

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, March 24, 2011, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also present at the meeting were: Maryellen Brousseau, Robert Bruchak, Joseph Deady, Molly Dugan, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Karen Giannini, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Kathryn Kundrod, William Lukridge, Ginny Perry, Walter Salevsky, Dr. Sam Varano, reporters from *The Reporter* and the *Souderton Independent*, as well as the public.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Souderton Area High School – Art Winners

Dr. Sam Varano, principal of Souderton Area High School, introduced Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. Perry spoke about the Montgomery County High School Art Exhibition and introduced the students who were winners from Souderton. The Souderton Area High School Art Department recently had five student winners in the 32nd Annual Montgomery County High School Exhibition and Competition. This competition represents high school art departments throughout Montgomery County. The show will be open to the public until March 27th in the new Fine Arts Gallery, at the Blue Bell Montgomery County Community College campus. High School Art Teacher and Art Coordinator, Ginny Perry, is the sponsor.

ANN FADDEN – Junior – Clay
STEPHEN ISBAN – Senior - Printmaking
TAYLOR CORNWALL – Junior - Clay
GABRIELLE MC ANDREWS – Junior - Clay
AUSTEN HART – Senior - Painting

Dr. Johnson asked the Board to acknowledge and recognize the art students for their achievements.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

There was a motion from Mr. Jelinski, with a second by Dr. Baumgartner to acknowledge and recognize the art students for their achievements.

Mr. Currie congratulated the students for their fine work and also thanked Mrs. Perry for her fine work in bringing artists to the Board for recognition year after year.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board acknowledge and recognize the Souderton Area High School art students who won awards at the 32nd Annual Montgomery County High School Exhibition and Competition. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Johnson acknowledged and thanked the parents and family members who were in attendance for their support.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES **KATHRYN KUNDROD** – Class of 2011

Kathryn Kundrod reported on the recent activities at the Souderton Area High School such as: PSSA and AP testing; underclassmen are selecting their courses for next year; college-bound seniors are receiving acceptance letters from colleges and universities; National Merit Scholars have been announced and Souderton has two semi-finalists; the Big Red Band will be holding an indoor show this weekend, and the Arrowhead Editorial staff will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to visit the White House, as well as museums. The Arrowhead also sponsored a Zumba fundraiser to support the Ronald McDonald Summer Camps Adopt-a-Camper program. Enough money was raised to support three campers this summer.

Other activities at the high school include: the National Honor Society is preparing for their spring activity, which will be volunteering at the Care and Share Shoppe in Souderton; National Honor Society applications are available for next year's members; Link Crew will be holding a fundraiser in order to raise support for their club and rehearsals are taking place for the spring musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The Souderton Area Education Foundation will be holding a "Sweet Dreams" fundraiser at the high school on April 16th, where over 50 cakes will be judged by a celebrity judge from Carlo's Bakery of TV fame. SAVE recently held an environmental conference for local school districts and participated in a state-wide environmental competition, where their solar chimney earned them a second place win in state competition. A Carnival of Cultures and concert are being organized by a senior as her senior project. Proceeds from these events will be going to a humanitarian project in a third world country. Spring sports have started with practices; the FBLA is preparing for their annual Film Festival, and the Key Club is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Johnson made a recommendation to the Board to approve the Consent/Action items listed on the agenda. Board members were invited to remove items from the agenda if an item needed more discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mr. Keith to the motion to approve the Consent/Action items as listed.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Currie announced the resignation of Joseph Deady as the Assistant Business Manager and Board Treasurer. He wished Mr. Deady well in his new position.

Dr. Johnson also thanked Mr. Deady for his service to the District and wished him well in his new job.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Consent/Action agenda items as presented:

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the February 24, 2011 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for February 2011.

EXHIBIT B

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

MATT HOLLIDAY School Board Director	Pennsylvania School Boards Association Institute for Collective Bargaining
DR. CHRISTOPHER HEY Director of Human Resources	Mechanicsburg, PA March 25, 2011 (Fri.) and June 24, 2011 (Fri.) Expense Total: \$1,230.64 (Combined)

ANN MARIE CARANFA Multi-Disability Support, Vernfield Elem.	Sensory Motor Disorders Workshop Allentown, PA
DEB DERRO Autistic Support, Vernfield Elem.	April 5, 2011 (Tues.) Expense Total: \$660.18 (combined) Substitute teachers are required.

DR. R. PAUL BAUMGARTNER School Board Member	Pennsylvania School Boards Association 2011 Legislative Advocacy Conference Harrisburg, PA April 17, 18, 2011 (Sun.-Mon.) Expense Total: \$647.20
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CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

LAURA MOYER Increase the Effectiveness of Your Language
Speech and Language Clinician Therapy Program: Practical Intervention
Vernfield Elementary Frazer, PA
April 29, 2011 (Fri.)
Expense Total: \$236.23

ROBERT BRUCHAK Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public
Director of Business Affairs Accountants School District Conference
Malvern, PA
June 9, 2011 (Thurs.)
Expense Total: \$308.15

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignation

JOSEPH DEADY Assistant Business Manager/School Board Treasurer
District Office
Effective: April 29, 2011

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Recommendation to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

TARA AMBRUCH Social Studies Teacher, Indian Crest M. S.
Beginning approximately October 27, 2011, following Family/Medical Leave, through
the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Ambruch is planning to return
to work for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

LAUREN SKOWRONSKI Fifth Grade Teacher, Franconia Elementary
Beginning approximately October 10, 2011, following Family/Medical Leave, through
the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Skowronski is planning to return
to work for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

MICHELE SMITH First Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary
Beginning approximately September 21, 2011, following Family/Medical Leave, through
the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Smith is planning to return to work
for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

DANIEL PISTON Intervention Teaching Asst., Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: March 18, 2011

KRISTIN SHOVLIN Intervention Teaching Asst., Vernfield Elem.
Effective: March 15, 2011

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Accept Resignations (Continued)

ROBERT WALKER Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: March 2, 2011

Recommendation to Approve Transfers

BRADLEY BARGHER From: Second Shift Custodian, High School
Replacement for To: District Custodial/Lawn Maintenance
Harrison Yerger (transfer) Beginning: March 25, 2011
Wage: \$19.31 – Hours: 8 per day

STEVEN ROTHERMEL From: Study Hall Aide, High School
Replacement for To: Attendance Secretary, High School
Phyllis Hicks (resigned) Beginning: March 8, 2011
Wage: \$11.89 per hour – Hours: 7.5 per day

EDNIBET SAPEG From: Food Service Substitute
Replacement for To: Food Service Manager Trainee – Indian Valley
Brenda Swarter (resigned) Beginning: March 14, 2011
Wage: \$10.30 – Hours: 5 per day

Recommendations for Employment

WENDY BRADSHAW Special Education Instructional Asst., High School
Replacement for Beginning: March 3, 2011
Elizabeth Neff (resigned) Wage: \$10.10 – Hours: 5 per day

GERRICK LANDIS Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Replacement for Beginning: March 28, 2011
Robert Walker (resigned) Wage: \$10.21 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Contracts

NICHOLAS CHIAROLANZA	Baseball Head Coach (IV)	\$2,013.00
BRIAN KRIZOVENSKY	Baseball Asst. Coach (IV)	1,409.00
LEIGH VOIGT	Lacrosse Head Coach (IV)	2,379.00
TAMI WENGER	Lacrosse Asst. Coach (IV)	1,748.00
VANESSA FERRIER	Softball Head Coach (IV)	2,013.00
JAMES O'NEILL	Track & Field Head Coach-boys (IV)	2,757.00
THOMAS LAVELLA	Baseball head Coach (IC)	2,242.00
LYNDA LEONETTI	Softball Asst. Coach (IC)	1,409.00
STEPHANIE MARTIN	Track & Field Head Coach-girls (IC)	2,013.00
MATTHEW BENNER	Track & Field Head Coach-boys (IC)	2,013.00

Recommendation to Approve Contracted Services for Coaching Staff

CAROL ATKINSON Softball Head Coach (IC) \$2,135.00

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Additions/Changes to Community Education Staff and Salaries

Additions

RICK ALDERFER	Mangia, Mangia – An Italian Feast - 4 hours	\$20/hour
ANITA BROWN	Basic Computer Class for Special Group	\$300.00
CINDY CROUTHAMEL	Quilted Designer Bag or Tote - 7 hours	\$20/hour
ANDREA LYSTAD	Zumba in the Afternoon (extension class) - 7 hours	\$20/hour

Change

TRISH COQUERON	Develop Your Own Landscape Project (Class fee reduced from \$450.00)	\$320.00
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Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

Souderton Area High School – SAVE Organization (RATIFICATION)

Date: March 20 to 22, 2011 (Sun.-Tues.)

Destination: Penn State University, State College, PA

Purpose of Trip: Student presentation and participation at the Pennsylvania State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. The students were selected for their solar research project. (Notification was received on March 3, 2011.)

Number of Students: 4 Number of Chaperones: 1

Requesting Teacher/Advisor: Ken Hamilton

Trip will be paid by the students.

Souderton Area High School – Choir Students

Date: March 31 to April 3, 2011 (Thurs. to Sun.)

Destination: Baltimore, MD

Purpose of Trip: Students will be performing with the best singers from 13 states on the east coast – All-Eastern Chorus.

Number of Students: 3 Number of Chaperones: 1

Requesting Teacher/Advisor: Teresa Washam

Trip is financed by the district.

Souderton Area High School – Choir Students

Date: April 13 to 16, 2011 (Sun. to Wed.)

Destination: Hershey, PA

Purpose of Trip: Students will be performing with the best singers in Pennsylvania – All-State Chorus.

Number of Students: 4 Number of Chaperones: 1

Requesting Teacher/Advisor: Teresa Washam

Trip is financed by Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Ratify/Approve Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Requests (Continued)

Souderton Area High School – Indoor Drum Line/Indoor Color Guard Students

Date: April 28 to May 1, 2011 (Thurs. to Sun.)

Destination: Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ

Purpose of Trip: Students will participate in the Indoor Drum Line and Indoor Color Guard Championships.

Number of Students: 33 Number of Chaperones: 8

Requesting Teacher/Advisor: Adam Tucker

Trip will be paid by the students.

Indian Crest Middle School, Indian Valley Middle School and Souderton Area High School – Science Fair Students

Date: May 15, 16, 17, 2011 (Sun., Mon., Tues.)

Destination: State College, PA

Purpose of Trip: Students will present their independent science research project to judges at the State Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition.

Number of Students: 8 Number of Chaperones: 3

Requesting Teacher(s)/Advisor(s): Karen Frazier

Trip will be paid by the students.

Indian Crest and Indian Valley Middle Schools – Gifted Support Students

Date: May 18, 2011 (Wed.)

Destination: Liberty Park, NJ

Purpose of Trip: Visit Liberty Island Science Park, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to enhance and extend seventh and eighth grade science and social studies curriculum.

Number of Students: 94 Number of Chaperones: 10

Requesting Teacher(s)/Advisor(s): Joseph Gunn and Eric Hartman

Trip will be paid by the students.

Recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the following employee groups to enact the Souderton Area School District's Direct Deposit Plan:

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| 1. | Souderton Area Secretaries' Association | EXHIBIT C |
| 2. | Souderton Area Educational Support Personnel Association | EXHIBIT D |
| 3. | Teamsters Local Union #384 | EXHIBIT E |

Recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Souderton Area Education Association to enact the District's Direct Deposit Plan, allow approval of reimbursement for certain online courses, and allow for use of additional personal day leave in the 2010-2011 school year.

EXHIBIT F

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to approve a 12 month extension to the Exclusive Listing Agreement with Binswanger of Pennsylvania, Inc, acting as the School District's exclusive agent in connection with the sale of the old Souderton Area High School and property located in Souderton Borough, Montgomery County and athletic fields located in Hilltown Township, Bucks County.

EXHIBIT G

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to approve the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budgets for the 2011-2012 School Year as discussed at the December 15, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting.

1. Administrative Services Budget for 2011-2012.
2. Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services Budget for 2011-2012.
3. Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget for 2011-2012.
4. Technology and Information Services Budget for 2011-2012.

There was a motion by Dr. Baumgartner, with a second by Mrs. Basile to take action on the four budgets that make up the MCIU Budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Currie reviewed a few procedural issues regarding the vote and ballot requirements for each Board member.

Mr. Sultanik reminded the Board members that they should not fill out the Proportionate Vote area on the ballot.

First Roll Call Vote: 1. Administrative Services Budget for 2011-2012.

There was a roll call vote for the Administrative Services Budget for 2011-2012:

Jill Basile – Yes	Ken Keith - No
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner – Yes	Thomas Kwiatkowski - Yes
William Brong – No	R. Bud Miller - Absent
Matt Holliday – No	Bernard Currie - No
Scott Jelinski - Yes	

The vote was taken on the motion, and on a vote of 4 to 4, with 1 member absent, it was

RESOLVED, That there was no decision by the Board on the motion for the Montgomery County I. U. 2011-2012 Administrative Services Budget. The motion did not pass; the motion did not fail.

EXHIBIT H

Second Roll Call Vote: 2. Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services Budget for 2011-2012.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to approve the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budgets for the 2011-2012 School Year as discussed at the December 15, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting (Continued)

There was a roll call vote for the Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services Budget for 2011-2012:

Jill Basile – Yes	Ken Keith - Yes
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner – Yes	Thomas Kwiatkowski - No
William Brong – No	R. Bud Miller - Absent
Matt Holliday – Yes	Bernard Currie - No
Scott Jelinski - Yes	

The vote was taken on the motion, and on a vote of 5 to 3, with 1 member absent, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the motion for the Montgomery County I. U. Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services Budget for 2011-2012. **EXHIBIT I**

Third Roll Call Vote: 3. Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget for 2011-2012.

There was a roll call vote for the Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget for 2011-2012:

Jill Basile – No	Ken Keith - No
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner – No	Thomas Kwiatkowski - No
William Brong – No	R. Bud Miller - Absent
Matt Holliday – No	Bernard Currie - No
Scott Jelinski - No	

The vote was taken on the motion, and on a vote of 0 to 8, with 1 member absent, it was

RESOLVED, That the motion failed to pass on the Montgomery County I. U. Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget for 2011-2012. **EXHIBIT J**

Fourth Roll Call Vote: 4. Technology and Information Services Budget for 2011-2012.

There was a roll call vote for the Technology and Information Services Budget for 2011-2012:

Jill Basile – No	Ken Keith - No
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner – Yes	Thomas Kwiatkowski - No
William Brong – No	R. Bud Miller - Absent
Matt Holliday – No	Bernard Currie - No
Scott Jelinski - No	

The vote was taken on the motion, and on a vote of 1 to 7, with 1 member absent, it was

RESOLVED, That the motion failed on the Montgomery County I. U. 2011-2012 Technology and Information Services Budget for 2011-2012. **EXHIBIT K**

INFORMATIONAL

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

The schedule of April 2011 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM (Additional Meeting)

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Policy Committee Meeting immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM (Additional Meeting)

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Operations Committee Meeting immediately following the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, April 28, 2011 - 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, April 18, 2011 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sunneytown 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, April 27, 2011 at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

Mr. Currie mentioned that there are several Finance Committee meetings coming up. The Board will be working on finalizing the 2011-2012 budget.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report from the solicitor.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

An announcement was made by Mr. Currie about the Souderton Area Education Foundation fundraiser “Sweet Dreams” to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Souderton Area High School. Mr. Currie spoke about the activities that will be held at that event.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about his experience as a judge at the Montgomery County Science Fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Basile, with a second by Mr. Keith to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken on the motion, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Bruchak
Board Secretary