

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, April 23, 2009 at the District Administrative Offices in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clemens called the roll. Those present were:

PRESENT:	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Mark D. Leer
	William J. Brong	Eric R. MacDougall
	Bernard S. Currie	R. Bud Miller
	Scott C. Jelinski	Victor M. Verbeke
	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski	

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Todd Bauer, R. Bradley Clemens, Joseph Deady, Molly Dugan, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Joseph McElwee, Alison Moran, Krista Pierce, Steve Pollack, Thomas Quintois, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Walt Salevsky, Jack Silva, representatives from *The Reporter*, *Souderton Independent*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Souderton Area High School – Boys and Girls Swim Teams

Mr. Quintois, athletic director for the district, spoke about the teams' tremendous swimming season. Head Coach Tom Bauer introduced the students and spoke about the winning championships, record-breaking wins, season records, and the character of the students.

The members of the High School Boys and Girls Swim Teams are listed below along with their achievements.

District Qualifiers – Girls:

SARAH KESACK – 9th Grade
CHLOE THOMAS – 10th Grade
HANNAH CROSS – 11th Grade
MELISSA DOLL – 11th Grade
MARIEL KUSH – 11th Grade
INGRID MOYER – 11th Grade
KATHLEEN CURZON – 12th Grade

ARIELLE FRY – 12th Grade
ASHLEY KICHLINE – 12th Grade
CHRISTINE NEVILLE – 12th Grade
LAUREN PEACHEY – 12th Grade
JULIA PENKAL – 12th Grade
ANGELA SEVERN – 12th Grade
PAIGE WHITMIRE – 12th Grade

District Qualifiers – Boys:

MICHAEL HAY – 9th Grade
ELLIOTT MILLER – 9th Grade

MICHAEL TROUT – 11th Grade
DANIEL YOCUM – 11th Grade

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School – Boys and Girls Swim Teams (Continued)

District Qualifiers (Continued) – Boys:

OSMUND MOYER – 9th Grade

TYLER WENZEL – 9th Grade

KODY VEIT – 10th Grade

SEAN CORCORAN – 11th Grade

RICHARD STILES – 11th Grade

ALEXANDER EVERS – 12th Grade

MATTHEW FADDEN – 12th Grade

JACOB RADCLIFF – 12th Grade

JOSEPH REYNOLDS – 12th Grade

Team Accomplishments:

Girls – League Champions, District One Champions, PIAA State Runner-Up

Individual Accomplishments:

PAIGE WHITMIRE – State Champion 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 100 Back, 50 Freestyle, 3 State Records

ANGELA SEVERN – State Champion 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 500 Freestyle, 3 State Records

MELISSA DOLL, CHLOE THOMAS – State Champions 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay

OSMUND MOYER – 7th Place Diving

KATHLEEN CURZON, ASHLEY KICHLINE, MARIEL KUSH, LAUREN

PEACHEY – 8th Place 200 Medley Relay

A motion was made by Mr. Jelinski, and a second by Mr. Kwaitkowski to recognize the swimmers.

Board members inquired about individual accomplishments, college plans for the senior swimmers, and practice sessions.

Mr. Miller asked the parents of the swimmers to stand and thanked them for their support.

The motion was put to a vote, and with a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the High School Swim Teams for their outstanding season and accomplishments. **EXHIBIT A & B**

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Krista Pierce, Class of 2010 & Joseph McElwee, Class of 2010

Krista Pierce reported on some of the activities that took place in April at the high school, such as the Junior Prom and the production of “Footloose”. Joseph McElwee reported on the upcoming prescription drug seminar that will be taking place for students, the Senior Prom, Link Crew activities, and spring concerts.

Mr. Miller asked for an explanation of Link Crew.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (CONTINUED)

Joseph and Krista explained the Link Crew program and how it helps students get acclimated to high school life.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session took place on April 21, 2009 to discuss the Non-Binding Arbitrator's Report. The meeting lasted one hour and 45 minutes.

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the items on the consent/action agenda, as well as the consent/action items on the addendum, for approval. He mentioned that a Board member had asked that the recommendation to approve the Fixed Rate Bond Resolution be separated from the consent/action items and voted on separately.

A motion was made by Mr. Brong, seconded by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Currie addressed the retirement of Steve Pollack. He shared his appreciation of Mr. Pollack's involvement with the district's building projects and facility maintenance projects over the past 15 years.

Mr. Brong spoke about Steve Pollack and his undertaking of the high school project. Mr. Pollack is to be commended for getting the project in under budget and completed ahead of schedule.

Dr. Baumgartner commented on the outstanding condition of all of the district's facilities that Mr. Pollack oversees.

Dr. Amuso thanked Mr. Pollack for his service to the district on all of the special projects and maintenance issues of each building.

Mr. Pollack spoke about the Maintenance team, administrators, and teachers who have all worked together to keep the facilities and grounds in great condition.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the consent/action agenda items, plus the addendum items as listed, with the exception of the Fixed Rate Bond Resolution.

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the March 26, 2009 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Special School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for March 2009.

EXHIBIT C

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops

TODD BAUER Math/Swimming Coach Souderton High School	Pennsylvania High School Swim Coaches' Association Annual Clinic State College, PA May 7, 8, 2009 (Thurs., Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$ 75.00 Est. Sub. Expenses: <u>206.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$281.00
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SHARON ALDERFER Reading Recovery, Lower Salford	2009 Teacher Leader Institute and North American Leadership Academy
MARGARET LYNN CONNERY-ORCUTT Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Oak Ridge Elem.	Arlington, VA June 10 (PM), 11, 12, 13, 2009 (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.) Est. Expenses: \$9,050.00 (combined) Est. Sub. Expenses: <u>51.50</u> (Robinson Only) Total Est. Expenses: \$9,101.50 (combined)

BETH HARBON
Reading Recovery, E.M.C.

SHERYL MOYER
Reading Recovery, Salford Hills
DINA PALSKI
Reading Recovery, Lower Salford
KAREN PLANINSHEK
Reading Recovery, Vernfield

LYNN ROBINSON
Reading Recovery, Vernfield
JENNIFER SINKINSON
Reading Recovery, Franconia
Paid by Accountability Block Grant Funds

JOSEPH DEADY
Assistant Business Manager

Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants'
School District Conference
Malvern, PA
June 11, 2009 (Thurs.)
Total Expenses: \$305.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation to Approve Retirement

STEVE POLLACK District Supervisor of Planning and Operations
Effective: September 30, 2009
Employed by SASD: 15 Years

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL

Recommendation to Approve Request for Childrearing Leave

KATIE McCOY Health & Physical Education, Indian Crest Junior High
Beginning June 4, 2009, following Family/Medical Leave, through the end of the
2008-2009 school year. Mrs. McCoy is planning to return to work for the start
of the 2009-2010 school year.

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Ratification of Resignations

BRIAN REIMERS Audio-Visual Aide, High School
Effective: April 9, 2009

MICHAEL SOBEL Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Effective: April 9, 2009

Ratifications/Recommendations for Transfer

JOANNE KECK From: Special Education Aide, Life Skills, Oak Ridge
New position through To: Special Education Aide, One-to-One, Oak Ridge
the end of 2008-2009 Beginning: April 27, 2009
school year. Wage: \$12.08 per hour
(IDEA Funds) Hours: 3 per day

ROSE ORR From: Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge
Replacement for To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
Robin Proctor (transfer) Wage: \$9.38 per hour
Hours: 2 per day

ROBIN PROCTOR From: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
Replacement for To: Special Education Aide, Life Skills, Oak Ridge
Joanne Keck (transfer) Wage: \$10.42 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

Ratification/Recommendation for Employment

JILL STOFFER Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: April 20, 2009
Wage: \$9.38 per hour
Hours: As Needed

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Employment of Additional Staff for Community Education
Winter/Spring 2009 Session

THERESA BERRY	Volleyball Supervisor, West Broad St.	\$300.00
JEFFREY CHILD	Introduction to Computers (Balance of Course) (Replacement for Barbara School - resigned)	\$350.00

Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trips

Souderton Area High School – Economics Challenge Team

Date: April 26 -27, 2009 (Sun.-Mon.)

Destination: Federal Reserve, Baltimore, Maryland

Purpose of Trip: Compete in the National Economics Challenge – Regional Round
Competition

Number of Students: 4 Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 1

Sponsoring Teacher: Michael Cahill

Expenses paid by students.

Salford Hills Elementary School – Fifth Grade Students

Date: May 27, 28, 29, 2009 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)

Destination: Camp Men-O-Lan, Quakertown, PA

Purpose of Trip: Outdoor School focuses on working together, ecology, personal
growth, independence, problem solving and creative thinking.

Number of Students: 58 Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 17

Sponsoring Teacher: Maryellen Myers

Expenses paid by students and Home and School Association

Third Reading and Adoption of New Course and Textbook for 2009-2010

Souderton Area High School (Grades 9-12) Pre-School Lab I Course, Family and Consumer
Science – 0.5 credits.

Recommendation to Award Paving Maintenance Bids

Recommendation to award the paving maintenance bids to:

Oak Ridge Project - Barker and Barker Paving, Bethlehem, PA	\$108,974
Salford Hills Project – Barker and Barker Paving, Bethlehem, PA	32,825
E.M.C. and West Broad Projects – Blackstone Paving, Allentown, PA	16,000

EXHIBIT D

Recommendation to Award Book Security System Bid

Recommendation to award the book security system for the new high school library to
Demco, Madison, WI in the amount of \$21,974.

EXHIBIT E

First Reading of Policy #815.1 – Acceptable Use of the Computers, Network, Internet,
Electronic Communications and Information Systems. This policy has been reviewed to
comply with the Federal E-Rate Program, which requires districts to include language on the
proper use of the Internet.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for PDE Project No. 2764, Vernfield Elementary School. **EXHIBIT F**

Recommendation to adopt 2009 Board Meeting Calendar – July to December 2009. This calendar shows all Board Committee and regular Board meetings scheduled to take place between July 2009 and December 2009. **EXHIBIT G**

Recommendation to appoint Robert P. Bruchak as Board Secretary effective May 4, 2009 to complete the unexpired term of Brenda J. Bray (June 2009) and also appoint Mr. Bruchak as Board Secretary for the next term - July 2009 to June 2013.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Non-Binding Arbitration Report

Dr. Amuso stated that the administration is recommending approval of the non-binding Arbitration Report.

Mr. Verbeke made a motion to accept the non-binding Arbitration Report, with a second by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Currie stated that there would be no questions or comments on the issue at this time since the SAEA had not yet voted on the Report. The Board would comment after the union vote.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve and accept the Non-Binding Arbitration Report as presented. **EXHIBIT H**

Recommendation to Approve Fixed Rate Bond Resolution

Dr. Amuso stated that the administration recommends that the Board approve the Fixed Rate Bond Resolution.

There was a motion by Mr. MacDougall and a second by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Miller asked if someone could address the interest rate that the district achieved.

Dr. Amuso indicated that the interest rate on the variable rate bonds had been 7.0%, but the interest rate on the fixed rate bonds that were acquired at today's auction will be 3.44%. He stated that the district is very fortunate to have received the lower interest rate.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Fixed Rate Bond Resolution as presented. **EXHIBIT I**

INFORMATION

The public is invited to attend all meetings that are listed below.

The schedule of May 2009 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wednesday, May 6 – Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Finance Committee Meeting immediately following the Policy Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, May 20 - Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Operations Committee Meeting immediately following the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, May 28 – Board of School Directors Meeting – 7:00 PM

All meetings of the Board of School Directors are 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, May 18, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Verbeke commented on the excellent high school production of “Footloose” and read some comments from the “Philadelphia Inquirer”. He commended all of the students and the people involved in the musical.

Dr. Baumgartner shared information from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors on student enrollment declining in Pennsylvania over the next few years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hugh Donnelly, Franconia Township, spoke about number of teachers in Pennsylvania who join the teacher’s union.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

Charyl Wellener, from Souderton Borough, thanked the Board for continuing to work towards a fair contract for everyone involved.

Mr. Currie reminded the Board that there would be an executive session following the Board meeting to discuss personnel items.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Miller, with a second by Mr. Brong to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully,

R. Bradley Clemens
Interim Board Secretary