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Diane Mazziotta (transfer) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Pennsylvania State Univ. (BS) 2005 Immaculata University (Certificate) 2007	Mar.–June 2007-Norristown Area S.D.-General Science Per-Diem Extended Substitute Jan.-Mar. 2007–Norristown Area S.D.-Norristown High School-Chemistry-Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$39,722 – B24 (1)

**MARGARET BURKE** Fourth Grade, Oak Ridge Elementary  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Kristin Diaz (childrearing) Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Penn State Univ. (BS) 1983 Arcadia Univ. (M.Ed.) 2003	2006-2007-SASD-E. M. Crouthamel Elem.-Title I Teaching Asst. March-June 2006-SASD-Lower Salford Elem. .5 Kindergarten-Per-Diem Extended Substitute 2005-2006-SASD-E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Title I Teaching Asst.

Recommended Salary - \$20,523 – M (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**DENISE CAJINA** Third Grade, Vernfield Elementary  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Bertina Hsu-Miller Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
(transfer for one year assignment)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple Univ. (BS) 2005	2006-2007-SASD-Vernfield Elem.-Title V Teaching Asst. Spring 2006-SASD-Salford Hills Elem.-Third Grade Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$37,323 – B (1)

**ELISABETH CLEMMER** Third Grade, Oak Ridge Elementary  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Lynda Brock (transfer from Karah Ziff, sabbatical) Effective: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Eastern Mennonite Univ. (BA) 2005	March 2006-June 2007-SASD-E. M. Crouthamel & Franconia Elem., ESL Teaching Assistant 2005-2006-SASD-Substitute Teacher Sept.-Oct. 2005-SASD-Indian Valley Middle School-Sixth Grade Science-Per-Diem Extended Substitute

Recommended Salary - \$37,856 – B12 (1)

**JESSICA COGAN** First Grade, Lower Salford Elementary  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Stephanie Ruane (transfer) Effective: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple Univ. (BS) 2001	2002-2007–St. Jude School-Chalfont, PA 2004-2007-Third Grade 2003-2004-Second Grade 2002-2003-Primary Math & Computer Teacher 2001-2002-Goddard School-Kindergarten

Recommended Salary - \$39,722 – B24 (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**SARAH GOLDSTEIN** Special Education Teacher, Learning Support,  
Replacement for E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Rosemarie Osada **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
(childrearing) Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
Education Experience  
Temple Univ. (BS) 2006-2007-Quakertown Community S.D.  
2005 Trumbauersville Elem.-Third Grade-Long-Term  
Substitute  
Spring 2006-North Penn S.D.-Gwynedd Square Elem.  
& Knapp Elem., Fourth Grade & Learning Support  
Student Teaching  
Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

**JACQUELINE GRZYWACZ** Fourth Grade, Salford Hills Elementary  
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Sabrina Godshall (resigned) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year  
Education Experience  
Boston University (BS) 2006-2007–SASD-Salford Hills Elem.  
1983 Title V Teaching Asst.  
Gwynedd-Mercy College Jan.-Apr. 2006–SASD–Salford Hills Elem.  
(Certificate) 2006 Fifth Grade & E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Second Grade-Student Teaching  
2002-2004–SASD–Daily Substitute  
Recommended Salary - \$39,722 – B24 (1)

**LISA JASUTA-KRAMER** Special Education Teacher, Franconia Elem.  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Nora Paar (childrearing) Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
Education Experience  
Univ. of Pittsburgh (BA) 1996-2000-SASD-Lower Salford & Salford Hills Elem.  
1990 Schools-Special Education Teacher  
Arcadia University (M.Ed.) 1992-1996-The Quaker School at Horsham-Special  
Education Teacher  
Recommended Salary - \$21,726 – M12 (1)



ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**SARAH MANBECK** English Teacher, Souderton Area High School  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
John McLaughlin (transfer Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
to Art for Tom Laudenslager  
sabbatical)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Pennsylvania State Univ. (BS) 2006	March-June 2007-SASD-Substitute Teacher July 2006-Jan. 2007-Bethlehem Career Academy English-Long-Term Substitute Spring 2006-West Mifflin Area Sr. High-Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

**BRIDGETTE McGUIRE** Mathematics Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Jennifer Detwiler Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
College of New Jersey (BS) 2007	May-June 2007-North Penn S.D.-Gen. Nash Elem. Emotional Support Assistant Spring 2007-SASD-Indian Crest-Guidance Department Internship Fall 2006-Wilbur Watts Intermediate School Burlington, NJ-Fourth Grade-Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

**JENIFER MEYER** Mathematics Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Janet Grippi (sabbatical) Effective: 2007-2008 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Millersville Univ. (BS) 1997	2006-2007-SASD-Indian Valley Middle School Mathematics Teacher-Long-Term Substitute
Western Maryland College (MS) 2002	1998-2006-Elkton High School, Elkton MD Mathematics Teacher

Recommended Salary - \$41,046 – M (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**RUCHI MITAL** Chemistry Teacher, Souderton Area High School  
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Robert Fumanti (resigned) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

Education

Experience

Univ. Gujarat, India (BS) Dec. 2006–June 2007-North Penn S.D.-Substitute  
1994 Teacher

Univ. Gujarat, India (MS) Fall 2006-Bensalem S. D.-Bensalem High School  
1995 Student Teaching

Arcadia University (certificate)

Recommended Salary - \$43,452 – M12 (1)

**PATRICIA PFEIL** Language Arts Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Frank Neumann Effective: 2007-2008 School Year  
(medical leave)

Education

Experience

West Chester Univ. 2000-2006-Central Bucks S.D.-Holicong/  
(BS) 1988 Tohickon Middle School-English Teacher

Gwynedd-Mercy College 1999-2000-Upper Dublin S.D.-Sandy Run Middle  
(MS) 2005 School-English-Long-Term Substitute

Recommended Salary - \$41,046 – M (1)

**JACQUELYNN PLUNKETT** Health & Physical Education, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**  
Mara Hess (resigned) Beginning: 2007-2008 School Year

Education

Experience

Pennsylvania State Univ. 2006-2007-Central Bucks S.D.-Doyle & Kutz Elem.  
(BS) 2005 Schools-Physical Education-Long-Term Substitute

Jan.–June 2006-Council Rock S.D.-Sol Feinstone Elem.  
Physical Education-Long-Term Substitute

Fall 2005-Council Rock S.D.-Newton Elementary &  
Newton Middle School-Student Teaching

Recommended Salary - \$37,323 – B (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

**STEPHANIE SAVAGE** Language Arts, Sixth Grade, Indian Valley M. S.  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Jennifer Wevodau Effective: First Semester, 2007-2008 School Year  
(childrearing)

Education  
Kutztown Univ. (BS)  
2006

Experience  
June-Aug. 2007-St. Gabriel’s Hall-Middle/Junior High  
Language Arts  
Oct.–Dec. 2006-Boyertown S.D.-Gilbertsville Elem.  
Fourth Grade-Student Teaching  
Aug.–Oct. 2006-East Penn S.D.-Wescosville Elem.  
Third Grade-Student Teaching  
March–May 2006-Upper Perkiomen S.D.  
Upper Perkiomen Middle School-Sixth Grade  
Professional Semester

Recommended Salary - \$18,661.50 – B (1)

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

**ELISABETH CLEMMER** ESL Teaching Assistant, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Effective: August 3, 2007

**NOBUHLE MPOFU** Special Education Aide-Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: August 8, 2007

**DANIELLE PETTIT** Part-Time Custodial Substitute  
Effective: August 15, 2007

**DIANA SERIANNI** Special Education Aide-Salford Hills Elem.  
Effective: August 8, 2007

**JOSHUA SHTATMAN** Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elem.  
Effective: August 10, 2007

**BRENDA SNYDER** Special Education Aide, Lower Salford Elem.  
Effective: August 6, 2007

**MICHAEL STUART** Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elem.  
Effective: August 15, 2007

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendations for Employment

**PAUL BENTON** Part-Time Custodian, Indian Crest Jr. High  
Replacement for Beginning: August 13, 2007  
Richard Bochey (resigned) Wage: \$9.46 per hour  
Hours: 4 per day

**JONATHAN LANDIS** Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elementary  
Replacement for Beginning: August 13, 2007  
Nathan Hicks (resigned) Wage: \$9.46 per hour  
Hours: 4 per day

Recommendation for Supplemental Contract for Coaching Position-2007-2008 School Year

**BRAD GARRETT** Head Tennis (Girls) Coach (HS) \$2,769

Recommendation to Acknowledge Grant Application

North Penn Community Health Foundation Mini-Grant for 2007-2008. The \$1,000 grant will provide activities and the coordination of teacher training as well as follow-up to help implement the Pilot Advocacy Program at Indian Crest Junior High School. Application was submitted by Jonathan Graf, assistant principal at Indian Crest Junior High School and Ellen Sykes, assistant principal at Indian Valley Middle School. **EXHIBIT B**

Recommendation to Authorize the Transfer of Budgeted Funds Based Upon Adjustments to the Book Balances for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading of Policy - Policy 204.1 - Foreign Exchange Student Guidelines

Dr. Amuso presented Policy 204.1 for a first reading. There were no questions from the Board.

Recommendation to Approve Non-Reimbursable Construction – PDE #3074 (a) Consistent with Board Approval of July 12, 2007

Dr. Amuso stated that consistent with Board approval of July 12, 2007, PDE form #3074 (a) needs to be approved to complete application requirements. The application must be made so the architect and construction manager can move forward on the project. Dr. Amuso indicated that the architect has told the district that his firm can meet the budget cap on the stadium buildings. Members of the administration met with Franconia Township officials on Tuesday and discussed a plan to decrease the cost estimates.

Mr. Currie stated that he was unclear about one point that being the PDE form left out the ticket booths. He also inquired whether the form authorized a particular bid package. Mr. Currie suggested that bids should come back with separate totals for each building and the Board given a chance to review the individual bids for each building.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve Non-Reimbursable Construction – PDE #3074 (a) (Continued)

Mr. MacDougall indicated that he was hopeful that the Board would be able to vote again on the project.

Dr. Amuso spoke about the project estimates discussed at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Operations meeting and that he has asked Mr. Breslin to forward the individual cost estimates for each of the buildings. Dr. Amuso agreed to direct the architect to structure the bids to permit the Board to have a choice as to which buildings to include in the construction contract.

Mr. Sultanik addressed the question of bids and/or alternates with one or more contractors. He emphasized that PDE #3074 (a) was strictly for non-reimbursement.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the Board has talked about alternate bids, but has not talked about separating out the buildings for bidding.

There was discussion among the Board members regarding the decisions from the July 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the individual building bids for the project.

Mr. Currie indicated that the Board must have options when its time to bid the project.

There was a motion by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 6 to 0, it was

**RESOLED**, That the Board approve the Non-Reimbursable Construction Form – PDE #3074 (a) consistent with Board approval of July 12, 2007 as presented.

**EXHIBIT C**

INFORMATIONAL

On Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 7:45 PM a meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

The next meeting of the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2007 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Administrative Conference Room at the Technical Career Center, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2007 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. MacDougall mentioned that this may be changed.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR  
Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Brong asked for a progress report on the high school project from D'Huy Engineering at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Pollack responded that D'Huy has been preparing monthly reports. He will share that information with Board members. D'Huy will be reporting quarterly to the Board, and the next report is scheduled for September.

Dr. Amuso thanked the Board for approving the employment contract of Brad Clemens. He offered kudos to Mr. Clemens for his hard work in all aspects of his job.

Mr. Clemens thanked the Board and Dr. Amuso for the contract. He considers working for Souderton an honor and a privilege.

Mr. MacDougall thanked Mr. Clemens for his dedicated service to the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Frank Skepton, from Skepton Construction, thanked the Board for the excellent job that they are doing in watching the taxpayers' dollars. He shared that in his opinion, the Franconia Township engineering firm is over-billing the district by billing for inspection services that are not needed. Mr. Skepton encouraged the Board to look into the matter.

Dr. Parry thanked Mr. Skepton for coming forward with this information and inquired about information on these billings.

Mr. MacDougall instructed Mrs. Bray to compile a listing of payments made to Franconia Township for fees generated by the township engineer, Metz Engineering.

Dr. Baumgartner asked Mr. Skepton if working relationships with Franconia Township were better or worse than other townships. He also inquired about reasonable hourly rates.

Mr. Brong thanked Mr. Skepton for speaking and asked if he had an estimate of what the overcharges might be.

Mr. Skepton estimated the over-engineering to be between \$2-3 million for the high school project.

Mr. MacDougall announced a brief Executive Session following the Board meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Brong to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 6 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray  
Board Secretary