

Souderton Area School District  
760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

A special public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Frank Gallagher called the roll in Ms. Lenz's absence. Board members present were:

PRESENT:	Jill S. Basile	Scott C. Jelinski
	Nicholas A. Braccio	Ken R. Keith
	William J. Brong	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	Bernard S. Currie	Donna M. Scheuren
	Matt Holliday	
SOLICITOR:	No Solicitor	

Also present at the meeting were: Frank Ball, Brandon Bilohlavek, Maryellen Brousseau, Donna Brown, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Gurgick, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Carol Luciani, Elisa Snedaker, reporters from *The Souderton Independent* and *The Reporter* newspapers, and community members.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

The meeting opened with public comment on agenda items. Ms. Stephanie Carmody, resident of Lower Salford Township, spoke about the proposed property tax increase and asked the Board to consider the taxpayers when voting on the final budget.

Mr. Currie responded to Ms. Carmody's comments by mentioning the challenges that the Board and administration are facing while trying to come up with a fair and balanced budget.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Johnson made a recommendation to the Board, asking them to approve the Consent/Action item as presented.

Motion to Approve the Souderton Area School District 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget, which totals \$108,307,140, as presented at the December 14, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting and the December 20, 2011 School Board Meeting. This preserves the Board's option to use the Act 1 Index plus Exceptions as necessary. The 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget has been advertized and made available to the public, as required by Act 1.

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski and a second by Mrs. Basile on the motion. The motion was put to a vote, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Souderton Area School District 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget, which totals \$108,307,140, as presented at the December 14, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting and the December 20, 2011 School Board Meeting. This action preserves the Board's option to use the Act 1 Index plus Exceptions as necessary. The 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget has been advertized and made available to the public, as required by Act 1. **EXHIBIT 1**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Currie announced that there would be a short Executive Session following the Operations Committee meeting.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mr. Keith to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Frederick C. Johnson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools