

**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, September 27, 2007 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Eric R. MacDougall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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| PRESENT:   | Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner                             | Mark D. Leer       |
|            | William J. Brong                                    | Eric R. MacDougall |
|            | Tracy G. Cole                                       | Dr. Jack A. Parry  |
|            | Bernard S. Currie                                   | Victor M. Verbeke  |
| ABSENT:    | R. Bud Miller (Note: Mr. Miller arrived at 7:13 PM) |                    |
| SOLICITOR: | Jeffrey Sultanic, Esq.                              |                    |

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, R. Bradley Clemens, Morgan Delaware, Deb Doeblor, Grace Eves, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Warren Gericke, Karen Giannini, Lisa Gurgick, Van Le, Steve Pollack, Andrew Robinson, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, representatives from *The Arrowhead*, *The Reporter*, *The Morning Call*, *The Souderton Independent*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

This year's representatives are:

**VAN LE** – Class of 2008  
**ROB DAVIDE** – Class of 2008  
**ANDREW ROBINSON** – Class of 2008  
**MORGAN DELAWARE** – Class of 2009

Van Le began by introducing Morgan Delaware, Andrew Robinson and herself. Rob Davide was not in attendance. Van reported on the events at the Souderton Area High School during the month of September. Future events include a college fair, Homecoming Week with the annual parade on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and homecoming football game on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. She also reported on the upcoming activities at the Environmental Center. The high school sports teams are off to a great start this year.

Ms. Delaware reported on the activities of the Student Wellness Club during “Breast Cancer Awareness Month. “Casual for a Cause” funds for October will go toward supporting a student who will be participating in a local Breast Cancer Walk. Other activities scheduled are “White Out Day,” the Student Council rummage sale and the InterACT murder mystery dinner. Senator Wonderling is also sponsoring “Senator for a Day.” This opportunity gives a student a chance to follow the Senator during a typical day’s schedule.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

(NOTE: Mr. Miller arrived at this point in the meeting.)

D'Huy Report on New High School Project – Warren Gericke

Mr. Gericke, senior project manager for D'Huy Engineering, Inc., presented a detailed report on the progress of the new high school. The project is moving forward very quickly. The three-story classroom wings are in the finishing phase. Locker installation is 85% complete, and drywall continues to be installed in the main concourse area. The exterior walls of the building should be closed in within the next month.

Mr. Gericke updated the Board on the progress of the athletic fields. Most of the fields have been finish graded, top soiled, top dressed and seeded. Sidewalk and site wall continues to be installed. Driveway and parking lot areas are finished. In the stadium, the bleacher installation is 85% complete and the spin turf, under-drainage system, and sub-base are 100% completed. The project is looking very well for continuing work during the winter months.

Mr. Gericke addressed the unsuitable soil and irrigation system change orders that will be discussed later in this meeting. The total unsuitable soils change orders amounted to \$125,220.29.

Mr. Miller asked if there have been any concerns with the Skepton Construction Company due to Mr. Skepton's sudden passing.

Mr. Gericke indicated that the company has not missed a beat. It is business as usual.

Mr. Miller inquired when the building would be finished.

Mr. Gericke felt confident that the building may be completed by January 2009.

Mr. Miller then asked if there was any indication that the sewer system would be online by January 2009.

Mr. Pollack responded that the administration has been having regular meetings with Franconia Township officials to review the project's progress. Franconia Township is looking at March 2009 as their target date to complete the sewer. The sewer plant will be of a modular type, which will decrease the construction and set up time. Mr. Pollack indicated that the contract calls for a deadline for the high school building to be complete by May 2009.

Mr. Miller questioned if the contingency fund was over extended due to the unsuitable soils change orders.

Mr. Pollack responded that there is \$400,000 left in contract allowances. Whatever is left at the end of the project would be a deduct change order. We are on schedule and still within budget.

Mr. Miller then asked for clarification regarding the recycled water system change order.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

D'Huy Report on New High School Project (Continued)

Mr. Pollack responded that there are two parts to the project. One part is the irrigation of the fields. That part of the work is to be done now while the contractors are on site. The other portion of the project is the underground tanks and pumps which will be part of the contract for the completion of the stadium building. Bids should be going out soon. Mr. Pollack indicated that he hoped to have the bids available for the Board to review in November.

Dr. Parry inquired on the amount of money the district would be saving by using the recycled water system.

Mr. Pollack indicated that if we used regular city water, the cost would be approximately \$42,000 a year to water the fields. The recycled water system is estimated to cost somewhere between \$100,000 to \$120,000, with approximately a three year payback. Following that time period, the cost would be zero for subsequent years.

Dr. Parry also asked if Mr. Pollack is comfortable with the pump and haul system set up should the township sewer plant not be operational by September 2009.

Mr. Pollack indicated that Franconia Township is proceeding as per the timeline. They are going to reuse the pump station that is currently on the township site. The line to the pumping station will be ready by March 2009.

Mr. Brong asked about the current sewer usage at the current high school.

Mr. Pollack responded that there is approximately 5,000 to 20,000 gallons of sewage a day at the current high school.

Mr. Brong inquired about the two line system for the irrigation system.

Mr. Pollack explained that the need for the two pipe system was to avoid water contamination.

Mr. Brong questioned if Franconia Sewer Authority would be changing the agreement in future years.

Mr. Pollack indicated that there is no written agreement with the sewer authority at this time. However, we will need a simple agreement in conjunction with DEP. DEP will require an agreement with the Souderton Area School District and Franconia Sewer Authority at the time of operation.

Dr. Baumgartner asked if the recycled water in the system would be clear of bacteria and good quality.

Mr. Pollack explained the filtering and safety designs of the system. The water will be safe and will not endanger people's health. The district will share information with the public about the safety of the system and the water quality.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

D’Huy Report on New High School Project (Continued)

Mr. Leer asked the administration when the Board would have their next tour of the new high school.

Dr. Amuso responded that a date would be set for a tour in the near future.

Mr. Gericke talked about a training session that the local fire companies had at the project site. The fire fighters looked at the many safety features of the building.

Mr. Miller asked if D’Huy engineers were able to look at the stadium building plans.

Mr. Gericke responded that some of D’Huy’s engineers have looked at the plans.

Dr. Amuso emphasized that the stadium buildings include two ticket booths, the team room building, and a toilet building, a total of four structures. The Board will be able to review the bids sometime in November.

Mr. Pollack indicated that he had received the final plans from Breslin this week. In talking with Mr. Breslin and the contractors, he is confident that there will be a lot of competition due to the size of the project and the construction market at this time.

Mr. Brong asked about the warranty of the turf being placed in the stadium.

Mr. Gericke responded that the warranty starts at the time of substantial completion of the total project in 2009.

Dr. Amuso spoke about the fire company training session and discussions following the training session with fire officials.

Mr. Brong asked who would be the first responder in case of an emergency.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the fire marshal stated that all surrounding community fire companies would be first responders.

Report on Advanced Placement Scores – Jack Silva

Mr. Silva delivered a PowerPoint presentation on student achievement. The Souderton Area High School Program of Studies offers 12 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The AP curriculum is ascribed by the College Board, with AP Exams held across the country in May.

Mr. Silva explained scoring range with a 5 being **Extremely Well Qualified** for college placement or credit all the way down to a 1 being **Not Qualified**. Overall, the 2006-2007 results were positive. There was an increase in the average achievement score to 3.76, and an increased percentage of 5’s and 4’s. Eighty-seven percent of the students scored 3 or above. Mr. Silva showed a chart describing the average scores over the past seven years, with 2007 showing the best average – 3.76.

The presentation described areas in which the Advanced Placement program needs improvement. AP participation was down in 2006-2007. Mr. Silva shared the AP equity and excellence index. Other

### WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### Report on Advanced Placement Scores (Continued)

reasons for a decline are students taking other high-interest electives; seniors moving toward dual enrollment courses, and lack of aggressive identification and recruitment of potentially-successful AP students – an issue identified in last year’s Program Evaluation.

Mr. Silva then explained the action plan that has been put in place to increase participation and AP results. He talked about how the PSAT test is being administered to all tenth and eleventh graders along with using the Grade 8 PSSA data to identify “high potential” ninth and tenth graders for recruitment into AP courses.

Mr. Silva concluded that Advanced Placement, once the only academic link to the post-secondary world, is only one piece of high school transformation. Many more “achievement-based” partners (local, national, and virtual) will blur the lines between high school and post-secondary organizations.

Mr. Currie indicated that the program evaluation process is paying off. He shared his concern about declining participation and asked how many AP students are enrolled this year.

Mr. Silva explained that an exact reason for the decline is difficult to determine due to many factors such as dual enrollment and other high-interest electives. The Arts programs are very popular and take students away from AP courses.

Mr. Currie asked Mr. Silva to put numbers on the students who are participating in dual enrollment courses and high-interest electives.

There was discussion among the Board members about students who take an AP course simply just to take a college paced course, course counseling, gifted student participation in AP courses, and score comparisons with other school districts.

Mr. Silva explained that the best goal for the SAHS Advanced Placement program is yearly improvement in student achievement and participation.

#### Policy Review – Frank Gallagher

##### Policy #603 – Budget Preparation

Mr. Gallagher indicated that changes recommended to Policy #603 comply with recent Act 1 legislation. Mrs. Bray and Mr. Gallagher shared information from PSBA regarding the policy. The draft of #603 has been reviewed with the solicitor’s office. Mr. Gallagher highlighted the changes: wordsmithing in the purpose section, a definition for index was added, new language in the delegation of responsibility section due to time line constraints and the changing dates of primary elections. Mr. Gallagher indicated that this policy will guide our procedures.

Dr. Parry asked for clarification on the purpose of tonight’s presentation. He offered several suggestions for changes in wording and definition.

Mrs. Bray commented that PDE gives the school districts a budget calendar each year that is to be followed.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Policy #603 – Budget Preparation (Continued)

There was discussion among the Board regarding specific wording that included the law governing timelines, maintaining the current program, and current fiscal year.

Dr. Baumgartner suggested that the Finance Committee sit down and write rules on how the Board should develop the budget or members of the Finance Committee and Policy Committee work together to establish what is to be achieved in the budget process.

Dr. Parry stated that as Finance Committee chair, the committee would prefer providing guidance to the administration at the beginning of the budget process.

Dr. Baumgartner indicated that the policy should guide the Board through the budget process and not what the Board is asking the administration to do about the budget process.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that Policy #604 - Budget Hearing - will address some of Dr. Baumgartner's concerns.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Board will go through the exercise as a Board to discuss budget policies.

Dr. Parry emphasized that the Board needs to work through this year's budget development before they develop policy.

Mr. Currie shared his concern about the wording of Policy #603. He urged the Board to give guidance to the administration at the beginning of the budget process.

Mr. Gallagher recommended that the policy will go through the adoption process. Board members will be able to look at Policy #603 when it is presented for a first reading.

Mrs. Cole indicated that the administration usually brought forth the procedures. The Board should go forward with this policy and then work together to address budget procedures.

Mr. MacDougall mentioned that the Board will look at Policy #604 – Budget Hearing, at the next workshop session.

Policy #901 - Public Relations Objectives

Mr. Gallagher briefly spoke about the history of Policy #901 – Public Relations Objectives, and how the Board requested the administration to review and update all public relations policies. He indicated that minor changes were made to the 1985 policy. The Administrative Policy Review Committee has gone through this policy and it is ready for a first reading.

Mr. Currie suggested that guidelines should be drawn up to address information that should not be published as it would be harmful to students, staff, or facilities.

Mr. Gallagher will work on preliminary wording.

### WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### Policy #901 - Public Relations Objectives (Continued)

Mrs. Cole added that the public relations objectives should not only be addressed to parents and/or guardians, but also businesses and cooperative programs. She indicated that local school procedures do not necessarily equate to public relations items.

Dr. Parry spoke about the delegation of responsibility and to give courteous and thoughtful consideration to all inquiries. He suggested that wording should be included as to which administrator should respond to suggestions and complaints.

#### Policy #909 - Municipal Government Relations

Dr. Amuso indicated that this policy is being presented for discussion prior to a first reading.

Mr. Gallagher mentioned that Policy #909 was dated 1985 and addressed relationships with townships and boroughs that feed into the Souderton Area School District. The language needs to be updated and include references to the district and its support of local agencies, such as the Indian Valley Public Library.

Mr. MacDougall asked why the library needed to be included.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that there should be a reference in the policy regarding the district's funding obligation to the Indian Valley Public Library.

Dr. Baumgartner suggested that respectful opinions and suggestions should be added to the first sentence of effective communications.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Eric R. MacDougall

An Executive Session was held on September 13, 2007 following the Board meeting to potential litigation. The meeting lasted 75 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss litigation and personnel items. The meeting lasted approximately 60 minutes.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Dr. Parry asked for clarification on supplemental contracts for developmental coaches.

Mr. Clemens indicated that the additional coaches were needed due to the number of students playing soccer at Indian Valley Middle School and additional supervision needed for water polo and golf at the High School. He explained that the middle school philosophy is to allow all students to participate in the sport.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that coaches are paid at the expense of the taxpayers. The district should be careful to make finances available for educational considerations over extra-curricular considerations.

Dr. Parry asked if there had been any thought given to cutting the number of students that come out for sports.

Dr. Amuso indicated that cutting students was not recommended at the middle school level.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the action items/consent agenda, along with the addendum items, as listed:

Recommendation to approve Minutes of the September 13, 2007 School Board meeting.

Recommendation to approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for the month ending August 31, 2007. **EXHIBIT A**

Recommendations to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops

|                              |                                     |
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| <b>THOMAS FERLICK</b>        | Student Assistance Program Training |
| Assistant Principal          | Norristown, PA                      |
| Indian Crest Jr. High School | October 3, 4, 9, 10, 2007           |
|                              | (Wed., Thurs., Tues., Wed.)         |
|                              | Est. Expenses: \$412.08             |
|                              | Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u>          |
|                              | Total Est. Expenses: \$412.08       |

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| <b>DIANE RANKIN</b>          | Building Language Skills from the Ground Up |
| ESL, Indian Valley M. S.     | Conference                                  |
| <i>Paid by Federal Funds</i> | Philadelphia, PA                            |
|                              | October 13, 2007 (Saturday)                 |
|                              | Est. Expenses: \$73.80                      |
|                              | Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u>                  |
|                              | Total Est. Expenses: \$73.80                |



ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendations to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

**DEB ALDER** Designing Quality Elementary School Master  
Principal, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. Schedules  
**MARIANNE BOYD** Norristown, PA  
Principal, West Broad Street Elem. October 18, 2007 (Thursday)  
**SHARON FUHRMAN** November 13, 2007 (Tuesday)  
Principal, Vernfield Elem. Est. Expenses: \$1,100.00 (combined)  
**DONNA HUFF** Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Principal, Lower Salford Elem. Total Est. Expenses: \$1,100.00 (combined)  
**GERRY KELLY**  
Principal, Franconia Elem.  
**DR. LINDA LARSON**  
Principal, Oak Ridge Elem.  
**MARYELLEN MYERS**  
Principal, Salford Hills Elem.  
**GAIL RYAN**  
Director of Elementary Education

**DR. DALE BURKHARD** Designing Quality Middle School Master  
Principal, Indian Valley M. S. Schedules  
**TOM FERLICK** Norristown, PA  
Assistant Principal, Indian Crest October 18, 2007 (Thursday)  
**JEFF PAMMER** November 13, 2007 (Tuesday)  
Principal, Indian Crest Jr. High Est. Expenses: \$1,100.00 (combined)  
**LINDA SCHECKENBACH** Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Counselor, Indian Crest Jr. High Total Est. Expenses: \$1,100.00 (combined)  
**JACK SILVA**  
Director of Secondary Education

**ARLENE BUCHMAN** Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association  
Spanish, Indian Crest Jr. High Conference  
**ANNE FITCH** King of Prussia, PA  
French, Senior High School October 19, 2007 (Friday)  
**TERESA MUSSELMAN** Est. Expenses: \$362.00 (combined)  
German, Indian Valley M. S. Sub. Expenses: 309.00 (combined)  
Total Est. Expenses: \$671.00 (combined)

**STEPHANIE ALBERT** West Chester University's Children's Literature  
Sixth Grade, Indian Valley M. S. Conference  
**THEA FREY** West Chester, PA  
Language Arts, Indian Valley M. S. October 20, 2007 (Saturday)  
Est. Expenses: \$176.86 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Est. Expenses: \$176.86 (combined)

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendations to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

**FRANK GALLAGHER** The Impact of Violence on Youth Seminar  
Director of Pupil Services Hershey, PA  
**ROMY TRESSLER** October 23-25, 2007 (Tuesday-Thursday)  
Home and School Visitor Est. Expenses: \$1,090.72 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Est. Expenses: \$1,090.72 (combined)

**MARY CARPENTER** Attendance/Child Accounting Professional  
Assistant Registrar Association Conference  
**PATRICIA GOODHART** Hershey, PA  
Registrar, Student Account Spec. October 26, 2007 (Friday)  
Est. Expenses: \$215.65 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Est. Expenses: \$215.65 (combined)

**ELISABETH BABICH** National Council of Teachers of English  
CARS, West Broad Street Elem. Conference  
**BARBARA SCOTT** New York City, NY  
CARS, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. November 16-18, 2007 (Friday-Sunday)  
**JOAN SHELLENBERGER** Est. Expenses: \$1,713.25 (combined)  
CARS, Franconia Elem. Sub. Expenses: 51.50 (Babich Only)  
Total Est. Expenses: \$1,764.75 (combined)

**BRENDA KRUPP** National Staff Development Council Academy  
Professional Development Coach and National Conference  
**GAIL RYAN** Dallas, TX  
Director of Elementary Education November 29-December 4, 2007 (Thurs.-Tues.)  
Est. Expenses: \$2,086.57 (combined)  
Sub. Expenses: 0.00  
Total Est. Expenses: \$2,086.57 (combined)

Request for Overnight Field Trip

Souderton Area High School – Grade 10-12 Journalism/Yearbook Students  
Dates: November 8-10, 2007 (Thursday-Saturday)  
Destination: Fall National High School Journalism Convention, Philadelphia, PA  
Purpose of Trip: Students will compete in the NSPA “Best in Show” Competition,  
while experiencing a national journalism convention.  
Number of Students: 13 Number of Chaperones: 2 teachers  
Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Dr. Stacey Aronow & Mr. Stuart Marjoram  
Trip will be financed by students and Arrowhead/Yearbook accounts.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

**BROOKE CLEMMER** First Grade Teacher, Vernfield Elementary  
Beginning approximately February 29, 2008, following Family/Medical Leave,  
through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Clemmer is planning  
to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

**JANET SMITH** Fifth Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary  
Beginning approximately March 23, 2008, following Family/Medical Leave,  
through the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Smith is planning to return to  
work for the 2008-2009 school year.

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Resignations

**DAVID FRY** Asst. Percussion Instructor-Fall Season, Senior High  
Effective: September 20, 2007

**RICHARD KINCADE** Study Hall Aide, Souderton Area High School  
Effective: June 15, 2007

**JENNA KUSMA** Secretary – Employee Benefits/Human Resources  
District Office  
Effective: October 5, 2007

Recommendations for Transfer

**WANDA SHANNON** From: Food Service Substitute  
Replacement for To: Food Service Assistant, Senior High School  
Lori Stinson (resigned) Beginning: September 17, 2007  
Wage: \$9.51 per hour  
Hours: 4.25 per day

**JOANNE WALSH** From: Food Service Substitute  
Replacement for To: Food Service Assistant, Indian Valley M. S.  
Carmen Schreffler Beginning: September 17, 2007  
(transfer) Wage: \$9.51 per hour  
Hours: 5.75 per day

Recommendations for Employment

**REGAN DERSTINE** Special Education Aide, Learning Support  
Replacement for Indian Crest Jr. High  
Amanda Weber (resigned) Beginning: September 19, 2007  
Wage: \$9.57 per hour  
Hours: 6.5 per day

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

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| <b>KRIS DETWEILER</b><br>Replacement for<br>Justin Hange (resigned)       | Special Education Aide, Learning Support<br>Salford Hills Elementary<br>Beginning: September 28, 2007<br>Wage: \$9.57 per hour<br>Hours: 5.5 per day |            |
| <b>DAWN TERI HERSMAN</b><br>New position due to<br>enrollment.            | Classroom Aide, Lower Salford Elementary<br>Effective: 9/28/07 to 6/12/08<br>Wage: \$9.57 per hour<br>Hours: 3 per day                               |            |
| <b>JOAN KABAKJIAN</b><br>New position due to<br>enrollment.               | Classroom Aide, Lower Salford Elementary<br>Effective: 9/19/07 to 6/12/08<br>Wage: \$10.00 per hour<br>Hours: 3 per day                              |            |
| <b>LORI ROSTRON</b><br>New position due to<br>enrollment.                 | Classroom Aide, Lower Salford Elementary<br>Effective: 9/28/07 to 6/12/08<br>Wage: \$9.57 per hour<br>Hours: 3 per day                               |            |
| <b>KELLIE SMITH</b><br>Replacement for<br>Randa Dietterich (resigned)     | Title I Teaching Assistant, West Broad St. Elem.<br>Beginning: September 19, 2007<br>Wage: \$12.77 per hour<br>Hours: 6 per day                      |            |
| <b>CHARISE TRILLING</b><br>Replacement for<br>Kathie Veneziale (transfer) | ESL Teaching Assistant, Franconia Elementary<br>Beginning: October 1, 2007<br>Wage: \$12.77 per hour<br>Hours: 5.5 per day                           |            |
| <u>Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts for 2007-2008</u>           |  |            |
| <b>NICOLE HARNER</b><br>(Replacement for Karen Manno)                     | Social Studies Advocate (HS)   | \$1,300.00 |
| <b>PATRICIA PFEIL</b><br>(Replacement for Linda Robinson)                 | Newspaper Club Advisor (IC)  | 300.00     |
| <b>JEFFREY SINKINSON}</b>   | Safety Patrol Advisor (SH)   | 200.00     |
| <b>JANET SMITH }</b><br>(Change from Jeffrey Sinkinson only)              |  | 200.00     |

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts for 2007-2008 (Continued)

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| <b>GWYN CLARK</b>                  | Co-Coordinator – Library               | \$1,125.00 |
| (Replacement for Elaine Pritchard) |  |            |
| <b>LINDA S. MOYER</b>              | Co-Coordinator – Instructional Support | 750.00     |
| (Replacement for Caryl Waters)     |  |            |

Recommendations for Supplemental Contracts for 2007-2008 (Continued)

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| <b>TARA AMBRUCH</b>  | Developmental Soccer Coach (IV)     | \$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week |
| <b>TODD BAUER</b>    | Developmental Water Polo Coach (HS) | \$25.00 per hour – 8 weeks/5 hours per week |
| <b>KATIE JOHNSON</b> | Developmental Soccer Coach (IV)     | \$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week |
| <b>LEIGH VOIGT</b>   | Developmental Soccer Coach (IV)     | \$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week |
| <b>THOMAS WELCH</b>  | Developmental Golf Coach (HS)       | \$25.00 per hour - 8 weeks/5 hours per week |

Recommendations for Employment of Community Aquatic Staff for 2007-2008.

**EXHIBIT B**

Additions to the 2007-2008 Substitute Teaching Listing.

**EXHIBIT C**

Third Reading and Adoption of Policy

Policy #204.1 – Foreign Exchange Student Guidelines

**EXHIBIT D**

Recommendation to Approve Assessment Appeal from Leidy’s, Inc.

**EXHIBIT E**

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to Adopt PSBA 2008 Legislative Platform

Dr. Amuso presented the 2008 PSBA Legislative Platform for adoption.

There was a motion by Dr. Baumgartner, second by Mrs. Cole to approve the Legislative Platform.

Dr. Baumgartner suggested changing the motion from adopt to endorse the PSBA 2008 Legislative Platform.

Dr. Baumgartner and Mrs. Cole agreed with the modification of the motion.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 1, with Mr. Currie voting no, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board endorse the 2008 PSBA Legislative Platform as presented.

**EXHIBIT F**

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Notification of Application for the Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) Grant  
Mr. Gallagher explained the PANA program and how the funds would be used to start a breakfast cart of healthy foods at Indian Crest. The grant is in the amount of \$1,000. **EXHIBIT G**

Recommendation to Approve Change Order G-3 to Skepton Construction for Unsuitable Soil Replacement

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Change Order G-3 to Skepton Construction for unsuitable soil replacement at the new high school project in the amount of \$125,220.29. **EXHIBIT H**

Recommendation to Approve Change Order G-4 to Skepton Construction for Underground Piping for Recycled Water System in the Amount of \$62,670.76.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve Change Order G-4 to Skepton Construction for underground piping for the recycled water system at the new high school project in the amount of \$62,670.76. **EXHIBIT I**

Recommendation to Approve Letter of Agreement with Schultz & Williams for Fundraising Efforts

Dr. Amuso mentioned that this recommendation was for a capital campaign, and that the Board would be voting on the wording in the revised contract.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Verbeke to approve the Letter of Agreement with Schultz & Williams.

Mr. Miller questioned the cost involved in the agreement.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the cost would be \$20,000 plus expenses. The agreement was for Schultz & Williams to assist the district in planning for the capital campaign and make recommendations, which the Board will review, for naming rights or sponsorships. The plan is to be completed by January 2008 and the administration will execute the plan.

Mr. Miller asked if the Education Foundation will have an opportunity to assist.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the Foundation maybe involved in some philanthropic areas. The intent is for the Foundation to be involved in planning.

Mr. Miller had further questions about the Letter of Agreement and additional charges.

Dr. Amuso clarified that the district was only paying for the planning of the campaign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve Letter of Agreement with Schultz & Williams for Fundraising Efforts (Continued)

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 1, with Mr. Miller voting no, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board enter into an agreement with Schultz & Williams for a capital campaign/fundraising efforts at a cost of \$20,000 plus expenses. **EXHIBIT J**

INFORMATIONAL

The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 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.

The next North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007, in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sunnyside Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

On Wednesday, October 24, 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.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report from the solicitor.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Brong announced that Dr. Amuso is the new Superintendent of Record for the North Montco Technical Career Center. The present Superintendent of Record resigned her position and will be leaving the area.

Dr. Amuso explained how the position is rotated among the sending school districts. He stated that he is happy to take his turn.

Mr. Brong suggested that some type of agreement is needed with the Franconia Sewer Authority. The authority needs to take responsibility, at no extra cost, for unsafe water should it appear in the recycled water system at the new high school.

Mrs. Cole announced that the MC Special Needs Foundation, from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, will be holding a Monte Carlo Night. This is a fundraiser for the special needs classes of the Intermediate Unit.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD (CONTINUED)

Mr. Currie agreed with Mr. Brong that an agreement is needed with the Franconia Sewer Authority in case there is legal action in the future due to unsafe water.

Mr. Verbeke announced the that Indian Valley Public Library would be holding their annual Fall Dinner Dance on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and the public is invited. Cost is \$100 per couple.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Peterson, of Souderton, addressed the Board with her displeasure of the salary increases for Cabinet members. She also expressed concern about the PSSA results at West Broad Street Elementary School and asked if money was available to meet the needs of those students who need assistance.

Mr. Hugh Donnelly, from Telford, inquired if there was a malfunction with the DVD from the last Board meeting. A section of the meeting was not shown on SATV.

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the administration would review the problem and correct it.

Mr. Donnelly also asked for clarification regarding public comments at Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Currie to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 9 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray  
Board Secretary