

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 on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the District Administrative Offices in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Thomas A. Kwiatkowski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT:	Jill S. Basile	Scott C. Jelinski
	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Ken R. Keith
	William J. Brong	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
ABSENT:	Bernard S. Currie	R. Bud Miller
	Matt Holliday	
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Robert Bruchak, R. Bradley Clemens, Joseph Dedy, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, William Hazel, Joseph McElwee, Tim Roberts, Jack Silva, representatives from the *Souderton Independent* and *The Reporter*, and the public.

NOTE: The Student Recognition portion of the meeting was postponed and rescheduled for the March 25, 2010 Board meeting due to the evening's inclement weather.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Krista Pierce and Joseph McElwee

Joseph McElwee reported on the success of the High School Boys Basketball team, the High School Swimming team, as well as the College/Scholarship Signing Day for athletes. The Link Crew is sponsoring a floor hockey tournament and a "Skate Night." Several charity fundraisers are taking place at the high school, such as "Pie-A-Teacher" and "Penny Wars." The production of "Beauty and the Beast" will take place at the high school in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

The Report of the President was given by Mr. Kwiatkowski in Mr. Currie's absence.

An Executive Session was held on January 28, 2010 to discuss personnel issues. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on February 3, 2010, prior to the Board Finance Committee meeting, to discuss personnel items. That session lasted 40 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on February 3, 2010, following the Board Finance Committee meeting, to discuss personnel items. The session lasted 90 minutes.

An Executive Session was held on February 17, 2010, following the Education-Personnel Committee meeting, to discuss possible litigation, negotiations, and personnel items. The session lasted 90 minutes.

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

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the consent/action items for Board approval, with a comment that Board members could remove any item listed if more discussion was needed

There was a motion by Mr. Brong and a second from Mr. Jelinski to approve the consent/action items as listed. Dr. Baumgartner stated that he would abstain from voting due to his request to attend a conference. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 5 to 0, with 1 abstention, it was

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

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the January 28, 2010 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for January 2010.

EXHIBIT A

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

DR. R. PAUL BAUMGARTNER PSBA School Governance Conference
School Board Member Mars, PA
February 28 to March 1, 2010 (Sun.-Mon.)
Total Expenses: \$465.00

JACQUELINE GRZYWACZ Advanced Guided Reading Strategies Workshop
Fourth Grade, Salford Hills Elem. Wayne, PA
March 3, 2010 (Wed.)
Total Expenses: 302.00 – Substitute Required

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

ROBERT BRUCHAK
District Director of Business
Affairs
Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
(PASBO) Annual Conference
Hershey, PA
March 10-12, 2010 (Wed.-Fri.)
Total Expenses: \$789.00

JOSEPH DEADY
District Assistant Business
Manager
Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
(PASBO) Annual Conference
Hershey, PA
March 11, 2010 (Thurs.)
Total Expenses: \$312.80

MAUREEN UNGER
District Registrar/Child
Accounting Specialist
Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association
of Pennsylvania
Hershey, PA
March 17-19, 2010 (Wed.-Fri.)
Total Expenses: \$751.50

JEFFREY SINKINSON
Fifth Grade, Salford Hills Elem.
K-5 Science Coordinator
National Science Teachers Association Conference
Philadelphia, PA
March 18, 19, 2010 (Thurs., Fri.)
Total Expenses: \$546.00 – Substitute Required

CATHERINE SCHADLER
Intermediate Autistic Support
Vernfield Elem.
Funded by IDEA Funds
Social Thinking Workshop
Horsham, PA
April 13, 14, 2010 (Tues., Wed.)
Total Expenses: 501.00 – Substitute Required

GLEN POEHLMANN
Music, Franconia Elem.
Penn Autism Network Annual Conference
Horsham, PA
April 23, 2010 (Fri.)
Total Expenses: \$253.00 – Substitute Required

SUE CHAMBERS
School Counselor, Franconia Elem.
LINDA H. MOYER
School Counselor, Lower Salford
Elem.
Pennsylvania Association of Pupil Services Conference
Lancaster, PA
April 29, 30, 2010 (Thurs., Fri.)
Total Expenses: \$1,068.00 – Combined Expenses
No Substitutes Required

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendations for Transfer

MATTHEW HAINES

Replacement for
Christopher Hey (transfer)

From: Assistant Principal, Souderton Area High School
To: Lead Assistant Principal, High School
Beginning: March 1, 2010
Salary: \$111,726 (pro-rated)

J. WILLIAM CODDINGTON

Replacement for
Matthew Haines (transfer)

From: Graduation Coordinator/Dean of Students,
High School
To: Assistant Principal, High School
Beginning: July 1, 2010

Education

Shippensburg Univ. (BS)
1990
Gratz College (MA) 2001
Delaware Valley College
(MS) 2007

Experience

1993-2000–Souderton Area S.D.–English Teacher, H. S.
2000- Present–SASD–High School–Graduation Project
Coordinator
2008- 2009 & March-June 2010 – Dean of Students
High School

Recommended Salary – TBD Pending Completion of Act 93 Agreement

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

BROOKE CLEMMER

First Grade Teacher, Vernfield Elementary

Beginning approximately May 31, 2010, following Family/Medical Leave, through the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Clemmer is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

BRIDGETTE SCHECKENBACH

Mathematics Teacher, Indian Crest Middle School

Beginning March 23, 2010, following Family/Medical Leave, through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Scheckenbach is planning to return to work for the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

JENNIFER WEVODAU

Language Arts Teacher, Indian Crest Middle School

Beginning approximately May 27, 2010, following Family/Medical Leave, through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Wevodau is planning to return to work for the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

JENNIFER BUCHANAN

Study Hall Aide, Souderton Area High School
Effective: February 19, 2010

TIMOTHY STEVENSON

ESL Teaching Assistant, Franconia Elementary
Effective: February 12, 2010

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendations for Employment

MAUREEN BOLAND Special Education Instructional Asst. – Multiple
Disabilities Class – High School
Replacement for Beginning: February 11, 2010
Julie Zbyszinski (resigned) Wage: \$10.43 per hour
Hours: 7 per day

STACEY MILLER Title I Teaching Assistant – West Broad St. Elem.
Replacement for Beginning: February 3, 2010
Janice Prevail (transfer) Wage: \$12.81 per hour
Hours: 6 per day

Recommendation to Hire Additional Substitute Teacher

ANDREA REEK

Recommendation to Approve Mentors for the Second Semester of the 2009-2010 School Year

DAN GLATTS	Mentor for RICHARD CURTIS	\$300.00
MARIA HALTEMAN	Mentor for MICHAEL DARCY	300.00
KAREN KOCH	Mentor for MARISSA BEIDLER	300.00

Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Contracts

KATHLEEN MANCINI	Student Government-2 nd Semester (IV)	\$250.00
J. WILLIAM CODDINGTON	Dean of Students (HS) March 1, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 School Year \$29.00 per hour – not to exceed 100 hours	

Recommendation to Approve Coaches for Spring Season 2010

Supplemental Contracts for Coaching

MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Baseball Coach (HS)	\$4,419.00
IAN BURLEY	Asst. Baseball Coach (HS)	2,236.00
NICOLE BAUER	Head Lacrosse Coach, Girls (HS)	3,559.00
KIMBERLY DUDEK	Asst. Lacrosse Coach, Girls (HS)	3,523.00
ANDREW HUDAK	Asst. Lacrosse Coach, Boys (HS)	2,348.00
ELYSE HACKMAN	JV Soccer Coach, Girls (HS)	2,236.00
COURTNEY HUGHES	Head Softball Coach, Girls (HS)	3,291.00
ROBERT TYBRING II	Asst. Softball Coach, Girls (HS)	2,858.00
BREANNE DICKERSON	Asst. Softball Coach, Girls (HS)	2,304.00
MARK JAMES	Head Tennis Coach, Boys (HS)	2,581.00
JOHN DONAHUE	Head Track & Field Coach, Boys (HS)	4,390.00
RICHARD HESS	Asst. Track & Field Coach, Girls (HS)	3,343.00
BRAD GARRETT	Head Volleyball Coach, Boys (HS)	3,666.00
DANIEL STOVER	Asst. Volleyball Coach, Boys (HS)	3,032.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 as submitted by Gorman and Associates and presented and discussed at the February 3, 2010 Finance Committee meeting.

Recommendation to approve the Elementary Physical Education Curriculum Overview for Grades K-5 as presented and discussed at the February 17, 2010 Education-Personnel Committee meeting.

Recommendation to approve Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student ID # 251772. **EXHIBIT C**

Recommendation to appoint Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, LLP, as special counsel in accordance with their fee agreement for such special education matters as may be determined by the Superintendent [or designee]. **EXHIBIT D**

Recommendation to approve Tax Assessment Appeals as listed:
Mark Hosterman, Salford, PA
Brian Hunsberger, Schwenksville, PA **EXHIBIT E**

Student Expulsion

Pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, that the Board approve the expulsion of Student I. D. #250013 from the Souderton Area School District for the remainder of the school year, with the option to return during the next school year based on a report of good behavior, the completion of a counseling program, and successfully completing his/her academic program, all at the discretion of the superintendent.

Dr. Amuso commented on the administrative transfers that were listed in the agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Amuso recommended the election of **FRANK T. GALLAGHER** to the position of Assistant District Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services for a term of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 in accordance with the attached Motion to Elect and to authorize entry into a contract to establish salary and fringe benefits for the position of Assistant District Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mrs. Basile.

Dr. Amuso reviewed Mr. Gallagher's qualifications and skills and recommended Mr. Gallagher without reservation.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the election of **FRANK T. GALLAGHER** as District Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services for a term of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 in accordance with the Motion to Elect and authorize entry into a contract to establish salary and fringe benefits for the position of Assistant District Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services. **EXHIBIT F**

Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board for their support and confidence, and pledged to follow the path the Dr. Amuso and Mr. Clemens had set for the district.

INFORMATIONAL

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

The schedule of March 2010 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Policy Committee Meeting immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Operations Committee Meeting immediately following the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, March 25, 2010 - 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, March 29, 2010 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Dr. Amuso noted that the Joint Operating Committee will consider awarding bids at this meeting for the Career Center renovation and expansion project.

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 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.

No report from Mr. Sultanik.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

No unfinished/new business from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ernie Rosato, Upper Salford Township resident, asked about the tax implication on the public with regard to the PSERS adjustment.

Dr. Amuso responded that a report on this subject will be made at the April Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Rosato announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held in Upper Salford Township at the Salford Fire Hall on March 18, 2010, beginning at 6:30 PM. Gubernatorial candidate Sam Rohrer will be speaking on several topics regarding local taxation. The public is invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mrs. Basile to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 6 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Bruchak
Board Secretary