

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, July 24, 2008 at the District Administrative Office in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Steve Bukowski, R. Bradley Clemens, Deb Doebler, Grace Eves, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Steve Pollack, Jack Silva, representatives from *The Reporter*, *The Souderton Independent*, *The Morning Call*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Operations Committee

William J. Brong, Chairman

Discussion of Indian Crest Technology Education Renovation Project

Mr. Brong reviewed the recommendation for the Indian Crest Technology Education Renovation Project and stated that at the last meeting the recommendation failed to pass. He highlighted the architect's estimated costs for the technology center conversion and the HVAC equipment replacement projects and indicated that these two projects will be combined since they are interrelated.

Mr. Jelinski commented that the costs were only estimated and asked if there was any way of knowing if additional costs would be incurred.

Mr. Pollack responded that there is money in the budget for furniture for this project as estimated by the architect. He cautioned Board members to keep in mind that the costs for the projects are only architect estimates at this time and could change based on final design and the amount of the bids awarded by the Board.

Mr. Brong questioned what would happen if the project would come in over the estimated amount.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee (Continued)

Discussion of Indian Crest Technology Education Renovation Project (Continued)

Mr. Pollack indicated that the architect has surveyed the building and gone over original drawings. There have been several meetings with the Technology Education Department Coordinator and members of the building and central office administration as far as curriculum and building needs.

Mr. Brong questioned if the design could be done without including both projects.

Mr. Pollack emphasized that the original HVAC units must be replaced, and due to the location of the units, it would be wise to do both projects as the same time.

Mr. Jelinski suggested developing two floors instead of having the high ceilings in the renovated area.

Mr. Pollack explained that the LGI area would keep the high ceilings, therefore using the natural light of the windows in that area. Adding a second floor would require stair towers and an elevator to comply with disability regulations, causing the project to be more costly.

Mr. Kwaitkowski asked if there were any estimates on the cost of the TV studio.

Mr. Pollack indicated that existing equipment would be used in the studio, thus keeping costs to a minimum.

Mr. Miller questioned the cost of the HVAC project and asked why an architect was needed for that portion of the project.

Mr. Pollack explained what HVAC equipment would be needed for the project, the complexity of the project, and reasons for acquiring the expertise of an architect.

Mr. Brong agreed that an engineer was needed for the project, and added that the engineer would be hired by the architect in this project.

Mr. Miller shared his concerns about the cost of the project and the contract language.

The Board members continued to discuss the costs and architect fees involved for the project.

Mr. Currie questioned if there would be a decibel limit and an acoustic consultant in the specifications of the HVAC to prevent a system from being too loud since it will be used for the auditorium.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that an acoustic consultant could be developed into the project specifications.

Recommendation: Move the Indian Crest Technology Education Renovation Project to the August 14, 2008 Board agenda for a vote.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee (Continued)

Status Update of Summer Facility Projects

Mr. Pollack briefly reviewed the summer facility projects that are taking place. He indicated that the roofing, paving and flooring project, are all proceeding and schools would be ready to open in September on schedule.

Policy Committee

Victor M. Verbeke, Chairman

Policy 603 - Budget Preparation

This Policy is being revised to reflect Act 1 requirements.

Mr. Verbeke stated that Policy 603 – Budget Preparation, had not been reviewed since 1985 and the administration has proposed a new budget preparation policy.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that the policy needed to be revised prior to the next budget development cycle. Areas of the policy needing revision are the time frame, tax indications, definition, and updated language.

Dr. Amuso added that revisions needed to align with Act 1 requirements along with procedures and benchmarks as developed from the 2008-2009 budget. These procedures and benchmarks would include the local index and the budget prioritization. He recommended that the policy be referred to the Finance Committee to review. After the Finance Committee reviews the policy it will come back to Policy Committee.

Mr. Miller questioned how policy would deal with a budget that exceeds the index.

Mr. Sultanik stated that Act 1 stipulates that if the budget exceeds the index, the district must submit a referendum question for approval by the taxpayers in the primary election.

Mr. Currie indicated that the policy would require the same budget process to be used year after year. He stated that the process of building a budget on the current year's projected expenditures would be in the policy.

Mr. Verbeke asked for clarification on the wording of preliminary final budget and proposed final budget.

Recommendation: Refer Policy 603 – Budget Preparation, to the Finance Committee for revisions to align the policy with Act 1 regulations and local budget development procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held on July 10, 2008 to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted 60 minutes.

An Executive Session was held prior to this evening's Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The meeting lasted approximately 25 minutes.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the consent/action items plus the addendum items for approval. He asked Board members to remove any items from the agenda if more discussion was needed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 7 to 0, it was

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

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

EXHIBIT A-1

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Transfer

DAVID THAYRES	From: Secondary Technology Support Specialist, High School
Replacement for Sal Graci (resigned)	To: District Exchange/Peripheral Systems Specialist
	Beginning: July 25, 2008

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

TRACY GIBBS	Family & Consumer Science, Indian Crest Jr. High Effective: July 15, 2008
JENIFER MEYER	Math Teacher, Souderton Area High School Effective: July 10, 2008
WILLIAM MELVIN	English Teacher, Indian Crest Junior High Effective: July 1, 2008
GERMAINE SCHULTZ	English Teacher, Souderton Area High School Effective: July 17, 2008

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Transfers

TODD BAUER From: Mathematics, Indian Valley Middle School
Replacement for To: Mathematics, Souderton Area High School
Jenifer Meyer (resigned) Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year

JOSEPH GUNN From: Social Studies, Indian Crest Junior High
Replacement for To: Gifted Support, Indian Crest Junior High
Nancy Greshock (retired) Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year

GERARD KELLY From: Principal, Franconia Elementary
Replacement for To: Health & Physical Education Teacher,
Joshua Wagner (transfer) Indian Valley Middle School
Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year

MEREDITH McMAHON From: Long-Term Substitute, English Teacher,
Replacement for Indian Crest Jr. High
William Melvin (resigned) To: **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
English Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High
Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year

Recommendation for Employment

TARA AMBRUCH Mathematics, Indian Valley Middle School
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Todd Bauer (transfer) Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year

Education Experience
West Chester Univ. (BS) Mar.-Jun. 2008-Souderton Area S.D.-Indian Valley
2005 M.S.-Per-Diem Extended Sub.-Social Studies-
Sixth Grade
Sept. 2007-Jan. 2008-SASD-Indian Valley-Long-
Term Substitute-Science-Sixth Grade
2006-2007-SASD-Indian Valley-Part-Time
Geometry Teacher & Permanent Building Sub.
Feb.-June 2006-SASD-Substitute Teacher

Recommended Salary-\$37,815-B (2)♦

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Employment (Continued)

AMY CANNING Second Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Sheryl Moyer Effective: 2008-2009 School Year
(Teacher on Assignment/Reading Recovery)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple Univ. (BA) 2000	2007-2008-Souderton Area S. D.-West Broad St.
Arcadia Univ. (M.Ed.)	Elem.- Extended Day Kindergarten
2005	2005-2008-SASD-West Broad St. Elem.-Title I Teaching Assistant
	April-June 2006-SASD-West Broad St. Elem.- Per-Diem Extended Substitute-Third Grade

Recommended Salary-\$41,046-M (1)♦

MELISSA DAVIS First Grade, Lower Salford Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Dina Palski Effective: 2008-2009 School Year
(Teacher on Assignment/Reading Recovery)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Arcadia Univ. (BA) 2003	Jan. 2007-Jun. 2008-Souderton Area S. D.-E.M.C. Elem.- Title I Teaching Asst. & Extended Day Kindergarten
	Summers-2004-2007-Palisades S.D.-Durham- Nockamixon Elem.-Summer School Teacher
	Dec. 2006-Sept. 2007-Indian Creek Foundation- Behavior Therapist
	March 2004-Dec. 2006- Substitute Teacher- Palisades S.D., Pennridge S.D., Quakertown S.D.

Recommended Salary-\$37,323-B (1)♦

JACLYN DUFFY Second Grade, Vernfield Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Karen Planinshek Effective: 2008-2009 School Year
(Teacher on Assignment/Reading Recovery)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Eastern Univ. (BA) 2004	Nov. 2007-June 2008-Souderton Area S.D.-Vernfield Elem.-Long-Term Substitute-First Grade
	2005-2007-Collegium Charter School, West Chester- Pre-First Teacher, Asst. Teacher, & First Grade Enrichment
	2004-2005-Substitute Teacher Service

Recommended Salary-\$37,323-B (1)♦

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Employment (Continued)

CAITLIN A. DUNLEAVY Second Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Beth Harbon Effective: 2008-2009 School Year
(Teacher on Assignment/Reading Recovery)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Pennsylvania State Univ. (BS) 2007	2007-2008-Central Bucks S.D.-Kutz Elem.-Building Substitute Spring 2007-Student Teaching-Norristown S.D.- Marshall St. Elementary-First Grade

Recommended Salary-\$37,323-B (1)♦

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

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Pennsylvania State Univ. (BS) 1987	May-June 2008-Souderton Area S.D.-Oak Ridge Elem.-Per-Diem Extended Substitute-Fourth Grade 2003-2008-SASD-Substitute Teacher 1996-1997-Kindercare, Maryland-Head Pre-School Teacher 1993-1995-Kiddie Academy, Maryland-Kindergarten 1988-1993-Washington DC Public Schools-Second & Third Grades

Recommended Salary-\$18,928-B12 (1)♦

REBEKAH KUNICKI First Grade, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Elizabeth Shoemaker Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year
(retired)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
The King's College (BS) 1992	2007-2008-Souderton Area S.D.-E. M. Crouthamel Elem.-Long-Term Substitute-First Grade 2006-2007-SASD-E.M. Crouthamel Elem.-Title I Teaching Asst. 2005-2006-Pennview Christian School-Substitute Teacher

Recommended Salary-\$37,815-B (2)♦

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Employment (Continued)

SUZANNE NEWLIN English Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for **TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL**
Germaine Schultz (resigned) Beginning: 2008-2009 School Year
Education Experience
Shippensburg Univ. (BA) 2007-2008-Souderton Area S.D.-Indian Crest Jr.
1984 High-Long-Term Substitute-English
Ursinus College (cert.) 2007 Jan.-June 2007-Student Teaching-Perkiomen Valley
High School
Nov. 2005-2007-North Penn S.D.-Substitute Teacher
Recommended Salary-\$37,815-B (2)♦

JENNIFER O’NEILL English Teacher, Indian Crest Junior High
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Meredith McMahon (transfer) Effective: 2008-2009 School Year
Education Experience
Gwynedd-Mercy College Spring 2008-Student Teaching-Wissahickon High
(BA) 2008 School & Neshaminy S.D.-Poquessing Middle
School
Recommended Salary-\$37,323-B (1)♦

MARISOL RUBALCAVA Spanish Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Tammy Caccavo Effective: First Semester, 2008-2009 School Year
(childrearing)
Education Experience
Bloomsburg Univ. (BS) Nov. 2006-June 2008-Souderton Area S.D.-High
2000 School-Spanish-Long-Term Substitute & .5
Wilkes Univ. (MS) Contract
2004 2001-2006-Northwest Area S.D.-Elementary Spanish-
K-6
Recommended Salary-\$20,523-M (1)♦

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Employment (Continued)

TIMOTHY WILSON Third Grade, Oak Ridge Elementary
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
Bertina Hsu-Miller Effective: First Semester-2008-2009 School Year
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Kutztown Univ. (BS) 2006	Oct. 2006-2008-Souderton Area S. D.-Oak Ridge Elem.-Title I & Title V Teaching Asst. Spring 2006-Student Teaching-SASD-Oak Ridge Elem.-First Grade Spring 2006-Student Teaching-Upper Perkiomen S.D.-Marlborough Elem.-Fourth Grade

Recommended Salary-\$18,661.50-B (1)♦

Recommendation to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

MICHELLE J. M. CLAUSZ Music Teacher, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Clausz is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

CYNTHIA GESCHWINDT Science Teacher, Indian Crest Jr. High
Beginning approximately January 5, 2009, following Family/Medical Leave, through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Geschwindt is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Recommendation to Approve Request for Extension of Childrearing Leave

LISA PITTS Mathematics Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Effective for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Pitts is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignation

DEBRA FULCHER Library Clerical Assist., Souderton Area High School
Effective: July 15, 2008

DANIEL INSOGNA Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: August 22, 2008

ROBERT MOORE Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: July 25, 2008

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Transfers

SUZANNE BRUECKS From: Substitute Café/Playground Aide, E.M.C.
Replacement for To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, E.M.C. Elem.
Donna Martin (resigned) Beginning: September 2, 2008
Hours: 1.5 per day
Wage: \$9.62 per hour

STERLING LACEY From: Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Replacement for To: Part-Time Custodian, Franconia Elem.
Ryan Dinlocker (transfer) Beginning: July 25, 2008
Hours: 4 per day
Wage: \$9.71 per hour

NANCY SMERECKI From: Title I Teaching Asst., West Broad St. Elem.
Replacement for To: Special Education Aide-Learning Support,
Jennifer Harrison (resigned) West Broad St. Elem.
Beginning: September 2, 2008
Hours: 6 per day
Wage: \$9.57 per hour

Recommendation for Employment

MICHAEL STUART Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Replacement for Beginning: August 18, 2008
Robert Moore (resigned) Hours: 4 per day
Wage: \$9.71 per hour

Recommendation to Approve 2008-2009 Salary Scale for Athletic Coaching and
Marching/Jazz Band and Winter Indoor Instructor Positions. **EXHIBIT A-2**

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

EXHIBIT B

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching/Instructor Positions

EDWARD GALLAGHER	Head Football Coach (HS)	\$7,399
ANTHONY CIPRIANO	Asst. Football Coach (HS)	6,079
J. WILLIAM CODDINGTON	Freshman Football Coach (HS)	5,257
JUSTIN ZIEGLER	Asst. Football Coach (HS)	4,093
WAYNE MacFARLAND	Asst. Football Coach (HS)	5,232
JAMES O'NEILL	Head Cross-Country (G) Coach (HS)	3,682
JOHN DONAHUE	Head Cross-Country (B) Coach (HS)	3,682
KIM DUDEK	Asst. Field Hockey Coach (HS)	3,184
COURTNEY HUGHES	Freshman Field Hockey Coach (HS)	2,348
THOMAS WELCH	Developmental Golf Coach (HS)	
	\$25 per hour-8 weeks/5 hours per week	

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching/Instructor Positions (Continued)

THOMAS QUINTOIS	Head Soccer (B) Coach (HS)	\$4,908
JOSHUA KLIMOVICH	J.V. Soccer (B) Coach (HS)	2,572
JEFFREY WALKER	Freshman Soccer (B) Coach (HS)	3,419
MARK JAMES	Head Tennis (G) Coach (HS)	2,715
BRAD GARRETT	Head Volleyball (G) Coach (HS)	3,915
BARBARA TOMLINSON	Asst. Water Polo Coach (HS)	2,073
TODD BAUER	Asst. Water Polo Coach (HS)	2,073
RICHARD HESS	Athletic Director (IC)	5,609
RICHARD HESS	Head Soccer Coach (IC)	3,029
MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Soccer Coach (IC)	2,676
DOUGLAS P. HENNING	Head Football Coach (IC)	2,804
KEITH BUSSOM	Asst. Football Coach (IC)	2,061
STEPHEN STRAKA	Marching Band Director (HS)	3,914
ADAM TUCKER	Asst. Marching Band Director (HS)	3,301

Contracted Services for Coaching/Instructor Positions – 2008-2009 School Year

PAUL FARGO	Asst. Football Coach (HS)	\$4,093
CHARLES MULLER	Asst. Football Coach (HS)	5,181
DAVID ALLEM	Freshman Football Coach (HS)	4,298
LESLIE REYBURN-SHISLER	Head Cheerleading Coach (HS)	5,307
RACHEL MOYER	Asst. Cheerleading Coach (HS)	3,144
MARYANN HARRIS	Head Field Hockey Coach (HS)	4,904
SARAH QUINTOIS	Asst. Field Hockey Coach (HS)	3,122
FRED CICACCI	Head Golf Coach (HS)	3,604
LEE SPEERS	Asst. Soccer (B) Coach (HS)	3,487
WILLIAM HENCE	Head Water Polo Coach (HS)	3,203
JEFFREY COUGHENOUR	Marching Instructor (HS)	1,710
PERRY BOUCHER	Head Percussion Instructor, Fall (HS)	2,826
LARRY TRIMBLE	Head Colorguard Instructor, Fall (HS)	2,041
STEPHEN RAYSOR	Asst. Colorguard Instructor, Fall (HS)	2,041
STEVEN YODER	Asst. Percussion Instructor, Fall (HS)	900

(To be paid by Band Boosters)

Recommendation to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Souderton Area School District and Souderton Area Education Association. **EXHIBIT C**

Recommendation to Approve Volunteer Workers/Interscholastic Athletes/Voluntary Student Accident Insurance. Supplemental insurance coverage for volunteers and interscholastic athletes is district funded. Voluntary student accident insurance may be purchased by a student's parent or guardian. This item was presented to the Finance Committee on July 10, 2008. The Finance Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors. **EXHIBIT D**

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve 2008-2009 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit #23 Subcontract Agreement for IDEIA Pass Through Funds. This agreement outlines the expenditure and reporting of IDEIA federal funds passed through the Intermediate Unit to the school district from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Education. This item was presented to the Finance Committee on July 10, 2008. The Finance Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors. **EXHIBIT E**

Recommendation to Approve 2007-2008 Budgetary Transfers. Reallocation of budgeted funds to match actual expenditures. This item was presented to the Finance Committee on July 10, 2008. The Finance Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors. **EXHIBIT F**

Recommendation to Approve Increase in Lunch Prices for the 2008-2009 School Year. Due to higher food, milk, and transport costs an increase of \$.10 is recommended for breakfast and \$.25 for lunch prices at both elementary and secondary levels. It is recommended that the price of milk increase by \$.10 per carton. This item was presented to the Finance Committee on July 10, 2008. The Finance Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors. **EXHIBIT G**

Recommendation to Approve Elementary Writing Curriculum: Writing Units of Study for Grade 2. The new Grade 2 writing units complete the Grade 1-5 writing curriculum. This item was presented to the Education-Personnel Committee on July 10, 2008. The Education-Personnel Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors.

Recommendation to Approve New Textbooks for AP Spanish, AP German, French I and Family Consumer Science-Personal Finance & Independent Living. This item was presented to the Education-Personnel Committee on July 10, 2008. The Education-Personnel Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors.

Recommendation to Approve Revisions of Existing Planned Courses: German I and French II. This item was presented to the Education-Personnel Committee on July 10, 2008. The Education-Personnel Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval of the Board of School Directors.

Recommendation to Approve Compensation Plan for Food Service Employees for the school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. **EXHIBIT H**

Recommendation to appoint Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner to serve as the voting delegate to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Legislative Policy Council at the October 2008 School Leadership Conference. PSBA has requested that the board approve this appointment by July 30, 2008.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

First Reading of Policies:

Policy #810 - Transportation

The Transportation Policy has been revised to reflect recommended PSBA changes and to include mandated language on reporting of employee crimes/child abuse. Move to next Board meeting for a second reading.

Recommendation to Approve Changes and Additions to Summer Special Education Staff.

EXHIBIT I

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

No items to discuss.

INFORMATIONAL

The next scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008 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, August 18, 2008 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, August 27, 2008 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. Jelinski asked if the Middle Level Transition Boundary Line Resolution could be revisited. He has been getting feedback from parents and would like to continue discussion on the topic at the board level.

A motion was made by Mr. Jelinski to revisit the boundary line resolution that was approved in February 2008.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD (CONTINUED)

Several Board members asked for clarification on what Mr. Jelinski had suggested.

Mr. Jelinski clarified that his motion was to revisit the resolution and discuss during a future workshop session of the Board.

There was a second to the motion by Mr. Kwaitkowski.

Once again, the Board members discussed the pros and cons of reopening the discussion on the Middle Level Transition Boundary Line Resolution.

Dr. Amuso stated that parent concerns were mainly the splitting of students in a building, where all fifth grade students would not attend the same middle school. The purpose of the resolution was to work out bussing issues and prevent the imbalance of the number of students in each of the middle school buildings. The most pressing objective was to prevent students from having to ride the busses for a long period of time.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board reopen the Middle Level Transition Boundary Line Resolution and discuss at the next Operations Committee workshop session of the Board.

Mr. Currie announced that an executive session would be held following the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brong, with a second by Dr. Baumgartner to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 7 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary