

Souderton Area School District

760 Lower Road
Souderton, PA 18964

A special public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the District Administrative Offices in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clemens called the roll. Board members present were:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Deborah Alder, Dr. Charles Amuso, Brigitte Bagocius, Karen Berk, Marianne Boyd, Donna Brown, Robert Bruchak, Brad Clemens, Deb Doebler, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Jonathan Graf, Christopher Hey, William Lukridge, Alison Moran, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, David Thayres, representatives from *The Reporter, Souderton Independent, Radio Station WNPV*, and the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Alison Moran, special education teacher at West Broad Street Elementary, spoke about her working relationship with Mrs. Karen Berk and Mrs. Berk’s knowledge of special education law. Mrs. Berk will be missed by the Souderton Area School District and the Special Education Department.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the items on the Consent/Action agenda as recommendations for approval from the administrative staff. If any items needed more discussion, Dr. Amuso invited Board members to withdraw the item until later in the evening for more discussion.

There was a motion by Mr. Verbeke, with a second from Mr. Kwiatkowski to approve the Consent/Action agenda items as presented.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Several of the Board members and Dr. Amuso wished Mrs. Berk the best as she moves on to her new position in the Colonial School District.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 6 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Consent/Action agenda items as recommended by the administration and listed below:

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignation

KAREN BERK District Director of Special Education
Effective: July 20, 2009

Recommendation for Employment

FRANK H. BALL District Supervisor of Operations
Replacement for **ACT 93**
Glenn Keller (retired) and Steven Pollack (retired) Beginning: July 1, 2009

Education

Gwynedd-Mercy Coll. (BA) 1990
Facility Mgmt. Professional Certificate - 2008

Experience

2006-2009-Uninvest Corp.-Senior Vice President – Property Management
1992-2006 – County of Montgomery, PA
1999-2006 – Superintendent of Green Lane Park
1996-1999 – Asst. Superintendent-Green Lane Park
1992-1996 – Data Supervisor–Dept. of Aging & Adult Services

Recommended Salary

2009-2010 - \$82,921

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Retirements

NANCY BYERLY Second Grade Teacher, West Broad St. Elementary
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Employed by SASD: 35 Years

DOUGLAS R. HENNING Science Teacher, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Employed by SASD: 33 Years

WALTER RAMSPACHER Guidance Counselor, Souderton Area High School
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Employed by SASD: 23 Years

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Retirements (Continued)

LOUISE SMITH Guidance Counselor, West Broad St. Elementary
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Employed by SASD: 35 Years

KATHLEEN STANZIAN School Nurse, West Broad St. Elementary
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Employed by SASD: 17 Years

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

ARTHUR COLLIS Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Effective: June 16, 2009

MELISSA KECK Special Education Aide, Life Skills, Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: June 16, 2009

BRANDON PRIDGEN Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elementary
Effective: June 11, 2009

NATHANIEL RAY Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elementary
Effective: June 9, 2009

Recommendation/Ratification of Employment

RYAN PARMER Part-Time Custodian, Summer, Franconia Elem.
Beginning: June 10, 2009
Wage: \$9.71 per hour
Hours: 4 per day (8 hours per day – summer)

Recommendation to approve a stipend of \$6,000 to **GAIL RYAN** as Interim Principal, Franconia Elementary School, through the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Recommendations for Employment of Additional Summer Sports Camp Staff for 2009

JESSICA CANCEL	Medical Staff	\$100.00 per day
DEVON SPARKS	Group Counselor, Volleyball	7.50 per hour

Recommendation/Ratification for Supplemental Contracts for 2008-2009

GALEN GUENGERICH (Pro-rated from \$1,215)	Head Teacher	Lower Salford	\$ 202.50
GALEN GUENGERICH (Pro-rated from \$540)	Safety Patrol	Lower Salford	\$ 90.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation/Ratification for Supplemental Contracts for 2008-2009 (Continued)

JOSEPH MRAZ (Pro-rated from \$1,170)	Head Teacher	Vernfield	\$ 195.00
TODD BURNS (Pro-rated from \$1,125)	Head Teacher	West Broad St.	\$ 187.50

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Verbeke thanked the administration for a wonderful graduation ceremony.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a 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 6:50 PM.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Bruchak
Board Secretary