

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, January 22, 2009 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Eric R. MacDougall

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanic, Esq. (Note: Arrived at 7:15 PM)

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, R. Bradley Clemens, Joseph Deady, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Bill Hazel, Steve Pollack, Tim Roberts, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Sam Varano, representatives from *The Reporter, Souderton Independent, Radio Station WNPV*, and the public.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Souderton Area High School National Merit Scholarship Program Students

Mr. Varano introduced the National Merit Scholarship Students and explained how the students reached their level of achievement.

LEAH HARRELL has been named as a Semifinalist in the 54th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Leah is one of approximately 16,000 academically talented high school senior Semifinalists from across the nation who can go on to compete for nearly 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, that will be offered next spring. The nationwide pool of Semifinalist applicants, which represents less than one percent of U. S. high school seniors who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 PSAT/NMSQT Test, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

Students named as Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program were:

KATIE E. JOHNSON, VICTOR MANN, MONICA SCHMIDT, and WILLIAM SIEGFRIED. About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 PSAT/NMSQT Test.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School National Merit Scholarship Program Students (Continued)

There was a motion by Mr. Verbeke and a second by Dr. Baumgartner to recognize all of the National Merit Scholarship students. A vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the National Merit Scholarship Students for their outstanding achievement. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Amuso also recognized the family members of the National Merit Scholarship students and thanked them for their support and encouragement.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Benjamin Alessi, Class of 2009, reported on events at the High School that included: the Winter Ball, Cocoa and Cram, and the winter sports events.

BOARD COMMITTEE WORKSHOP REPORTS

Operations Committee
William Brong, Chairman

Indian Crest Junior High School Renovation Project

Mr. Brong stated that specifications and prints for the renovation project went out to interested contractors on January 20th. A pre-bid walk through will take place at Indian Crest on January 29th, with the bid opening on February 10th. Mr. Brong spoke about the alternates for the project and that the project is moving forward.

New High School Furniture and Equipment

Dr. Amuso spoke about the questions that were raised at the last Operations Committee meeting regarding the purchasing of the furniture and equipment for the new high school. The administration has reviewed the concerns and is recommending that approximately 70% of the furniture and equipment would be purchased through state bids and approximately 30% of the order will be through a public bid that will be processed and opened by the Souderton Area School District administration.

Mr. Miller asked when the sealed bids would be coming in for the high school furniture and equipment.

Mr. Pollack and Dr. Amuso indicated that bid specifications were not ready to be sent out at this time.

Mr. Verbeke asked how much of the furniture and equipment will be moved over from the old high school.

Mr. Pollack and Mr. Varano responded that approximately 50% to 65% of the equipment and furniture currently at the high school will be moved over to the new high school. Other furniture and equipment

BOARD COMMITTEE WORKSHOP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee (Continued)

New High School Furniture and Equipment (Continued)

that can not be used at the new high will be salvaged and distributed to schools in the district, if it is in useable condition.

Mr. Verbeke also asked if the unused classrooms at the new high school would be furnished at this time.

Dr. Amuso and Mr. Pollack indicated that the unused classrooms would be furnished with used classroom furniture, not new items.

Mr. Verbeke expressed his appreciation for the administration recommending the sealed bid process for a portion of the new furniture and equipment needs.

Mr. Currie asked Mr. Pollack about the state bid price for desks and chairs. Mr. Currie stated that the district would need to justify to the taxpayers why furniture and equipment is being purchased now for classrooms that may not be used for the next five to ten years.

Mr. Varano added that of the eleven unscheduled rooms, five rooms are science rooms. All of the science rooms are getting existing student desks and chairs. Two of the unscheduled rooms are business classrooms.

Mr. Silva stated that educational partnerships may need to use some of those classrooms in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held December 18, 2008 to discuss personnel matters. That meeting lasted 60 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on January 19, 2009 to secure legal advice regarding a Direct Pay Letter of Credit. That meeting lasted approximately 60 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted approximately 20 minutes.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso stated that each January is designated as School Board Recognition Month by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. He thanked the Board members for their service to the Souderton Area School District.

Dr. Amuso presented the items on the consent/action agenda and recommended approval. He stated that Board members were welcome to pull an item from the agenda if more discussion was needed.

There was a motion by Dr. Baumgartner and a second from Mr. Jelinski.

Mr. Currie commented on the resignation of Brenda J. Bray, Director of Business Affairs. He talked about Mrs. Bray's hard work and good financial management. She, along with the administration, was a leader for bringing the taxpayers a zero tax increase last year.

Dr. Amuso also talked about Mrs. Bray's added value to the school district and business office. He wished her well in her new position.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the consent/action agenda items as listed:

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the December 18, 2008 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for December 2008.

EXHIBIT B

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

DONNA HUFF Principal, Lower Salford Elem.	Improving K-12 Student Performance-From Successful Practices to Action Plans Conference Washington, D.C. January 23, 24, 2009 (Fri., Sat.) Est. Expenses: \$1,626.00 (combined) Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00 (combined)</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$1,626.00 (combined)
DONNA JENCKS First Grade, Franconia Elem.	Hands-On-Math for Kindergarten and First Grade Drexel Hill, PA February 3, 2009 (Tues.) Est. Expenses: \$255.50 Sub. Expenses: <u>103.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$358.50

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

HEIDI BEANS Vision – Its Affect on Learning and Attention and How
First Grade, West Broad Street Elem. Vision Therapy Can Help
JANET FRANCIS King of Prussia, PA
First Grade, West Broad Street Elem. February 10, 2009 (Tues.)
Est. Expenses: \$376.00 (combined)
Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$582.00 (combined)

CHRISTOPHER HEY Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of American Institute
Assistant Principal National Harbor, MD
Senior High School February 11, 12, 2009 (Wed., Thurs.)
Est. Expenses: \$1,222.70
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$1,222.70

GERARD KELLY 2009 Health and Physical Education Symposium
Health & Physical Education Eagleville, PA
Indian Valley Middle School February 13, 2009 (Fri.)
ANDREA LYSTAD Est. Expenses: \$187.00 (combined)
Health & Physical Education Sub. Expenses: 309.00 (combined)
Lower Salford Elem. Total Est. Expenses: \$496.00 (combined)

DAN STOVER
Health & Physical Education
West Broad Street Elem.

JENNIFER KLING Adobe Photoshop Workshop
Technology, Vernfield Elem. Allentown, PA
February 24, 2009 (Tues.)
Est. Expenses: \$199.00
Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$302.00

JESSICA BROCKMAN Co-Teaching Series
Mathematics, Senior High School Jeffersonville, PA
JENNIFER GRANITO February 27, 2009 (Fri.)
Mathematics, Senior High School May 13, 2009 (Wed.)
MARK JAMES Est. Expenses: \$1,339.60 (combined)
Mathematics, Senior High School Sub. Expenses: 824.00 (combined)
FRAN MASIN-MOYER Total Est. Expenses: \$2,163.60 (combined)
Mathematics, Senior High School

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

KIMBERLY COWMAN Marilyn Friend Co-Teaching Professional Learning Series
Mathematics Teacher Norristown, PA
Senior High School February 27, 2009 (Fri.)
LAURA POLISH May 13, 2009 (Wed.)
Learning Support Teacher Est. Expenses: \$547.85 (combined)
Indian Crest Jr. High Sub. Expenses: 412.00 (combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$959.85 (combined)

KERRY BOYLE Gesell Institute Training Workshop
School Counselor Kennett Square, PA
Oak Ridge Elem. March 9-11, 2009 (Mon.-Wed.)
Est. Expenses: \$537.90
Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$537.90

COLLEEN WEGIMONT Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and
Health & Physical Education Dance National Convention and Exposition
Oak Ridge Elem. Tampa, FL
March 31; April 1, 2, 3, 2009 (Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.)
Est. Expenses: \$ 0.00
Sub. Expenses: 412.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$412.00

LOIS RUSSO Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference
Instrumental Music Valley Forge, PA
Indian Valley Middle School April 23, 24, 25, 2009 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)
LISA STOVER Est. Expenses: \$220.00 (combined)
Music, Vernfield Elem. Sub. Expenses: 412.00 (combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$632.00 (combined)

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignation

BRENDA JONES BRAY Director of Business Affairs
Effective: February 23, 2009

Recommendation to Approve Transfers

CHRISTOPHER HEY From: Assistant Principal, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for To: Interim Principal, Souderton Area High School
Samuel Varano (transfer) Effective: February 4, 2009 Through the End of the
2008-2009 School Year
Additional Stipend: \$7,000
Recommendation for Transfer

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Transfers (Continued)

SAMUEL VARANO From: Principal, Souderton Area High School
To: Special Assignment – Coordinate Move to New High School
Effective: February 4, 2009 Through the End of the 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Transfer

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Ratifications/Recommendations for Employment

DENISE CAJINA Fourth Grade, Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Tracy Borro (childrearing) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment

Education Experience
Temple Univ. (BS) 2006 First Sem. 2008-2009–Souderton Area S.D.–Vernfield Elementary–Long-Term Substitute–Fourth Grade
2007-2008–SASD–Vernfield Elem.–Long-Term Substitute Third Grade
2006-2007–SASD–Vernfield-Title V Teaching Asst.
Recommended Salary - ♦\$17,883.94 –B(1)♦

ARMANDO ESPINOSA Spanish Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Tammy Caccavo Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
(childrearing) Recommendation for Employment

Education Experience
Indiana Univ. of PA Fall 2008–Student Teaching–Greensburg-Salem HS–
(BS) 2008 Greensburg, PA
Fall 2007–Pre-Student Teaching–Taylor Alderdice HS–
Pittsburgh, PA.
Recommended Salary - ♦\$17,883.94 –B(1)♦

LAURA FARABAUGH Kindergarten, Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Cheri Fogle (childrearing) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment

Education Experience
Penn State Univ. (BS) 1987 First Sem. 2008-2009–Souderton Area S.D.–Vernfield Elementary–Long-Term Substitute-Kindergarten
2003-2008–SASD–Substitute Teacher
1996-1997–Kindercare, MD–Head Preschool Teacher

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Ratifications/Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

LAURA FARABAUGH Kindergarten, Vernfield Elementary
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
Recommendation for Employment
Experience (Continued)
1993-1995–Kiddie Academy, MD – Kindergarten
1988-1993–Washington DC Public Schools–Third &
Fourth Grades
Recommended Salary - ♦\$18,139.33 –B12(1)♦

ALICE HOLLINGSWORTH Special Education-Learning Support, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Karen Tulaba (sabbatical) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment
Education Experience
Beaver College (BA) 1983 Sept. 2008-Jan. 2009–Souderton Area S.D.–Vernfield
Wilkes Univ. (MS) 2005 Elementary–Intervention Aide
2007-2008–SASD–Title V Teaching Asst.
Jan.–June 2007–SASD–Vernfield Elem.–Long-Term
Substitute – Special Education Teacher
Nov. 2005-Jan. 2007–SASD–Vernfield Elem.– Title V
Teaching Asst.
Sept. 2003-June 2005–SASD-Vernfield Elem.–Special
Education Aide
Recommended Salary - ♦\$19,667.88 –M(1)♦

JAIME KERWOOD Mathematics Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Lisa Pitts (resigned) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment
Education Experience
Temple Univ. (BS) 2001 First Sem. 2008-2009–Souderton Area S.D.–High
NOVA Southeastern Univ. School–Long-Term Substitute-Math Teacher
(M. Ed.) 2007 2002-2008–North Montco Technical Career Center–
Math Teacher
Recommended Salary - ♦\$19,667.88 –M(1)♦

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Ratifications/Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

STUART MARJORAM Business Education, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Karen Cantor (childrearing) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple Univ. (BS) 2006	March 2007 – January 2009–Souderton Area S.D.–High School–Long-Term Substitute-Business Teacher Fall 2006–Student Teaching–Souderton Area High School

Recommended Salary - ♦\$17,883.94 –B(1)♦

SHARON STREFF Special Education Teacher-Learning Support,
Replacement for Franconia Elementary
Megan Cunnane (resigned) **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Beginning: January 12, 2009
Ratification of Recommendation

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Gwynedd-Mercy College (BA) 1996	Sept-Dec. 2008–ATG Learning Academy, Warminster Special Education Teacher Dec. 2006-June 2008–Souderton Area S.D.–Franconia Elementary-Part-Time Special Education Teacher 1999-2006–Awaken Their Genius, Chalfont-Elementary & Special Education Teacher

Recommended Salary - ♦\$41,303 (pro-rated) –B+24(2)♦

STACIE YANEZ Fourth Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Kristin Diaz (resigned) Effective: Second Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
Recommendation for Employment

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Gwynedd-Mercy College (BS) 2004	First Sem. 2008-2009–Souderton Area S.D.–Oak Ridge Elementary–Long-Term Substitute-Fourth Grade 2007-2008–SASD–EMC-Title I Teaching Asst. May-June 2007–SASD–Oak Ridge Elem.–Per-Diem Extended Substitute–Fourth Grade 2005-2007–SASD–Oak Ridge Elem.–Title I Teaching Asst.

Recommended Salary - ♦\$17,883.94 –B(1)♦

♦ 2007-2008 Salary Guide-Salary to be adjusted pending approval of a new Professional Collective Bargaining Agreement. ♦

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Ratifications/Recommendations to Accept Resignations

MARY IVEY Secretary, Front Office, Souderton Area High School
Effective: January 12, 2009
Ratification of Resignation

JOSEPH P. O’CONNOR Part-Time Custodian, Vernfield Elementary
Effective: January 30, 2009
Recommendation to Accept Resignation

Ratification/Recommendation for Transfers

LINDA THOMPSON From: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad St.
New Position per To: Special Education Aide – One-on-One, West Broad St.
2008-2009 Budget Beginning: January 5, 2009
Wage: \$10.40 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day
Ratification of Transfer

Ratifications/Recommendations for Employment

LAURA AQUILANTE Special Education Aide – One-on-One – Salford Hills
New Position Beginning: January 5, 2009
Wage: \$10.40 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day
Ratification of Employment

SUNNY HWANG Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad St. Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: January 14, 2009
Linda Thompson (transfer) Wage: \$9.37 per hour
Hours: 2 per day
Ratification of Employment

DAWN KESTER Receptionist, Indian Crest Junior High
Replacement for Beginning: December 29, 2008
Maureen Unger (transfer) Wage: \$11.09 per hour
Hours: 7.5 per day
Ratification of Employment

ROSEMARIE ORR Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning: January 6, 2009
Wage: \$9.37 per hour
Hours: As needed
Ratification of Employment

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Ratifications/Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

PAMELA WENGER Special Education Aide – One-on-One – E. M. Crouthamel
New Position Beginning: To be determined
Wage: \$10.40 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day
Ratification of Employment

Ratification of Additions and Deletions to the 2008-2009 Substitute Teacher List

Additions: **IRIS GALLAGHER**
Deletions: **JENNIFER GERGES** **AMANDA MYERS** **RONALD PERSIA**

Ratification of Supplemental Contracts for 2008-2009 School Year

SHERRIE ARMITAGE	Coordinator Science – K-5	\$3,000.00
ADAM TUCKER	Asst. Percussion Instructor, Indoor Band (HS)	1,686.00
ADAM TUCKER	Jazz Band (HS)	1,560.00
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Basketball Coach, Boys (IC)	2,485.00
RICHARD HESS	Head Basketball Coach, Boys (IC)	2,676.00
JONATHAN BLAIR	Developmental Basketball Coach, Boys (IV) \$25.00 per hour - 5 weeks/6 hours per week	
THOMAS JERNIGAN	Developmental Basketball Coach, Boys (IV) \$25.00 per hour – 5 weeks/6 hours per week	
JAMES O’NEILL	Developmental Basketball Coach, Boys (IC) \$25.00 per hour – 8 weeks/6 hours per week	
J. WILLIAM CODDINGTON	Dean of Students (HS) \$25.00 per hour – not to exceed 200 hours	

Ratification of Contracted Services for 2008-2009 School Year

PERRY BOUCHER	Head Percussion Instructor, Indoor Band (HS)	\$2,826.00
MATTHEW FONDA	Asst. Percussion Instructor, Indoor Band (HS) (To be paid by Band Boosters)	900.00
STEVEN YODER	Asst. Percussion Instructor/Writer, Indoor Band (HS) (To be paid by Band Boosters)	600.00
MATTHEW BEALER	Asst. Percussion Instructor, Indoor Band (HS) (To be paid by Band Boosters)	500.00

Requests for Field Trips

Souderton Area High School – Band Members – Overnight Trip

Date(s) of Trip: January 29, 30, 31, 2009 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

Destination: Plymouth Whitmarsh High School, Plymouth Meeting, PA

Purpose of Trip: Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District II Band Festival

Number of Students: 6 Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 1

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Stephen Straka

Trip financed by students.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Requests for Field Trips (Continued)

Souderton Area High School – Robotics Club – Out-of-State Trip

Date of Trip: January 31, 2009 (Sat.)

Destination: Bob Carpenter Center, Newark, DE

Purpose of Trip: Complete in Robotics Tournament

Number of Students: 20 Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 2

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Andrew Mokrzycki and Steve Strom

Trip financed by students.

Second Reading of Policy #801 – Public Records/Open Records

This policy change is required by new state law, the Right-To-Know Law Act 3 of 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: Move Policy #801 forward to next Board meeting for a Third Reading and Final Adoption.

Recommendation to Approve Real Estate Tax Waiver for Lower Salford Township.

EXHIBIT C

Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budgets. The Souderton Area School District contribution to these MCIU budgets will be \$76,875.

EXHIBIT D

Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 North Montco Technical Career Center Budget. The Souderton Area School District contribution for North Montco will be \$1,968,321.

EXHIBIT E

Recommendation to Accept the 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statements.

EXHIBIT F

Recommendation to Approve Tax Collector Compensation.

The compensation for tax collectors will remain the same for the next four years, with the exception of an additional amount for collecting payments made over time.

EXHIBIT G

Recommendation to Approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar.

The school calendar for 2009-2010 is essentially the same as the original 2008-2009 school calendar.

EXHIBIT H

Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 School Calendar Resolution Designating Five (5) Additional Local Holidays.

EXHIBIT I

Recommendation for Employment of Community Education Winter/Spring 2009 Staff and Salaries.

EXHIBIT J

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Grading Easement Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with Harleysville Savings Bank for High School Property located in Bucks County.

EXHIBIT K

Recommendation to Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement of Sale with Souderton Associates, L.P. for the current Souderton Area High School property.

EXHIBIT L

Mrs. Bray thanked Mr. Currie for his comments and thanked the rest of the Board and administration for the privilege of working at Souderton Area School District.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

No discussion items.

INFORMATIONAL

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

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

Board of School Directors Meetings for February 2009

All meetings will be held in the Tinner Board Room, located in the District Administration Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 – Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

Education-Personnel Committee Meeting immediately after the Policy Committee meeting.

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 – Finance Committee Meeting – 7:30 AM

Operations Committee Meeting immediately after the Finance Committee meeting.

Thursday, February 26, 2009 – Board of School Directors Executive Session – 6:45 PM

Board of School Directors Meeting – 7:00 PM

North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee

The North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR
Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Brong reported on the achievements of the North Montco Technical Career Center students who participated in the Pennsylvania Farm Show last week. North Montco students took 32 places in Floral Design and Landscape Technology and were awarded an overall First Place. North Montco has become the number one technical school in Pennsylvania for floral design and landscape technology. Ten of the 32 place winners were from Souderton.

Mr. Miller spoke about professionalism and respect during negotiations. The process is moving forward and everyone must wait for the process to produce an agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hugh Donnelly, resident of Franconia Township, thanked the Board members for a job well done. He shared his concern about how the Board members are being treated by the teachers' association and encouraged taxpayers to attend board meetings.

Heather Sand, an employee of the district and a resident of North Penn School District, talked about her teaching experiences in Pennsylvania, how the economy is affecting teachers, and the teacher's contract.

Charl Wellener, resident of Souderton Borough, commented on the current negotiations, respect and professionalism of the teachers and Board members.

Steve Nogami, a resident of Lower Salford Township and a teacher in the district, spoke about the Board's position in the current negotiation process, and how the Board has a responsibility to the taxpayers and children of the district.

Naomi Donovan, an employee of Souderton Area School District, talked about the state of educational programs at Souderton and compensation for seasoned teachers.

Richard Swartz, an employee of Souderton Area School District, spoke about the quality of education at Souderton through the years.

Renee Murphy, a teacher in the district, addressed the autistic support program in the Souderton Area School District and teacher compensation. She asked the Board for a fair contract.

Karen Peterson, a resident of Souderton Borough, addressed the professionalism of the teachers' association, current salary demands, and the strike.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary