

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, October 29, 2009 at the District Administrative Offices in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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
	Ken R. Keith	

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Robert Bruchak, R. Bradley Clemens, Joseph Deady, Michael Feliciani, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Bill Hazel, Donna Huff, Alison Moran, Krista Pierce, Tim Roberts, Jack Silva, Sam Varano, representatives from *The Reporter, Souderton Independent*, and the public.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Amuso introduced the students and teachers who were present for recognition.

Mr. Varano introduced the advisors of the High School “*Unaliyi*” and “*The Arrowhead*.”

Souderton Area High School – *Unaliyi*

Michael Feliciani, yearbook advisor, spoke about the challenges that were overcome by the 2008-2009 *Unaliyi* staff to produce an award winning yearbook. The 2008-2009 Souderton Area High School yearbook, the *Unaliyi*, received a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The Association receives entries from all over the country. Each school yearbook and magazine is scored on a point system and is awarded a first, second, or third place in its particular classification. The yearbook was created in a new online application for the first time and the staff worked very hard to create the book.

**AMANDA CORDERO** – Editor in Chief (2008-2009 *Unaliyi* edition)

Amanda is currently a senior, and is the Co-Editor in Chief with Elle Skrzat for the 2009-2010 edition of the *Unaliyi*.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, and second by Mr. Brong to recognize the staff’s achievement. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School –Unaliyi (Continued)

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize Amanda Cordero and the Editorial Staff of the 2008-2009 *Unaliyi* for their award winning yearbook. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Amuso recognized Amanda Cordero’s family members who were present.

Souderton Area High School – The Arrowhead

Mr. Varano introduced the *Arrowhead* advisor, Dr. Stacy Aronow, who spoke about the newspaper’s staff, publication content, and achievements. The 2008-2009 Souderton Area High School newspaper, The *Arrowhead*, won a “Gold Medal” rating from the Pennsylvania School Press Association, a First Class Award from the National Scholastic Press Association, and a Silver Medal with a mark of distinction for “Business Practices” from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The staff has just received confirmation that the newspaper has won the International First Place award from the Quill and Scroll International Honor Society.

The 2009-2010 Editorial Board includes:

**EMILY WEBER** – Editor-in-Chief  
**JOSEPH DILLE** – Managing Editor  
**JESSICA BARD** – Opinion Editor  
**LAUREL HORNER** – News Editor  
**COURTNEY THOMPSON** – Features Editor  
**T. JOSHUA MYERS** – Sports Editor

**IAN SMITH** – Entertainment Editor  
**ALLISON HOUGH** – Special Section Editor  
**MARISSA FULLER** – Photography Editor  
**MADISON TROUT** – Design Editor  
**KATELYN FRUEH** – Business Manager  
**MARISSA FULLER** – Webmaster

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski and second by Mr. Kwiatkowski to recognize the students for their achievement.

Mr. Kwiatkowski thanked the Arrowhead staff for a great job in reporting and content.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the Editorial Staff of the 2008-2009 *Arrowhead* for their award winning newspaper. **EXHIBIT B**

Dr. Amuso thanked the family members of the *Arrowhead* staff for their support.

Teaching Excellence

Mr. Gallagher introduced the teachers from Lower Salford who were involved in the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and spoke about the Souderton Area Education Foundation Grant Program that helped in funding this program. Mr. Gallagher plugged the Education Foundation’s fundraiser on November 12<sup>th</sup>, *An Evening at the James A. Michener Art Museum*, where the District’s Baum paintings will be on display.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Teaching Excellence (Continued)

Mrs. Donna Huff shared details about the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy project and how the teachers and students are involved in the environmental program.

**SUSAN MANDIA, KATHY MADDEN, and GALEN GUENGERICH**, fifth grade teachers at Lower Salford Elementary School, have been selected to receive the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's 2009 "Teaching Excellence" Award for the outstanding work they have done in teaching students the importance of their environment.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong and a second from Dr. Baumgartner to recognize the three teachers from Lower Salford Elementary School for their accomplishment.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize Susan Mandia, Kathy Madden, and Galen Guengerich, for their outstanding environmental program. **EXHIBIT C**

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

Introduction of new member to the Board of School Directors, Mr. Kenneth R. Keith. Mr. Keith was appointed by the Board on October 21, 2009 to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Eric MacDougall. Mr. Keith's term will end in December 2011.

An Executive Session was held on September 24, 2009 to discuss possible litigation issues. The meeting lasted approximately 60 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on October 7, 2009 to discuss possible litigation issues. The meeting lasted approximately 30 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 consent/action agenda for consideration and asked the Board members to remove items from the agenda that required discussion.

Upon a motion by Dr. Baumgartner and a second from Mr. Keith to approve the items listed in the consent/action portion of the agenda, the vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the consent/action portion of the agenda as listed:

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the September 24, 2009 School Board Meeting.

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

**EXHIBIT D**

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

**ROMY TRESSLER** PA School and Social Workers Personnel Association  
District Home and School October 16, 2009 (Fri.)  
Visitor Hershey, PA  
Total Expenses - \$159.52

**JUDY ROTHENBERGER** Keystone State Reading Association Conference  
CARS, Oak Ridge Elem. October 26-28, 2009 (Mon.-Wed.)  
Hershey, PA  
Total Expenses - \$379.50 - Substitute Needed

**VICTORIA BALL** Improving Math Scores Workshop  
Student Support Teacher, November 5, 2009 (Thurs.)  
Oak Ridge Elem. Allentown, PA  
Total Expenses - \$219.15 – No Substitute Needed

**ELAINE PRITCHARD** Great Books Shared Inquiry Training  
Librarian, Salford Hills Elem. November 12, 13, 2009 (Thurs., Fri.)  
Norristown, PA  
Total Expenses - \$404.50 – Substitute Needed

**ARLENE BUCHMAN** Implementing Professional Development Communities  
District Professional November 18, 2009 (Wed.)  
Development Coach 6-12 February 24, 2010 (Wed.)  
**LYNN CONNERY-ORCUTT** Norristown, PA  
Reading Recovery/Professional Combined Total Expenses - \$814.30 – No Substitutes  
Development Support, Oak Ridge Elem.

**DEBORAH ALDER** National Council of Teachers of English Conference  
Principal, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. November 20, 2009 (Fri.)  
Philadelphia, PA  
Total Expenses - \$335.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignation

**STEPHANIE RUANE** Kindergarten, West Broad St. Elementary  
Effective: On or Before November 21, 2009

Recommendations to Ratify/Approve Employment

**IRIS GALLAGHER** English Teacher, Souderton Area High School  
Replacement for LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
Therese Tirado (childrearing) Effective: Approximately November 17, 2009 through the  
end of the 2009-2010 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple University (BS) 2008	Sept. 2008-Oct. 2009–Substitute Teacher–Hatboro-Horsham, Perkiomen Valley & Upper Moreland School Districts Dec. 2008-Feb. 2009–Souderton Area S.D.– Per-Diem Extended Substitute–High School-English Teacher
Recommended Salary - \$38,920 (pro-rated) – B (1)	

**DANIEL PHILLIPS** Kindergarten Teacher, West Broad Street Elem.  
Replacement for LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
Stephanie Ruane (resigned) Effective: Approx. October 21, 2009 through the end of the  
(Ratify) 2009-2010 School Year

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Gwynedd-Mercy College (BS) 2008	2008-2009–Substitute Teacher–North Penn, Upper Perkiomen and Wissahickon S.D. May-June 2009 & Sept. 2009–Upper Perkiomen S. D.- Marlborough Elem.–Substitute Teacher-Kindergarten Spring 2008–Student Teaching–North Penn S.D.- Third Grade
Recommended Salary - \$38,920 (pro-rated) – B1	

Recommendation to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

**CAITLIN SIEGFRIED** First Grade, Franconia Elementary  
Beginning approximately April 6, 2010, following Family/Medical Leave, through the end of the  
2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Siegfried is planning to return to work for the start of the 2010-2011  
school year.

**THERESE TIRADO** English Teacher, Souderton Area High School  
Beginning approximately February 9, 2010, following Family/Medical Leave, through the end of  
the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Tirado is planning to return to work for the start of the 2010-2011  
school year.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Ratify Resignations

**BRYAN DERSTINE**

Part-Time Custodial Substitute  
Effective: September 30, 2009

**JOHN GULIUS**

Intervention Teaching Asst. – Oak Ridge Elem.  
Effective: October 20, 2009

**RITA HOOVER**

Intervention Teaching Asst. – Salford Hills Elem.  
Effective: October 20, 2009

**ZACHARY SNEDAKER**

Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Effective: October 16, 2009

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Transfers

**CRYSTAL BARR**

New Position

From: Food Service Substitute  
To: Food Service Asst.–High School  
Beginning: November 9, 2009  
Wage: \$9.74 per hour  
Hours: 3.75 per day

**MARY CANNON**

From: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.  
To: Substitute Café/Playground Aide, Vernfield  
Effective: October 12, 2009  
Wage: \$9.40 per hour  
Hours: As needed

**GREGORY DINIC**

Replacement for  
Mark Waldspurger (transfer)

From: Part-Time Custodian, High School  
To: Full-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Beginning: October 19, 2009  
Wage: \$18.84 per hour  
Hours: 8 per day

**DEBORAH GEISSEL**

New Position

From: Food Service Substitute  
To: Food Service Asst.–High School  
Beginning: November 9, 2009  
Wage: \$9.74 per hour  
Hours: 3.75 per day

**JENNIFER HECKMAN**

New Position

From: Food Service Substitute  
To: Food Service Asst.–High School  
Beginning: November 9, 2009  
Wage: \$9.74 per hour  
Hours: 3.75 per day

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Transfers (Continued)

**KERRY ORR** From: Part-Time Custodial Substitute  
Replacement for To: Part-Time Custodian, High School  
Gregory Dinic (transfer) Beginning: October 19, 2009  
Wage: \$9.96 per hour  
Hours: 4 per day

**MARY SCHNABLE** From: Food Service Substitute  
New Position To: Food Service Asst.–High School  
Beginning: November 9, 2009  
Wage: \$9.74 per hour  
Hours: 3.75 per day

**LIGIA TELLERIA** From: Special Education Instructional Asst.–One to One-  
Position Moved - Reduced Vernfield Elementary  
Hours To: Special Education Instructional Asst.–One to One-  
Salford Hills Elementary  
Wage: \$12.63 per hour  
Hours: 6.5 per day

**MARK WALDSPURGER** From: Full-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel  
Replacement for To: Full-Time Custodian, Indian Crest M. S.  
Donald Shelly (transfer) Beginning: October 26, 2009  
Wage: \$18.84 per hour  
Hours: 8 per day

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Employment

**ANDREW BORNEMAN** Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Replacement for Beginning: October 15, 2009  
Zachary Snedaker (resigned) Wage: \$9.96 per hour  
Hours: 4 per day

**JENNIFER ERNST** Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide–E. M. Crouthamel  
Elem.  
Beginning: To be determined  
Wage: \$9.40 per hour  
Hours: As needed

**TOMMY GIBSON** Part-Time Custodial Substitute  
Beginning: October 12, 2009  
Wage: \$9.96 per hour  
Hours: As needed

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Employment (Continued)

<b>CONNIE HOLLINGER</b>	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Vernfield Elem.
Replacement for	Beginning: October 20, 2009
Mary Cannon (transfer)	Wage: \$9.40 per hour
	Hours: 1.5 per day
<b>ELIZABETH J. KULP</b>	Substitute Clerical Asst., Nurse’s Office–Indian Valley
Replacement for	Middle School
Theresa Miorelli (leave)	Effective: November 2, 2009 for approximately eight (8) to ten (10) weeks
	Wage: \$12.40 per hour
	Hours: 10-12 per week
<b>MARTHA MOYER</b>	Special Education Instructional Asst.–Learning Support-
New Position Paid	High School
with IDEA Funds	Beginning: September 30, 2009
	Wage: \$11.88 per hour
	Hours: 6.5 per day

Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Souderton Area High School – High School Choir  
Date: May 8, 2010 (Saturday)  
Destination: New York City, NY  
Purpose of Trip: To see a Broadway Musical  
Places of Interest: Gershwin Theatre, Planet Hollywood, Times Square  
Number of Students: 88                      Number of Chaperones: 20  
Requesting Teacher: Teresa Washam  
Trip will be funded by the students.

Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Contracts for 2009-2010

<b>SARAH HANGE</b>	Student Council Advisor-Lower Salford	\$ 625.00
<b>ELISE BRAND</b>	LEOS-Junior Lions Club-High School	1,000.00
<b>ROSS POLLACK</b>	Math Club Co-Advisor – Oak Ridge	250.00
<b>ALISON LINDSAY</b>	Key Club Advisor – High School	1,000.00
<b>RYAN PONGRAS</b>	Elementary Honors Band	520.00
	(change from Thomas McGinniss)	
<b>PERRY ENGARD</b>	Head Basketball Coach (B) HS	5,578.00
<b>MICHAEL STADNYCKI</b>	Asst. Basketball Coach (B) HS	3,538.00
<b>LYNN CARROLL</b>	Head Basketball Coach (G) HS	4,956.00
<b>JOSHUA KLIMOVICH</b>	Asst. Basketball Coach (G) HS	2,966.00
<b>TODD BAUER</b>	Head Swimming Coach (B&G) HS	6,140.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Contracts for 2009-2010 (Continued)

<b>BARBARA TOMLINSON</b>	Asst. Swimming Coach (B) HS	\$ 2,865.00
<b>WILLIAM HENCE</b>	Asst. Swimming/Diving Coach HS	3,487.00
<b>TRISTAN BOYD^</b>	Asst. Wrestling Coach HS	2,990.00
<b>JOHN DONAHUE</b>	Winter Track (B) HS	3,647.00
<b>CHRISTINE NENSTIEL</b>	SADD (Change in point structure/salary)	750.00
<b>BRIAN KRIZOVENSKY^</b>	Asst. Football Coach (IC)	664.00

^ New to Coaching at SASD

Recommendation for Employment of Additional Substitute Teachers

<b>LINDSAY BICKEL</b>	<b>PAUL BIZON</b>	<b>KATHLEEN BREEN</b>
<b>AMANDA FRISCH</b>	<b>RENEE GEHMAN</b>	<b>LISA GRIBBIN</b>
<b>EVELINE HAYES</b>	<b>ERIN HEILMAN</b>	<b>JENNIFER KELLY</b>
<b>TIMOTHY KENNEL</b>	<b>BARBARA NESTOR</b>	<b>STEPHANIE NYCE</b>
<b>AMANDA SAEGER</b>	<b>CAROLYN SCOTT</b>	<b>DANIEL WALLACE</b>
<b>DANIEL WALTER</b>	<b>DAVID WETHERILL</b>	

Recommendation to Approve Mentor for the 2009-2010 School Year

<b>CATHERINE CORCORAN</b>	Mentor for <b>LAURA MOYER</b>	\$ 300.00
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Recommendation to Approve Contracted Services for High School Advisor and Winter Coaches

<b>LORI MAXWELL</b>	Spring Musical Director, High School	\$2,565.00
<b>LARRY HILL</b>	JV Basketball Coach (B) HS	3,644.00
<b>MICHAEL AHERN</b>	Freshman Basketball Coach (B) HS	3,906.00
<b>THOMAS WELCH</b>	Freshman Basketball Coach (G) HS	3,304.00
<b>BEN BOWMAN</b>	JV Basketball Coach (G) HS	3,114.00
<b>TRICIA SWANSON</b>	Asst. Swimming Coach (G) HS	2,951.00
<b>STANLEY SMITH</b>	Head Wrestling Coach HS	5,490.00
<b>JOHN ROWE</b>	Winter Track (G) HS	3,756.00

Recommendation for Employment of Additional Aquatics Program Staff

**DARLA BERGEY** Lifeguard - \$9.00 per hour  
 Supervisor - \$12.00 per hour  
 Hours: As scheduled

**MELISSA DOLL** Lifeguard - \$7.00 per hour  
 Instructor - \$10.00 per hour  
 Hours: As scheduled

Recommendation for Employment of Additional Community Education Staff – Fall 2009

<b>CYNTHIA CROUTHAMEL</b>	Sewing Techniques for Beginners	\$240.00
(Replacement for Irene Sivar)		
<b>DEBBRA LEOTTA</b>	From the Pumpkin Patch	105.00
	Soups, Stews and Chowders	105.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Award Bids

Recommendation to award bid for wrestling mats for the Souderton Area High School to Resilite Sports, Northumberland, PA, in the amount of \$33,283.26. **EXHIBIT E**

Recommendation to award bid for fencing of the Souderton Area High School softball field to Abel Fence, Leola, PA, in the amount of \$21,250.00. **EXHIBIT F**

Recommendation to Approve Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student ID# 244979. **EXHIBIT G**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion Item - Report on Progress of Program Evaluation – Jack Silva

Mr. Silva gave a brief report on the results of the 2008-2009 Advance Placement test scores. Souderton was very successful in 2008-2009.

Advanced Placement is a curriculum and assessment offering of the College Board that allows students to advance college-level work to their high school years. Students who do well enough on the AP Exam may earn advanced placement, or in some cases advanced credit, in their college programs.

Mr. Silva explained what scores are needed on student AP Exams in order to be considered by universities for advanced placement or credit. He talked about the scoring system, and although individual colleges and universities will vary, the College Board recommends advance placement in college programs for students who score a 5, 4, or 3 on an AP Exam.

For Souderton, the 2007-2008 *AP Program Evaluation* focused on three key questions:

Does the Souderton Area High School provide an adequate number of AP courses?

- b. Does the Souderton Area High School Advanced Placement program involve all of the potentially-qualified students?
- c. Are specific benchmarks and/or goals for the Souderton Area High School students' AP participation and achievement known by all of the stakeholders and used for Program improvement?

Souderton increased its identification and recruitment in part by making information available as part of the scheduling and transition to high school programs. Students were excused from the course's regular final exam if they took the AP Exam.

DISCUSSION ITEM (CONTINUED)

Discussion Item - Report on Progress of Program Evaluation – Jack Silva (Continued)

As a result:

- The SAHS successfully implemented AP American Government and ran all AP offerings in math and science. Additionally, more world language students took AP Exams.
- The SAHS Significantly expanded AP opportunities for students. A record number of students took AP courses and a record number of students took AP Exams.
- The AP Equity and Excellence (APEE) Score increased significantly with all groups: 10<sup>th</sup> graders, 11<sup>th</sup> graders, and the graduating class.

Mr. Silva concluded by reporting on the actual test scores and how those scores ranked with national averages.

Mr. Currie commented on the increased number of students participating in AP courses. He asked if the number of teachers who teach AP courses has increased and if they have received proper training to teach the courses.

INFORMATIONAL

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

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

Wednesday, November 4 – Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
Finance Committee Meeting immediately following the Policy Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, November 18 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
Operations Committee Meeting immediately following the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

**Tuesday**, November 24 – 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, November 16, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

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

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 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. Miller noted that elections for School Board would take place on November 3rd and encouraged the public to vote. In addition, Mr. Miller commented on the administration's part in handling the H1N1 situation.

Mr. Gallagher responded that the absentee rate is monitored daily, as well as receiving county information on a daily basis. Current absenteeism is running between 10% and 12%, which is higher than the average 2%. His guess on the vaccine arriving for distribution throughout the Souderton Area School District is mid-November. Mr. Gallagher thanked the District's Nurse-Coordinator, Robin Fox, who is in contact with the county. The county's mandate for the age level for the vaccine is ages 5 to 9. Many updates are located on the Souderton Area School District Website. Follow the directions of the CDC.

Mr. Currie reported on his attendance at the recent Montgomery County Tax Commission meeting. Mr. Bruchak was elected by the members of the commission as Chairman. This is a reflection of Mr. Bruchak's reputation in the business managers' association. The Commission's goal is to determine how to centralize the collection of Earned Income Tax throughout Montgomery County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bev Hartzell, from Franconia Township, asked the Board to consider the Bowling Club's proposal to become a interscholastic Bowling Team. The club was established during the 2003-2004 school year. The proposal would cost approximately \$3,500 for the club to become registered with PIAA Suburban I.

Bryan Hunsicker, from Franconia Township, spoke about beginning the Bowling Club in 2003. Several other school districts in the area also have competitive bowling teams. In the initial start up year, the club met every Wednesday with approximately 50 to 60 students. Mr. Hunsicker spoke about the diversity of the club members.

Mark Landis, Franconia Township resident, encouraged the Board to consider the Bowling Club's proposal to become a competition team at the high school level

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Hunsicker, high school student from Franconia Township and avid bowler, addressed the positives of a bowling team. He also spoke about scholarships that are available from local bowling lanes.

Frank Sherman, resident from Franconia Township, asked if Souderton Area School District participated in the October National Gay and Lesbian Month activities.

Dr. Amuso responded that the District did not participate.

Mr. Verbeke voiced his encouragement for the Board to consider the request of the Bowling Team's proposal.

Mr. Currie indicated that the next step would be for the administration to review the proposal.

Dr. Amuso stated that the administration will review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Board. The club's proposal includes a substantial financial contribution toward the start-up of the team.

Dr. Baumgartner asked if the financial contribution by the Bowling Club was normal.

Dr. Amuso stated that the club would be setting a precedent as far as financial contributions.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Bruchak  
Board Secretary