

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, November 8, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Eric R. MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, R. Bradley Clemens, Grace Eves, Henry Franz, Karen Frazier, Frank Gallagher, Warren Gericke, Karen Giannini, Sal Graci, Scott Jelinski, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Jeff Pammer, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Doug Taylor, David Thayres, Wayne Walton, representatives from *The Reporter*, *The Souderton Independent*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

RECOGNITION

Exemplary Science Teacher Award

Dr. Amuso introduced Jeff Pammer, principal of Indian Crest Junior High School.

Mr. Pammer introduced **KAREN FRAZIER** and spoke about her strengths as a science teacher at Indian Crest Junior High School. Mrs. Frazier has been awarded the Montgomery County Science Teacher's Association High School Exemplary Science Teacher Award for 2007. Her credentials, science involvement and educational philosophy demonstrate her outstanding commitment to the Souderton Area School District students. She encourages students to experience the challenge and excitement that is in the field of science and technology.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize **KAREN FRAZIER** for this exemplary award.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Amuso then recognized Mrs. Frazier's family who were in attendance.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Recommendation to Award Bids for New High School Stadium Buildings

Dr. Amuso noted that the Addendum called for a workshop discussion on the recommendation to award bids for the new high school stadium buildings.

Dr. Amuso reviewed the events and discussions that have taken place thus far regarding the stadium buildings for the new high school. This is a separate project and bids were opened on October 31. The base bid, with the recommended alternates, totals \$1,617,389.00. The stadium buildings will include the toilet building/concession building, the team room, and two ticket booths. Dr. Amuso indicated that the architect has analyzed the bids and the Board would be voting on awarding the bids later in the meeting.

Warren Gericke and Doug Taylor, from D’Huy Engineering, were present to answer questions. Mr. Pollack presented drawings of the toilet/concession building and team room building and spoke about the size, construction materials to be used and square footage of the buildings. The team room building will be outside of the stadium gates and will be accessible for teams and spectators when the stadium is closed.

Mr. Pollack mentioned that the large bathroom areas were defined by code and Franconia Township requirements and that the building will also contain the controls for the recycled water system. He indicated that the structures will be constructed of wood trusses with shingles and concrete block and since roof trusses are identical for both buildings costs would be reduced.

Mr. Brong asked questions about the rock under the construction site and counter tops.

Mr. Gericke addressed questions about the rock removal from the foundation area and Mr. Pollack addressed the rough-ins for sinks and countertops.

Mr. Leer asked about the length of the counter top and Mr. Pollack responded.

Dr. Baumgartner questioned if the project was put out on bid as a total package.

Mr. Pollack indicated that we received very competitive prices for this project.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about getting private funds to pay for the buildings and also questioned if a project manager would be needed.

Mr. Pollack indicated that discussions regarding a project manager would come at a later date.

Mr. Brong asked what costs would be involved for a project manager.

Mr. Pollack indicated that project manager services with D’Huy would be addressed at a later date. The administration is considering an increase to D’Huy’s contract to oversee the stadium buildings project.

Recommendation to Award Bids for New High School Stadium Buildings (Continued)

Mr. Brong shared his concern regarding the placement of the locker rooms at the new high school and their access to the fields. He asked why team rooms were needed if the locker room were close to the fields.

Mr. MacDougall reminded the Board members that they needed to go forward on this project. The time for questions about the need for the team rooms has passed.

Mr. Pollack and Dr. Amuso addressed the proximity of the locker rooms to the various fields, and also that the toilet facilities in the team room building would be available for spectators to use when the stadium was not in use. Mr. Pollack reminded the Board that the stadium field is a multipurpose field and is permanently lined for football, hockey, and soccer.

Mr. Miller asked what was changed or deleted to bring the cost from \$2.2 million to \$1.7 million.

Mr. Taylor addressed the question by listing the changes in materials and the mechanical systems. The buildings will be efficient, basic structures. He also addressed questions about the rock in the area of the site.

Mr. Miller asked if the maintenance building was part of the project and if there was room for a maintenance building.

Mr. Pollack indicated that there is room for a maintenance building, but it is not part of the stadium buildings. He also spoke about the new directive from Labor and Industry requiring a unisex bathroom to be added to the toilet building. This information was just received by the District Office, will be incorporated into the design, and will be considered part of the required number of toilets. This change must be handled as a change order.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held on October 25, 2007 following the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 60 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on November 1, 2007 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 15 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel issues. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

Proclamation of American Education Week – November 11-17, 2007

Mr. MacDougall noted that this year's theme was "*Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*" and read the proclamation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee – R. "Bud" Miller, Chairperson

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Gericke, from D'Huy Engineering, for a brief report on the high school project.

Mr. Gericke mentioned that the project is moving forward as scheduled. The workers will meet the deadline of enclosing the building by December.

Mr. Miller asked about the contingency fund.

Mr. Gericke indicated that funds have not been affected other than the unsuitable soils.

Education-Personnel Committee – Mark D. Leer, Chairperson

There was no report.

Finance Committee – Dr. Jack A. Parry, Chairperson

Dr. Parry noted that there was a Finance Committee meeting on November 1st which he could not attend. He asked Mr. Currie to give a brief report.

Mr. Currie reported that the Board members present on November 1 discussed the format of the directive that would be given to the administration about budget preparation. He indicated that at the end of the meeting there was no agreement on a specific process. However, there was agreement on focusing on expenditures rather than revenue.

Dr. Parry asked if the process of prioritization was agreed upon and if the members present addressed a percentage to be used in budget preparation.

Mr. MacDougall mentioned that finance meetings were needed with all Board members in attendance. Decisions needed to be made relating to the base index, priorities, and if there are any exceptions or buffers.

Dr. Amuso indicated that at the November 1st Finance Committee meeting there was a consensus that the Board would pass the index resolution indicating that the 2008-2009 tax increase could not exceed the 4.4% index set by PDE for Souderton Area School District. The administration would not apply for any exceptions.

Mr. MacDougall stated that the Board would have to approve the index resolution for 2008-2009 at the December 20th meeting.

Dr. Amuso addressed the Act 1 timeline regarding the preliminary and final budget presentations. The final budget must be voted on by June 19th. We should be starting budget discussions in January.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Finance Committee (Continued)

Dr. Parry expressed concern about index and expenditure budgeting.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the administration is working hard to keep expenditures down. There are several federal and state mandates that dictate a portion of the budget. Any guidelines from the Board are welcomed.

Dr. Parry indicated that if the Board takes the expenditure rate from last year, 9%, and then takes the 9% down to 3%, plus the significant revenue that we received last year, we could possibly have a 0% increase in taxes next year.

There was discussion among the Board relating to items discussed at the last Finance meeting.

Mr. Currie said there was a presentation of concepts and discussions, but there were no decisions other than to continue the dialogue. He noted that several Board members were not present at the meeting.

Mrs. Bray added clarification that expenditures last year were at 9%, but that percentage included transfers. Without the transfers, expenditures increased about 5% between 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

Policy Committee – Tracy G. Cole, Chairperson

There was no report.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the action items/consent agenda, plus the addendum items for approval.

There was a request from the Board to separate items VIII-A and VIII-I from the vote.

Mr. Currie asked for explanation on what action was expected from the Board on items VIII-H and VIII-I.

Dr. Amuso explained the grant application and approval process, and noted that policy calls for the administration to report to the Board on the application of grants and when grants are approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mrs. Cole to approve the action items/consent agenda, plus the addendum items as presented, with the exception of items VIII-A and VIII-I.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve all action items/consent agenda, plus the addendum items as presented, with the exception of items VIII-A and VIII-I:

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

SHERYL BURKE Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical
Health/Physical Education Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference
Senior High School Lancaster, PA
November 16, 2007 (Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$303.90
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$406.90

JENNIFER BANO Picture the Possibilities – Integrating the Visual Aspects
Reading, Indian Valley M. S. of Language Arts
HEATHER SAND Fort Washington, PA
Language Arts, Indian Valley M. S. November 17, 2007 (Saturday)
Est. Expenses: \$70.00 (Combined)
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$70.00 (Combined)

DIANE RANKIN Accelerating the Reading Skills of Your English
ESL, Indian Valley M. S. Language Learners
Philadelphia, PA
Partially paid by Federal Funds November 30, 2007 (Friday)
Est. Expenses: \$206.46
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$309.46

COLLEEN WEGIMONT American Alliance for Health, Physical Education,
Health/Physical Education Recreation, and Dance Convention
Oak Ridge Elem. Newport, RI
February 27, 28, 29, 2008 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00
Sub. Expenses: 309.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$309.00

PATRICIA GOODHART Attendance/Child Accounting Spring Conference
District Registrar Hershey, PA
March 12, 13, 14, 2008 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$740.65
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$740.65

JUSTIN KREFT College Board – AP Development
English, Senior High School Morton, PA
JOHN MCLAUGHLIN April 2, 2008 (Wednesday)
Art/English, Senior High School Est. Expenses: \$374.25 (Combined)
Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (Combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$580.25 (Combined)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

GWYN CLARK Librarian, Franconia Elem.	Kutztown University Children’s Literature Conference Kutztown, PA
JOYCE KOERT Librarian, West Broad Elem.	April 19, 2008 (Saturday)
	Est. Expenses: \$100.00 (Combined)
	Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u>
	Total Expenses: \$100.00 (Combined)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendations for Employment

JACLYN DUFFY Replacement for Brooke Clemmer (childrearing)	First Grade Teacher, Vernfield Elementary LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE Effective: Approximately November 15, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year
<u>Education</u> Eastern University (BA) 2004	<u>Experience</u> 2006-Present-Collegium Charter School-West Chester Pre-First Teacher 2005-2006-Collegium Charter School–Asst. Teacher Pre-First 2004-2005-Substitute Teacher Service
	Recommended Salary - \$37,323 (pro-rated) – B (1)

KATHLEEN FARRELL Replacement for Michele Smith (childrearing)	First Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE Effective: Approximately November 15, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year
<u>Education</u> West Chester Univ. (BS) 2007	<u>Experience</u> September 2007–Present–Downingtown Area S. D. Substitute Teacher–Fourth Grade Spring 2007–Downingtown Area S.D.–Student Teaching First & Fourth Grade
	Recommended Salary - \$37,323 (pro-rated) – B (1)

SAMANTHA KEMPS Replacement for Christine Crim (childrearing)	Mathematics Teacher, Indian Valley M.S. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE Effective: November 26, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year
<u>Education</u> Millersville University (BS) 2007	<u>Experience</u> Sept.-Nov. 2007–Springfield S.D.–Per-Diem Extended Substitute Math Teacher–Seventh Grade Spring 2007–Penn Manor S.D.–Student Teaching Conestoga Elem.–Fifth Grade
	Recommended Salary - \$37,323 (pro-rated) – B (1)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Request for Childrearing Leave Extension

KRISTIN DIAZ Fourth Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary
Through the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Diaz is planning to return to work for the 2008-2009 school year.

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF

Resignations

JONATHAN LANDIS Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elementary
Effective: November 2, 2007

STEVEN MARTIN Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elem.
Effective: October 25, 2007

WILLIAM MCKOWN Title I Teaching Asst., West Broad St. Elem.
Effective: October 26, 2007

MARYJANE YODER Substitute Secretary
Effective: October 26, 2007

Recommendation for Transfer

DINA MOORE From: Café/Playground Aide, West Broad St.
Replacement for To: Café/Playground Aide, Franconia Elementary
Shawn Fooks & Mary Leidy Beginning: TDB
(reduction in hours) Wage: \$9.62 per hour
Hours: 1.5 per day

Recommendations for Employment

NEREIDA AMAYA Special Education Aide, One-to-One, Vernfield Elem.
Andrea Rawa (transfer) Beginning: November 9, 2007
Wage: \$10.40 per hour
Hours: 5 per day

TROY RADCLIFF Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Beginning: November 9, 2007
Wage: \$9.46 per hour
Hours: as needed

NATHANIEL RAY Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elementary
Replacement for Beginning: November 26, 2007
Jonathan Landis (resigned) Wage: \$9.46 per hour
Hours: 4 per day

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

DIANE REIMERS Special Education Aide, Autistic Support, Vernfield
Replacement for Elementary
Angela Larocco (resigned) Beginning: November 9, 2007
Wage: \$10.40 per hour
Hours: 7.5 hours/day, 2 days/week

KATHY WILSON Title V Teaching Asst., Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for Effective: November 12, 2007 through May 2008
Angela Purvis (resigned) Wage: \$12.77 per hour
Hours: 5 per day

Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts for Coaches - 2007-2008

JOSHUA KLIMOVICH	Asst. Basketball (G) Coach (HS)	\$2,768.00
JEREMY MILLER⁺	Asst. Wrestling Coach (HS)	2,657.00
RICHARD HESS	Head Basketball (B) Coach (IC)	2,624.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Basketball (B) Coach (IC)	2,436.00
RICHARD HESS	Head Basketball (G) Coach (IC)	2,624.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Basketball (G) Coach (IC)	2,436.00
JAMES CHAIKOWSKY	Head Wrestling Coach (IC)	2,695.00
NICHOLAS CHIAROLANZA	Asst. Wrestling Coach (IC)	1,693.00
JOHN HANDERHAN	Head Basketball (B) Coach (IV)	2,702.00
KEVIN PAULL	Head Basketball (B) Coach (IV)	2,702.00
JEFFREY WALKER	Head Basketball (G) Coach (IV)	2,062.00
JONATHAN BLAIR	Head Basketball (G) Coach (IV)	2,062.00

⁺New to Coaching at SASD

Recommendation for Contracted Services for Coaching Position

WILLIAM HENCE Asst. Swimming/Diving Coach (HS) \$3,352.00

Additions to the 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List

EXHIBIT B

Recommendation to Acknowledge Approval of Federal Project Allocations for 2007-2008:

1. 2007-2008 Title I (Improving Basic Programs) - Allocation: \$488,519
2. 2007-2008 Title I – New Life Youth and Family Services (Delinquent)
Allocation: \$60,890
3. 2007-2008 Title II, Part A (Improving Teacher Quality) - Allocation: \$161,432
4. 2007-2008 Title V (Innovation Education) - Allocation: \$6,357
5. 2007-2008 Safe and Drug Free Schools/Communities - Allocation: \$17,275

EXHIBIT C

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the October 25, 2007 School Board Meeting.

There was a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Mr. Brong.

Dr. Baumgartner indicated that the Minutes of the October 25th Board meeting did not adequately capture if the three additional teaching positions needed for the School Improvement Program would be additional personnel (new hires) or the reassignment of current teachers.

Dr. Amuso indicated that these positions would be additional positions. However, in human resources terms, these positions may not require an increase in personnel.

The Minutes will be revised to reflect Dr. Baumgartner's concern.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2007 Board Meeting with changes as requested by Dr. Baumgartner in relation to the School Improvement Plan.

Recommendation to Acknowledge Approval for Pennsylvania Department of Education Grants for 2007-2008:

1. 2007-2008 Classrooms for the Future♦ - Allocation: \$415,720
 2. 2007-2008 Project 720♦ - Allocation: \$65,590
 3. 2007-2008 Accountability Block Grant - Allocation: \$450,319
 4. 2007-2008 Dual Enrollment Grant♦ - Allocation: \$1,325
- ♦ Denotes competitive funding.

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

Mr. Currie expressed his dismay about the "Classrooms for the Future" Grant. He shared concern regarding the way the application was undertaken and that the application was submitted before it was presented to the Board. Mr. Currie stated that the technology equipment would be out of date before the students get through school. Also, he is concerned about funding the replacement of the equipment in the future.

Dr. Amuso explained that the Classrooms for the Future Grant came from the Governor's office. The district was given a short period of time to apply for this grant. He said that he had made the decision to go ahead and apply for this grant since there had been a decrease in the district technology budget, and the administration notified the Board that the application had been made. There was no discretion as to what we could purchase.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that the equipment that we can purchase with this grant will go into 46 classrooms at the new high school.

Dr. Amuso stated that this was the correct move for the Souderton Area School District. With this grant, we will not have to go to the local taxpayers to fund this equipment, but rather can draw on money paid by taxpayers from across the state.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Acknowledge Approval for Pennsylvania Department of Education Grants for 2007-2008: (Continued)

Mr. Miller congratulated Dr. Amuso for acting on this grant.

Mr. MacDougall spoke about Board discussions that took place when the administration was applying for this grant. He indicated that this grant will be saving the district a lot of money. We will never become a “classroom for the future” if we worry about replacement of obsolete equipment.

Dr. Baumgartner indicated that the Board needs to be informed on how technology increases educational outcomes for our students.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. Currie voting no, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board acknowledge the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Grants for 2007-2008 as listed:

1. 2007-2008 Classrooms for the Future♦ - Allocation: \$415,720
2. 2007-2008 Project 720♦ - Allocation: \$65,590
3. 2007-2008 Accountability Block Grant - Allocation: \$450,319
4. 2007-2008 Dual Enrollment Grant♦ - Allocation: \$1,325

♦ Denotes competitive funding.

EXHIBIT D

Recommendation for Third Reading of Policies and Final Approval

Dr. Amuso presented the following policies for a third reading and final approval:

1. Policy #901 – Public Relations Objectives
2. Policy #909 – Municipal Government Relations

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation for Third Reading of Policies and Final Approval (Continued)

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the final changes and grant final approval to Policy #901 and Policy #909 as presented.

EXHIBIT E and EXHIBIT F

Recommendation to Approve School Improvement Plan

There was a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Mr. Brong.

Mr. Currie indicated that he is skeptical if this plan will work. He spoke about additional resources that are not improving student progress. Mr. Currie asked to modify the plan by adding that quarterly reports are to be made to the Board.

Mr. Silva indicated that subsequent reporting and the School Improvement Plan are two separate items. Mr. Silva defended the plan and its philosophy.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve School Improvement Plan (Continued)

Mrs. Cole stated that she had read through the plan and was amazed with the information that is included. There are no guarantees, but this plan is a way to start improving student progress.

Dr. Baumgartner added that it would have been helpful to go through the plan in depth.

Mr. Silva indicated that the district will need to spend about \$30,000 for the initiation of the plan and co-teaching could be a significant cost.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the School Improvement Plan as presented.

EXHIBIT G

Recommendation to Approve 2008-2009 Program of Studies for the Souderton Area High School.

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

Dr. Baumgartner asked if the Program of Studies outlined any new courses or any courses not being taught, and Mr. Silva addressed Dr. Baumgartner's questions.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2008-2009 Program of Studies for the Souderton Area High School.

EXHIBIT H

Recommendation to Transfer \$4.22 Million to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund.

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

Mrs. Bray stated that at the end of June, the Board approved the designation of \$4.22 million of the General Fund's fund balance as of June 30, 2007. The administration is now asking that this money be officially transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund.

Mr. Miller asked if this money could be used for construction purposes and/or the stadium buildings.

Mrs. Bray responded that yes, this money can be used for construction purposes.

Mr. MacDougall verified that this money must be put into a separate fund.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the transfer of \$4.22 million from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Award Bids for New High School Stadium Building

Dr. Amuso announced the successful bidders for the base bids and recommended alternates for the new high school stadium buildings:

<u>Base Bid with Recommended Alternate Bids</u>	
General (Skepton Construction, Inc.)	\$ 915,500.00
Plumbing (Worth & Company, Inc.)	408,250.00
HVAC (Boro Developers, Inc. DBA Boro Construction)	73,400.00
Electrical (MJF Electrical Contracting, Inc.)	<u>220,239.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,617,389.00

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Brong.

Mr. Currie indicated that he wanted to amend the motion by asking Board members to vote on the team room and then a second vote on the remaining project.

Mr. Currie's motion was second by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. MacDougall stated that the Board should accept the recommendation of the administration. He spoke about the needs for a team room and corporate funding for the project.

Mr. Brong asked how the stadium building project would be funded.

Mr. Miller indicated that the funds have always been included in the total project amount. In June, it was estimated that the project would cost \$2.2 million. The administration has brought down the cost and reduced the size of the building.

Mr. Sultanik stated that the motion on the floor was to amend the original motion to vote on the team room and remaining project separately.

Mr. MacDougall stated a yes vote would be to accept the motion by Mr. Currie and vote on the project in sections: one being the team room building and the other the remaining project buildings. A no vote would be to reject the motion by Mr. Currie.

Mrs. Bray called the roll for a vote.

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

With a vote of 5 to 3, the motion failed.

Mr. MacDougall stated that the Board would now be voting on the original motion to approve the entire project as presented.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Award Bids for New High School Stadium Building (Continued)

Mr. Miller questioned if the bids would change with information received about the unisex bathroom requirement.

Dr. Amuso mentioned that information about the unisex bathroom requirement was received yesterday. He indicated that a change order would be necessary when we have more information.

Mr. Miller asked if architectural fees, change orders, and project management fees would be coming to the Board for approval.

Dr. Amuso indicated that construction management fees will be coming to the Board for approval at a later date.

Mr. Pollack said that we would have to increase the current project contract with D’Huy for project management services for the stadium buildings. However, the Board will have to vote on the increase. He stated that he hoped to have information to the Board in the next few months.

Mr. Miller asked for clarification on the vote, indicating that the Board was only voting on what is currently presented in the bids, and would not include the project management fees at this time. Keep in mind that the total project will still come in under the cap that was determined by the Board.

Dr. Baumgartner expressed concern regarding the project management fees. He indicated that the district should be using their own personnel for management purposes, not paying someone.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 6 to 2, with Mr. Brong and Mr. Currie voting no, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board award the bids for the Stadium Building Project as listed:

<u>Base Bid with Recommended Alternate Bids</u>	
General (Skepton Construction, Inc.)	\$ 915,500.00
Plumbing (Worth & Company, Inc.)	408,250.00
HVAC (Boro Developers, Inc. DBA Boro Construction)	73,400.00
Electrical (MJF Electrical Contracting, Inc.)	<u>220,239.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,617,389.00

EXHIBIT I

INFORMATIONAL

On Wednesday, November 14, 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.

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

The next meeting of the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 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 Tuesday, November 20, 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.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leer spoke about the Middle Level Transition Committee and how impressed he is with the team and the work that they are doing. He will continue to participate and report to the Board.

Mr. MacDougall talked about the October 13, 2007 Hall of Fame Banquet. He commented on the diversity of the inductees and their life stories.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hugh Donnelly, of Franconia Township, asked for clarification about the Grant money and stadium buildings vote. He congratulated the two new Board members who won the election.

Dr. Amuso indicated that if there is a mandate, the school district must comply.

Mr. MacDougall added that the bids for the stadium buildings came in under budget with all fees included.

Mr. Sultanik stated that if the school district does not comply, the state could stop all funding.

Ray Hopkins, of Souderton, congratulated the board members who were recently elected. He addressed current student technology and questioned if IEP students are students who are failing. Mr. Hopkins expressed concern about average, regular education students and asked the administration to make sure that they are not left behind.

Mr. MacDougall announced that there would be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary