

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, September 22, 2011, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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	Scott C. Jelinski
	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Ken R. Keith
	William J. Brong	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	Bernard S. Currie	R. Bud Miller

ABSENT: Matt Holliday

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Maryellen Brousseau, Robert Bruchak, Stephen Bukowski, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Gurgick, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Tim Roberts, Ridgley Schultz, Elisa Snedaker, Stasha Sosnowicz, reporters from *The Reporter* and the *Souderton Independent*, and members from the community.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Reporting at the meeting were Stasha Sosnowicz, representing the Class of 2012, and Ridgley Schultz, representing the Class of 2013. Stasha reported on the student life at the high school, such as: Senior Project preparation, college visitations from many prestigious colleges, last chance for seniors to take SATs, Advanced Placement expectations, and the recent plumbing problem at the high school. Stasha also mentioned that the high school yearbook, *the Unaliyi*, recently won a national recognition award for excellence.

Ridgley reported on the activities of the LINK Crew organization and how they have been helping freshman transition to the high school. A club fair was held recently to give students the opportunity to take a look at the more than 30 clubs available for students to participate in. Fall sports are in mid-season, the high school's morning TV show "Red Alert" has started airing, and he reported on the mixed reaction from the students about the introduction of the new "Big Red" mascot.

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

Mr. Currie asked the Board members if anyone wanted to remove any items from the Consent/Action agenda for further discussion.

Dr. Johnson, on behalf of the administration, made a recommendation to the Board to consider approving the Consent/Action items A through K on the agenda, as well as the Consent/Action items listed on the addendum.

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski, followed by a second from Dr. Baumgartner, to bring the items to a vote. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was...

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Consent/Action agenda items, including the items from the Addendum, as presented.

Motion to Approve Minutes of the August 25, 2011 School Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for August 2011.

EXHIBIT A

Motion to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

MATT HAINES

Lead Assistant Principal,
Souderton Area High School

Boosting Student Achievement

Philadelphia, PA

October 4, 2011 (Tuesday)

Total Expenses: \$344.73 – Staff Development Budget

DR. FREDERICK JOHNSON

Superintendent of Schools

Pennsylvania School Boards Association's School

Leadership Conference

Hershey, PA

October 18-21, 2011 (Tuesday-Friday)

Total Expenses: \$1,107.70 – Conference Budget

WILLIAM CODDINGTON

Assistant Principal,
Souderton Area High School

Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association Annual

Training Conference

Hershey, PA

October 19, 2011 (Wednesday)

Total Expenses: \$168.79 – Pupil Services Budget

DR. SAMUEL VARANO

Principal, Souderton Area High School

Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and

Secondary School Principals State Conference

State College, PA

October 23–24, 2011 (Sunday-Monday)

Total Expenses: \$278.50 – Pupil Services Budget

TODD BROWN

Supervisor of Special Education -
Middle Schools

Eastern Pennsylvania Special Education Administrators'

Conference

Hershey, PA

October 27-28, 2011 (Thursday-Friday)

Total Expenses: \$590.11 – IDEA Funds

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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

DR. NICOLE PAUZANO

District Psychologist

Treating Anxiety in Youth: Clinical Strategies with
Empirically Supported Programs

Norristown, PA

November 8, 2011 (Tuesday)

Total Expenses: \$150.53 – Psychologists' Budget

ANNE FITCH

Gifted Support, Souderton High School

JOSEPH GUNN

Gifted Support, Indian Crest M. S.

NANCY RUGEL

Gifted Support, Indian Valley M. S.

HEATHER WILLIAMS

Gifted Support, Salford Hills Elem.

STACY ZANINE

Gifted Support, Oak Ridge Elem.

Challenging the Gifted Conference

Doylestown, PA

November 16, 2011 (Wednesday)

Total Expenses: \$868.99 (Combined)-Spec. Ed. Budget

Substitutes Needed for Mr. Gunn & Mrs. Zanine

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Motion to Approve Extension of Unpaid Leave

COLEEN McGOWAN

Second Grade, West Broad Street Elementary

Motion to approve the unpaid leave of absence for Coleen McGowan starting as of the cessation of her Family & Medical Leave on October 31, 2011 until the last teacher workday of the 2011-2012 school year.

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Motion to Approve Resignations

LEAH BIREK

Intervention Teaching Assist. – Vernfield Elementary

Effective: August 25, 2011

BETHANN CIANCIARULO

Food Service Assist. – Indian Crest Middle School

Effective: August 29, 2011

LORI KRAYNAK

Substitute Playground Aide – Lower Salford Elementary

Effective: August 29, 2011

LEAH PACITTO

Food Service Substitute

Effective: August 30, 2011

JOYCE SEALS

Food Service Assist. – Souderton Area High School

Effective: August 30, 2011

LORI SAVILLE

Special Education Instructional Asst. – Vernfield Elem.

Effective: October 14, 2011

JEAN SHELLY

Part-Time Summer Custodian

Effective: August 30, 2011

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Motion to Approve Resignations (Continued)

LINDA WILDE

Building Facilities Manager – E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Effective: September 23, 2011

Motion to Approve Transfer

WANDA SHANNON

From: Food Service Assist. – Salford Hills Elementary
To: Food Service Substitute
Beginning: August 29, 2011
Wage: \$9.73 per hour – Hours: As needed

Motion to Approve Employment

ELAINE BARNDT

Substitute Security Guard, Souderton Area High School
Beginning: September 1, 2011
Wage: \$16.65 per hour – Hours: As needed

ADAM EWING

Replacement for
Kristin Penderghest (resigned)

Intervention Teaching Assist. – Indian Crest M. S.
Beginning: September 12, 2011
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 6 per day

AMANDA FRENCH

New Position

One-to-One Instructional Assist. – Franconia Elementary
Wage: \$10.43 per hour – Hours 3.25 per day (AM)
Beginning: September 14, 2011

AMANDA FRENCH

Replacement for
Leah Birek (resigned)

Intervention Teaching Assist. – Vernfield Elementary
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 3 per day (PM)
Beginning: September 14, 2011

GINA GILMORE

Replacement for
Beth Schueck (transfer)

Cafeteria/Playground Aide – West Broad St. Elementary
Beginning: August 29, 2011
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: 1.5 per day

JEFFERY GOWER

Substitute Security Guard, Souderton Area High School
Beginning: September 12, 2011
Wage: \$16.65 per hour – Hours: As needed

JANICE OLSZEWSKI

Replacement for
Michelle Cwikla (transfer)

Cafeteria/Playground Aide – Franconia Elementary
Beginning: September 12, 2011
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: 1.5 per day

DENISE RANDALL

Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide – Vernfield Elem.
Beginning: September 19, 2011
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: As needed

AARON SCOTT

Part-Time Custodial Substitute
Beginning: September 19, 2011
Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: As needed

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

Motion to Approve Employment (Continued)

KELLY STACKHOUSE
Replacement for
Miranda Moyer (resigned)

Special Services Nurse – Multiple Disabilities Class –
Vernfield Elementary
Beginning: August 29, 2011
Wage: \$18.27 per hour – Hours: 7.5 per day

LISA STAMPER
Replacement for
Phyllis Greiser (resigned)

Cafeteria/Playground Aide – West Broad St. Elementary
Beginning: August 29, 2011
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: 1.5 per day

ANNA MARIA STONE
Replacement for
Danielle McConaghy (resigned)

Special Education Instructional Assist.–Franconia Elem.
Beginning: September 6, 2011
Wage: \$10.10 per hour – Hours: 5.5 per day

Motion to Approve Mentors/Mentor Revisions for the 2011-2012 School Year

LINDA H. MOYER	Mentor to Barbara Coale	\$600.00
TAMARA CALLAHAN	Co-Mentor to Caitlin Griffo	300.00
CATHERINE SWANSON	Mentor to Alexandra Horvath	600.00

Motion to Approve District Supplemental Contracts for the 2011-2012 School Year

NICOLE GOLDSWORTHY Head Cheerleading Coach, Indian Crest \$2,372.00 **EXHIBIT B**

Motion to Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2011-2012 School Year

JACOB HOFFMAN **CHRISTINE WITTER** **HEATHER ZEIGLER**

Motion to Approve Overnight Field Trips

Souderton Area High School – Student Government – Tenth Grade Students

Date: April 1–4, 2012 (Sunday–Wednesday)

Destination: Penn State University, Main Campus, State College, PA

Purpose of the Trip: Students will participate in the Second Mile Leadership Institute and develop a community service project.

Number of Students: 5

Number of Chaperones: 2

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Gary McManus

Trip is provided free of charge by the Second Mile Institute.

Souderton Area High School – Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Students from Grades 10-12

Date: October 23–24, 2011 (Sunday–Monday)

Destination: Lancaster Host Inn and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA

Purpose of the Trip: Workshops and conferences to prepare FBLA leaders for planning events and service activities for the year.

Number of Students: 10

Number of Chaperones: 2

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Maria Halteman

Trip will be financed by students and fundraising activities.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Motion to enter into a contract agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide courses and services through Brandywine Virtual Academy for enrolled Souderton students. **EXHIBIT C**

Motion to approve the recommendation to allow middle school students who complete high school level World Language and/or Honors Geometry in eighth grade, to earn the commensurate credit toward high school graduation requirements, beginning with the Class of 2015.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Motion to Approve Resolution Regarding the Funding of the Indian Valley Public Library

Mr. Currie reviewed Board discussions that took place during the budget process last winter and spring to determine how the district would fund shortfalls in the budget. When developing the Five-Year Plan for budgeting purposes, it was discovered that the district would realize budget shortfalls for the next several years. The way Act 1 has been working, the district will not be able to fund those shortfalls. So the Board looked at the budget to find ways to reduce expenditures. One place to reduce expenses was to eliminate funding to the Indian Valley Public Library. Mr. Currie indicated that the decision will not be popular with the public. He reminded the public that the Act 1 environment was not in place at the time the funding to the library was developed.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board to consider a vote on the Resolution regarding the withdrawal of funding for the Indian Valley Public Library.

There was a motion by Dr. Baumgartner, with a second to the motion by Mrs. Basile.

Mr. Currie stated that the purpose of the Resolution was to give the Indian Valley Public Library advance notice that the Souderton Area School District will cease funding the Indian Valley Public Library as of January 2013. Taking action now will give the library more than a year's notice.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board authorize the issuance of a formal written notice of the District's intent to withdraw from participation in the Task Force Funding Committee (TFFC) effective January 1, 2013. **EXHIBIT D**

INFORMATION

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

The schedule of October 2011 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors is listed below:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
The Policy Committee Meeting for October 5, 2011 **HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
The Operations Committee Meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, October 27, 2011 - Board of School Directors Meeting – 7:00 PM

INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

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

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, October 17, 2011 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, October 26, 2011 at 7:45 PM in Conference Room B3/B4 at the MCIU Office Building, 1605 W. Main Street, Norristown, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report from Mr. Sultanik.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Brong reported that the construction at the North Montco Technical Career Center is just about complete, and the center was able to open the school year on time. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place during the Holiday Dinner in December. The public will have the opportunity to visit the improved center in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Heffner, resident of Souderton Borough, spoke about the public's dislike of the "Big Red" mascot.

Mr. Currie asked the administration to look into this matter.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Miller, with a second by Dr. Baumgartner to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was...

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

Respectfully,

Frederick C. Johnson, Ed.D.
Superintendent