

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, February 26, 2009 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	William J. Brong	Mark D. Leer
	Bernard S. Currie	Victor M. Verbeke
	Scott C. Jelinski	

ABSENT:	Eric R. MacDougall	R. Bud Miller
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(NOTE: Mr. Miller arrived at 7:32 PM)

SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.
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Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, R. Bradley Clemens, Joseph Deady, Molly Dugan, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Matt Haines, Bill Lukridge, Jane Natali, Steve Pollack, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Sam Varano, representatives from *The Reporter, Souderton Independent*, and the public.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Cocoa & Cram Session – Souderton Area High School Students

The Cocoa & Cram session was the first ever student run final exam review session sponsored by LINK Crew. Forty LINK crew students stayed after school on Monday, January 26th for the sole purpose of helping underclassmen prepare for their first final exam session. Approximately 150 students came out to talk about content. In addition to offering academic help, LINK crew members made baked goods and brought in snacks for the event. A second review session is being planned prior to the end of the second semester. Originators are:

BIANCA CAVACINI – 12 th Grade	JOSEPH McELWEE – 11 th Grade
MEGAN KATZ – 11 th Grade	THUY TIEN “ANNA” NGUYEN VO – 11 th Grade

Mr. Varano and Mr. Haines congratulated the students for their efforts in organizing the Cocoa & Cram study session.

On a motion by Mr. Jelinski, seconded by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 7 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School LINK Crew members for the initiative of Cocoa & Cram and what was accomplished. **EXHIBIT**

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Cocoa & Cram Session – Souderton Area High School Students (Continued)

Dr. Amuso called for the parents of the LINK Crew members to stand and be recognized.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Morgan Delaware & Benjamin Alessi – Class of 2009

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Cahill, from Lower Salford Township, commented on the Berkheimer request for 2007 EIT information and asked if a tax study was being requested to show wage earnings in the district. .

Dr. Amuso clarified that the request from Berkheimer is an annual request that must be approved by the Board for tax information to assist Berkheimer in the collection of taxes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held on February 11, 2009 for a conference with the solicitor. The meeting lasted 15 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on February 18, 2009 for a conference with the solicitor. The meeting lasted 50 minutes.

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

Mr. Currie commented on information that was shared at the Finance Committee Meeting, on February 18, 2009 regarding the preliminary review of the revenue side of the 2009-2010 school budget. The local press reported that the district proposed a 0% increase in taxes for the 2009-2010 school year. This information is not correct. There is no determination of any tax increase at this time.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented to the Board the items under the consent/action agenda heading, as well as the addendum items as recommended by the administration for approval. He asked the Board to remove any items that needed further discussion.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

On a motion by Dr. Baumgartner, seconded by Mr. Brong, and on a vote of 7 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve all the items listed on the consent/action agenda, along with the items from the addendum as noted below:

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the January 22, 2009 School Board Meeting.

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

EXHIBIT B

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops

EDWARD GALLAGHER Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association
Mathematics/Football Coach Kickoff Clinic
Senior High School February 6, 7, 2009 (Fri., Sat.)
Hershey, PA
Est. Expenses: \$202.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$305.00

RACHEL IRVIN Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference
Elem. Technology, Oak Ridge Elem. February 10, 2009 (Tues.)

JENNIFER KLING Hershey, PA
Elem. Technology, Vernfield Elem. Est. Expenses: \$ 740.00 (combined)
ANN LANDIS Est. Sub. Expenses: 309.00 (Kling, Landis, Wenger)
Elem. Technology, Franconia Elem. Total Est. Expenses: \$1,049.00 (combined)

BRADLEY WENGER
Elem. Technology, Salford Hills Elem.

WILLIAM GROSS Health and Physical Education Symposium
Health and Physical Education February 13, 2009 (Fri.)
Vernfield Elementary School Eagleville, PA
Est. Expenses: \$ 71.23
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$174.23

ELLEN SYKES Defuse and Manage Tactics to Control Behavior Problem
Assistant Principal Students
Indian Crest Jr. High School March 6, 2009 (Fri.)
Bethlehem, PA
Est. Expenses: \$233.36
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$233.36

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

KEITH BUSSOM Co-Teaching Seminar
Social Studies, Indian Valley M. S. February 27, 2009 (Fri.) and May 13, 2009 (Wed.)
JOSHUA KLIMOVICH Norristown, PA
Social Studies, Indian Valley M. S. Est. Expenses: \$500.00 (combined)
Est. Sub. Expenses: 412.00 (combined)
Federal Funds Total Est. Expenses: \$912.00 (combined)

DIANE MAZZIOTTA Regional Gifted Education Conference: More Than a Score
Gifted Support, Indian Valley M. S. March 9, 2009 (Mon.)
Morton, PA
Est. Expenses: \$120.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$223.00

MATTHEW HAINES LINK Crew Basic Training
Assistant Principal March 9-11, 2009 (Mon.-Wed.)
Senior High School Itasca, IL
Est. Expenses: \$2,495.00
Project 720 Funds Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$2,495.00

THERESA BLOCK Motivating Your Reluctant Readers Conference
Title I, Franconia Elem. March 11, 2009 (Wed.)
SUSANNE CONOLLY Bethlehem, PA
Title I, Franconia Elem. Est. Expenses: \$452.56 (combined)
Federal Funds Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$452.56 (combined)

DANIEL GLATTS LINK Crew Refresher Conference
Technology Education, High School March 11-13, 2009 (Wed.-Fri.)
SHAWN MESSMER Itasca, IL
Assist. Principal, High School Est. Expenses: \$400.00 (combined)
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Project 720 Funds Total Est. Expenses: \$400.00 (combined)

MATTHEW MONTAGNA Effective Mathematics Instruction for Learners with Autism
Autistic Support, High School Spectrum
March 12, 2009 (Thurs.)
King of Prussia, PA
Est. Expenses: \$ 22.55
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$125.55

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

TIM ROBERTS
Supervisor of Technology
Attendance/Child Accounting Professionals Association
Spring Conference
March 19, 2009 (Thurs.)
Hershey, PA
Est. Expenses: \$215.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$215.00

BRENDA KRUPP
Professional Development Coach
Teachers College Institute on Literacy Coaching and Whole
School Reform
March 19-24, 2009 (Thurs.-Tues.)
New York City, NY
Est. Expenses: \$950.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$950.00

MATTHEW MONTAGNA
Autistic Support, High School
Penn Autism Network Conference
March 20, 2009 (Fri.)
Philadelphia, PA
Est. Expenses: \$178.60
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$281.60

ROBIN FOX
School Nurse, Vernfield Elem.
MARIA HALL
One-on-One Nurse, Vernfield Elem.
School Health is the Heart of Education Workshop
March 20-21, 2009 (Fri.-Sat.)
State College, PA
Est. Expenses: \$1,051.30 (combined)
Est. Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$1,257.30 (combined)

GAIL RYAN
Interim Principal, Franconia Elem.
Director of Elementary Education
You've Got To Be the Reader and Writer Workshop
March 28, 2009 (Sat.)
West Chester, PA
Est. Expenses: \$110.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$110.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

ROBIN FOX Uniting Our Community to Reduce Childhood Obesity
School Nurse, Vernfield, Elem. March 31, 2009 (Tues.)

CARYN MARSHALL Gwynedd, PA
Health and Physical Education Est. Expenses: \$274.80 (combined)
Indian Valley Middle School Est. Sub. Expenses: 515.00 (combined)
DEBBIE QUINN Total Est. Expenses: \$789.80 (combined)
School Nurse

Indian Valley Middle School
MARGARET WHOMSLEY **ALLYSON FITZPATRICK**
School Nurse, Senior High School Family and Consumer Sciences, Senior High School

JOSEPH DEADY Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
District Assistant Business Manager Annual Conference
April 1-2, 2009 (Wed.-Thurs.)
Valley Forge, PA
Est. Expenses: \$350.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$350.00

KATIE GEIB Responsive Classroom Sampler Workshop
First Grade, West Broad St. Elem. April 2, 2009 (Thurs.)
REBEKAH KUNICKI Mahwah, NJ
First Grade, E.M.Crouthamel Elem. Est. Expenses: \$425.55 (combined)
Est. Sub. Expenses: 206.00 (combined)
Total Est. Expenses: \$631.55 (combined)

DIANE MAZZIOTTA Cultivating Creative Minds and Forward Thinkers
Gifted Support, Indian Valley M. S. April 16, 2009 (Thurs.)
King of Prussia, PA
Est. Expenses: \$130.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$233.00

MICHELE NEFF Pennsylvania Family and Consumer Sciences Conference
Family and Consumer Science April 17-18, 2009 (Fri.-Sat.)
Senior High School Malvern, PA
Est. Expenses: \$298.40
Est. Sub. Expenses: 103.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$401.40

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendation to Approve Requests for Conferences/Workshops (Continued)

GAIL RYAN Unlocking the Writers and Readers In Your Classroom
Interim Principal, Franconia Elem. May 9, 2009 (Sat.)
Director of Elementary Education Doylestown, PA
Est. Expenses: \$110.00
Est. Sub. Expenses: 0.00
Total Est. Expenses: \$110.00

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Ratification of Retirement

STANLEY SMITH Social Studies Teacher, Indian Crest Junior High
Effective: January 27, 2009

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

JOSEPH PODRAZIK Technology Education, Souderton Area High School
Effective: On or Before March 27, 2009

JENNIFER SIEGENTHALER Social Studies, Souderton Area High School
Effective: On or Before March 23, 2009

THOMAS WELCH Business Education, Souderton Area High School
Effective: End of the 2008-2009 School Year

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment

ROBERT GLASE Social Studies, Indian Crest Junior High
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Stanley Smith (retired) Effective: February 2, 2009 Through the End of the
2008-2009 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Kutztown Univ. (BS) 2007	Sept. 2008-Present–Souderton Area S.D.–Indian Crest Junior High–Per-Diem Extended Substitute Social Studies Oct. 2007–June 2008–Hamburg Area S.D.–.5 Social Studies
Recommended Salary - ♦\$37,323 (pro-rated)–B(1)♦	

LAURA MOYER Speech & Language Clinician, Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Carla Clark (resigned) Beginning: March 10, 2009

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Millersville Univ. (BS) 1997	2003–Present–Easter Seals of Southeastern PA
Temple Univ. (MA) 2003	Spring 2003–Wilmington Hospital/Riverside Extended Care–Clinical Experience Fall 2002–Richardson Park Learning Center–Clinical Experience

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

LAURA MOYER Speech & Language Clinician, Vernfield Elementary
(Continued) **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Beginning: March 10, 2009
Experience (Continued)
2000–2003–Mulberry Child Care Center–Teacher
1997-2000–Hartford Co. Public Schools, MD–Language
Arts & Social Studies Teacher
Recommended Salary - ♦\$56,677 (pro-rated)–M(10)♦

MARCIE MOYER Speech & Language Clinician, E.M.Crouthamel Elem.
Returning to Her Vacated **PROFESSIONAL**
Position Beginning: 2009-2010 School Year
Education Experience
Temple Univ. (BA) 2001 Dec.2008-June 2009 – Upper Dublin S.D.-Speech &
Temple Univ. (MA) 2003 Language Clinician
Jan. 2004-Nov. 2008–Souderton Area S.D.-Speech &
Language Clinician-Elementary Schools
Sept.-Dec. 2003–Souderton Area S.D.– Contracted
Services–Speech & Language
Recommended Salary - ♦ \$54,919–M+24 (6)♦

CAITLYN QUINN ESL Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Jessica Miles (childrearing) Effective: February 2, 2009 through the End of the
2008-2009 School Year
Education Experience
Bloomsburg Univ. (BS) Sept. 2008-Jan. 2009–Souderton Area S. D.–
Holy Family Univ. E.M. Crouthamel Elem.-ESL Teaching Assistant
(ESL Program Spec.) 2007-2008–Centennial S.D.–Longstreth Elem.-
2007 Permanent Building Substitute
July-Aug. 2007–Centennial Summer Academy–Second
Grade Teacher
2006-2007–Centennial S.D.–McDonald Elem.–
Kindergarten
Recommended Salary - ♦\$37,323 (pro-rated) –B(1)♦

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Ratification of Resignations

JENNIFER KANZE-EATON Special Education Aide-Learning Support-Indian Crest
Effective: February 13, 2009

MARYBETH MYERS Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad St. Elem.
Effective: January 27, 2009

Ratification/Recommendations for Transfers

SHAWN FOOKS From: Regularly Scheduled Cafeteria/Playground Aide-
Franconia Elem.
To: Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide-Franconia
(Correction from Previous Resignation)
Beginning: January 26, 2009
Wage: \$10.37 per hour
Hours: As needed

ASHLEY HECKMAN From: Long-Term Substitute-Fifth Grade-Salford Hills Elem.
Replacement for To: Intervention Aide-Vernfield Elementary
Alice Hollingsworth Beginning: February 6, 2009
(transfer) Wage: \$12.77 per hour
Hours: 5.5 per day

LLOYD WALDON From: Special Education Aide-One-to-One, High School
Replacement for High School
Jennifer Kanze-Eaton To: Special Education Aide-Learning Support, Indian
(resigned) Crest Jr. High
Beginning: February 13, 2009
Wage: \$9.57 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day

TIMOTHY WILSON From: Long-Term Substitute-Third Grade-Oak Ridge Elem.
Replacement for To: ESL Teaching Assistant-E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Caitlyn Quinn (transfer) Beginning: February 6, 2009
Wage: \$12.77 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment

LISA COLE Receptionist-Front Office Secretary, High School
Replacement for Beginning: February 2, 2009
Mary Ivey (resigned) Wage: \$12.03 per hour
Hours: 7.5 per day

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

STUART MARGULIES	Part-Time Custodian, Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for	Beginning: February 2, 2009
Joseph P. O’Connor	Wage: \$9.71 per hour
(resigned)	Hours: 4 per day
MARY E. MOYER	Cafeteria/Playground Aide-West Broad Street Elem.
Replacement for	Beginning: February 11, 2009
Marybeth Myers	Wage: \$9.37 per hour
(resigned)	Hours: 1.5 per day
JILL POTTER	Special Education Aide-Learning Support–West Broad Elem.
Replacement for	Beginning: February 11, 2009
Nancy Smerecki (transfer)	Wage: \$9.57 per hour
	Hours: 6 per day

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment of Coaches/Instructors for the 2008-2009 School Year

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching Positions

MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Baseball Coach (HS)	\$4,332.00
NATHANIEL BENDER	Asst. Baseball Coach (HS)	2,775.00
NICOLE BAUER	Head Lacrosse Coach (G) (HS)	3,784.00
SHANNON COLUCCI^	J.V. Lacrosse Coach (G) (HS)	2,572.00
KIMBERLY DUDEK	Asst. Lacrosse Coach (G) (HS)	3,040.00
JEFFREY WALKER	J.V. Soccer Coach (G) (HS)	2,973.00
ROBERT TYBRING II	Asst. Softball Coach (HS)	2,775.00
BREANNE DICKERSON^	Asst. Softball Coach (HS)	2,236.00
MARK JAMES	Head Tennis Coach (B) (HS)	2,457.00
JOHN DONAHUE	Head Track Coach (B) (HS)	4,262.00
JOHN ROWE	Head Track Coach (G) (HS)	4,521.00
RICHARD HESS	Asst. Track Coach (G) (HS)	3,277.00
JACQUELINE PLUNKETT^	Asst. Track Coach (G) (HS)	2,551.00
BRAD GARRETT	Head Volleyball Coach (B) (HS)	3,559.00
DANIEL STOVER	Asst. Volleyball Coach (B) (HS)	2,973.00
EDWARD GALLAGHER	Weight Room Supervisor 2 nd Sem. (HS)	1,000.00
BILL CODDINGTON	Weight Room Supervisor 2 nd Sem. (HS)	1,000.00
JAMES O’NEILL	Head Track Coach (IC)	2,650.00
LAURA POLISH	Head Track Coach (IC)	2,310.00
COURTNEY HUGHES	Head Softball Coach (IC)	2,013.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment of Coaches/Instructors for the 2008-2009 School Year (Continued)

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching Positions (Continued)

THOMAS LAVELLA	Head Baseball Coach (IC)	\$2,073.00
THOMAS JERNIGAN	Head Baseball Coach (IV)	2,498.00
TARA AMBRUCH	Head Lacrosse Coach (IV)	2,242.00
LEIGH VOIGT	Head Lacrosse Coach (IV)	2,242.00
ANTHONY COLELLI	Developmental Track & Field Coach (HS)	

\$25 per hour- 8 weeks/5 hours per week

^ New to Coaching at SASD

Contracted Services for Coaching/Instructor Positions

MELISSA BABALONIS^	Co-Head Color Guard Instructor, Indoor Band (HS)	\$2,276.00
TARA-LEE BRYANT^	Co-Head Color Guard Instructor, Indoor Band (HS)	2,276.00
DAVID MYERS	Asst. Baseball Coach (HS)	3,032.00
EDWARD MOLNAR	Freshman Baseball Coach (HS)	2,492.00
AMY KELLER	Freshman Lacrosse Coach (G) (HS)	3,419.00
TODD PETTIT^	Head Lacrosse Coach (B) (HS)	3,737.00
THOMAS NACE^	Asst. Lacrosse Coach (B) (HS)	2,348.00
JOHN PILLION^	Asst. Lacrosse Coach (B) (HS)	2,348.00
TERRY UNDERKOFFLER	Head Soccer Coach (G) (HS)	4,440.00
MATTHEW EMMERT^	Asst. Soccer Coach (G) (HS)	2,236.00
JOSEPH HALLAR	Head Softball Coach (HS)	4,247.00
ROBERT PEPKOWSKI	Freshman Softball Coach (HS)	3,047.00
SCOTT KEELER	Asst. Tennis Coach (B) (HS)	1,670.00
BRADLEY KULL	Asst. Track Coach (B) (HS)	3,165.00
TIMOTHY SEELEY^	Asst. Track Coach (B) (HS)	2,404.00
AMY CIAFREI^	Spring Musical Producer	2,375.00

^New to SASD

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

Deletions

RON PERSIA **MICHAEL RUNYAN** **NORMA WEATHERLY**

Additions

APRIL ANDERSON	LAURA CHRISTIE	GINA DiDOMIZIO
EMILY ELLIOTT	JENNIFER FLYNN	DOMINIC FRASSINELLI
AMY FRIEDBERG	CLIFF GEHRET	NICOLE GOODRICH
CAITLIN HAGUE	KIMBERLY KENNEDY	ASHLEIGH LASWELL
JACQUELINE LAURENCE	JASON MACHLER	ELIZABETH MOYER

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

Additions (Continued)

JOSHUA MOYER	KATIE MURPHY	RACHAEL NOBLE
CHRISTINE PHILLION	VICTOR RICCOBONO	CHRISTINE SCHMIDT
GINA SHOEMAKER	NANCY SMERECKI	FREDERICK SMITH
KATHLEEN STEUER	KRISTA WEST	CHRISTINA WILLIAMS
KAREN S. WITMER	CHELSEA BENTON-MONAHAN	
NICOLE GLASER	STEPHANIE MAGGIO	MARY MILLER

Ratification/Recommendations for Employment of Aquatics Staff

DEREK COYLE	Supervisor - \$12.00, Instructor - \$10.00, Guard - \$9.00 per hour Hours: As scheduled
COREY LETTS	Supervisor - \$12.00, Instructor - \$10.00, Guard - \$9.00 per hour Hours: As scheduled
ZACHARY SWARTZ	Supervisor - \$12.00, Instructor - \$10.00, Guard - \$9.00 per hour Hours: As scheduled

Requests for Overnight/Out-of-Country Field Trips

Souderton Area High School – Band Students – Overnight Trip

Date(s) of Trip: March 5-7, 2009 (Thurs.-Sat.)

Destination: Abington Senior High School, Abington, PA

Purpose of Trip: Students will participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association Region VI Band Festival

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

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Stephen Straka

Trip financed by student.

Souderton Area High School SAVE/Environmental Science Students–Out-of-Country

Date(s) of Trip: April 23-26, 2009 (Thurs.-Sun.)

Destination: Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Purpose of Trip: To conduct an assessment of the planned site for the clean-up and construction of an environmental building. This is part of a collaborative effort that has been going on for almost two years with Architect Jack Althouse.

Number of Students: 6 Number of Chaperones/Teachers: 3

Requesting Teacher/Sponsors: Ken Hamilton, Jack Althouse, Diane Althouse.

Trip financed by students.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Requests for Overnight/Out-of-Country Field Trips (Continued)

West Broad Street Elementary School – Fourth Graders – Out-of-State

Date(s) of Trip: June 9, 2009 (Tues.)

Destination: Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ

Purpose of Trip: Students can expand their study of water and wildlife.

Number of Students: 85 Number of Teachers/Chaperones: 5/53

Requesting Teacher/Sponsors: Chris Gigon

Trip financed by students and Home & School Association.

Recommendation to approve Budgetary Transfers for the 2008-2009 school year.

EXHIBIT C

Recommendation to add Vanguard to the approved 403(b) Plan for Souderton Area School District employees.

EXHIBIT D

Recommendation to approve the Berkheimer request for 2007 EIT information.

EXHIBIT E

First Reading of Policies

The following policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee and are presented for a first reading:

- Policy #907 – School Visitors
- Policy #221 – Dress and Grooming
- Policy #913.2 – Commercial Sponsorship Agreements

Recommendation: Move to the next Board meeting for a Second Reading of Policies.

Third Reading and Adoption 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.

EXHIBIT F

Recommendation to award moving services contract for the new high school, subject to review by the solicitor's office, to Wayne Moving and Storage in an amount not to exceed \$84,900.

EXHIBIT G

Recommendation to approve Confidential Settlement and Release Agreements regarding Student I. D. #244979 and Student I. D. #1401105.

EXHIBIT H & I

Recommendation to appoint Frank Gallagher as Souderton Area School District's Right-to-Know Officer beginning February 23, 2009.

Recommendation to appoint Frank Gallagher to the Indian Valley Public Library Board of Directors to complete Brenda J. Bray's term.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to appoint R. Bradley Clemens as Interim Board Secretary beginning February 23, 2009.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Indian Crest Junior High School Technology Center Renovation and Mechanical Replacements Project
Recommendation to award contracts, after review by the solicitor's office, to the following contractors for the Indian Crest Junior High School Technology Center Renovation and Mechanical Replacements Project:

General Construction – **Gateway Management**, Skippack, PA - \$383,350
Mechanical Contractor – **Worth & Company, Inc.**, Pipersville, PA - \$985,000
Plumbing Construction – **Slatts Mechanical, Inc.**, East Greenville, PA - \$162,000
Electrical Construction – **Catanzaro Electric, LLC.**, Harleysville, PA - \$399,000

Dr. Amuso commented that the total cost of the project would be \$1,929,350. This project will modernize the technology education area of Indian Crest Junior High.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, and a second by Mr. Verbeke.

Mr. Verbeke and Mr. Currie commented on the value of the project and thanked the administration for their hard work.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 7 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board award the Indian Crest Junior High School Technology Center Renovation and Mechanical Replacements project to the following contractors:

General Construction – **Gateway Management**, Skippack, PA - \$383,350
Mechanical Contractor – **Worth & Company, Inc.**, Pipersville, PA - \$985,000
Plumbing Construction – **Slatts Mechanical, Inc.**, East Greenville, PA - \$162,000
Electrical Construction – **Catanzaro Electric, LLC.**, Harleysville, PA - \$399,000

EXHIBIT J

Dr. Amuso thanked Mr. Pollack, Mr. Godshall and Mr. Kane, the architects, Mr. Pammer and the Indian Crest staff for their part in the planning of the project.

INFORMATIONAL

The public is invited to attend all meetings listed below.

The Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors meetings for March 2009 will be held as follows:

March 4th – Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Finance Committee meeting will be held immediately after the Policy Committee meeting.

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

The public is invited to attend all meetings listed below.

The Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors meetings for March 2009 will be held as follows:

March 18th – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Operations Committee meeting will be held immediately after the Education-Personnel Committee meeting.

March 26th – School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

The March 2009 North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 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, March 25, 2009 at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

Grant Application Notification

An application has been made for a grant from The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP)/Federal Grant for the purpose of implementing an Adventure-Based Physical Education Program. In partnership with local agencies, Souderton Area High School will offer alternative physical education, life-sports training, and character-building activities to local students, and training opportunities in alternative physical education for teachers. The grant amount could be as high as \$412,980 over a three-year period. Funds will be used to purchase related equipment including a rock climbing wall, a ropes course, mountain bikes, kayaks, and the necessary staff development training for project implantation.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

There was no unfinished or new business from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Hamilton, high school science teacher, commented on the SAVE program and the upcoming trip to Tortola, British Virgin Islands. He also commented on teaching at Souderton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

Charl Wellener, resident of Souderton Borough, spoke about continuing negotiations, the professionalism of teachers, and the topic of “Fair Share.”

NOTE: Mr. Miller arrived at this time – 7:55 PM.

Mr. Currie clarified that “Fair Share” is in the contract, but not a matter that is in dispute. At this time, both the Board and the teacher’s union are awaiting the Arbitration Panel’s report. Until that report is handed down, no negotiating will occur.

Sandy Campagna, resident of Lower Salford Township and Souderton teacher, talked about being a special education teacher in the district, the quality of education at Souderton, and reaching a settlement.

Janet Smith, resident of Upper Salford Township and Souderton teacher, spoke about the quality and caring of Souderton teachers.

Mike Cahill, resident of Lower Salford Township and Souderton teacher, shared facts, comments, and figures related to negotiations and a new contract.

Christine Jackson, Lower Salford Township resident and Souderton teacher, spoke about the contract impasse and fair representation by the Board for all taxpayers.

Heather Williams, resident of Souderton Borough and Souderton teacher, spoke about being paid fairly and teachers leaving the district.

Hugh Donnelly, resident of Franconia Township, spoke about taxpayers paying for the contract.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully,

R. Bradley Clemens
Interim Board Secretary