

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, January 24, 2013, 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 instructions on meeting protocol, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT:	Jill S. Basile	Bernard S. Currie	Ken R. Keith
	Nicholas A. Braccio	Matt Holliday	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	William J. Brong	Scott C. Jelinski	Donna M. Scheuren

SOLICITOR: Ellen Enters, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Lynn Connery, Deb Doeblen, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Beth Harbon, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, John McLaughlin, Sheryl Moyer, Natalie Robertson, Ridgley Schultz, Joan Shellenberger, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone (Secretary), David Thayres, reporters from the **Arrowhead**, **Intelligencer**, and **The Reporter** newspapers, and community members.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Reading Recovery Program -- Lynn Connery

Mr. Gallagher shared background information about the start of the Reading Recovery program. He introduced Lynn Connery, Reading Recovery Coordinator, who introduced other Reading Recovery teachers who were present at the meeting (Joan Shellenberger, Beth Harbon, and Sheryl Moyer). She briefly spoke about the program and then showed a video of the Reading Recovery teachers and their students working together on this intensive literary program for first graders.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MONTH

Dr. Frederick C. Johnson

Dr. Johnson announced that January was School Director Recognition Month in the State of Pennsylvania. He thanked the school directors for their commitment to provide a quality education for the students, for being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the community, and for their endless hours of voluntary service.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

NATALIE ROBERTSON – Junior Class Representative – Class of 2014
RIDGLEY SCHULTZ – Senior Class Representative – Class of 2013

Natalie reported that the high school students were at the end of the first semester and final exams would be starting next week. The Link Crew sponsored a "Cocoa and Cram" session, where crew members tutored underclassmen on how to study for their final exams. The Keystone exams were also given recently to juniors and seniors.

As for clubs and organizations at the high school, the Indoor Drum Line and Color Guard will be competing in their first competition of the year, and SAVE just completed their annual and popular Christmas tree and cardboard recycling program.

In other events at the high school, Ridgley reported on the upcoming Winter Ball and the Prom Fashion Show. The Fashion Show allows local businesses to show their prom fashions and accessories, and the students become the models for the fashions; a very popular event.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (CONTINUED)

Winter sports are still in competition, with the boys and girls basketball teams doing very well. Finally, seniors are receiving their college acceptance letters and thinking about college life.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Stephanie Carmody, resident of Lower Salford Township, addressed the preliminary budget, state tax reform, and the funding of the state employee pension fund. She asked Board members to continue speaking with local politicians about state tax reform.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

- A. On January 2, 2013, the Board of School Directors held a work session on policy.
- B. An Executive Session was held on January 16, 2013 to discuss personnel items.
- C. An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel items.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Johnson recommended that the Board approve the consent/action agenda items **A** through **Q** as listed. Board members were invited to remove items from the consent/action agenda if further discussion was needed. Items brought to the Board for consideration were:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Board Meeting.
- Motion to approve the financial statements and check listings for December 2012.
- Motion to approve requests to attend conferences and workshops.
- Motion to approve Personnel: Professional Staff recommendation for employment.
- Motion to approve Personnel: Support Staff items such as: resignations, transfers, and recommendations for employment.
- Motion to approve a mentor for the remainder of the 2012-2013 School Year.
- Motion to approve a supplemental contract for the Community Education Program.
- Motion to approve the employment of additional substitute teachers.
- Motion to approve a supplemental contract for coaching.
- Motion to approve a three-year contract with OIG Compliance NOW, LLC for medical access sanction screening.
- Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Single Audit Report.
- Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Final Budget transfers as per the auditors.
- Motion to approve a Confidential Release and Placement Agreement in lieu of FAPE for a Souderton student.
- Motion to approve the Tax Collector Compensation Agreement for years 2014-2017.
- Motion to approve the expulsion of a Souderton student.
- Motion to approve the Souderton Area Community Education courses and instructor salaries for the Winter/Spring 2013 session.
- Motion to approve an out-of-state/overnight field trip.

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski, with a second by Mr. Keith, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was . . .

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- A. Motion to approve Minutes of the December 20, 2012 School Board meeting.
- B. Motion to approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for December 2012. **EXHIBIT A**
- C. Motion to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops
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| NATHAN WAMBOLD
English, High School | Step Up to Writing Seminar
Norristown, PA
February 6, 2013 (Wednesday)
Total Expenses: \$400.34 – Substitute Needed
Expenses paid from the High School Curriculum budget. |
| CARLEEN CALDWELL
Autistic Support, Franconia Elem. | Strategies that Work! Social Skills/Behavior Solutions for Students
with Autism Seminar |
| CHRISTINE ZWAAN
Autistic Support, Lower Salford Elem. | Cherry Hill, NJ
February 21, 22, 2013 (Thursday, Friday)
Total Combined Expenses: \$609.84
Substitutes needed for both teachers.
Expenses paid from the Special Education budget. |
| MATTHEW HAINES
Assistant Principal, High School | Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference
Hershey, PA |
| MARIA HALTEMAN
Business Education, High School
FBLA Advisor | April 14-17, 2013 (Sunday-Wednesday)
Total Combined Expenses: \$2,468.01
Substitutes needed for two teachers. |
| STUART MARJORAM
Business Education, High School | Expenses paid by the FBLA & Substitute Teacher accounts. |
- D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1. Recommendation for Employment
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| BLAIR ENDY
Replacement for
Therese Tirado (sabbatical)
<u>Education</u>
Bloomsburg Univ. (BS)
2011 | English Teacher, Souderton Area High School
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
Effective: Second Sem. of the 2012-2013 School Year
<u>Experience</u>
Aug. 2012-Jan. 2013-Souderton Area S.D.-High School-Long-Term
Substitute-English Teacher
Apr.-Jun. 2012–North Penn S.D.–Pennbrook M.S.-Substitute English
Teacher
Recommended Salary - \$19,824 – B (1) |
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- E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF
1. Motion to Approve Resignations
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| ALEXANDRA BOLLINGER | Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: January 31, 2013 |
| MARTHA DETWEILER | Cafe/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elementary
Effective: December 26, 2012 |
| ELIZABETH KAUFFMAN | Instructional Asst., Autistic Support, Vernfield Elem.
Effective: January 11, 2013 |
| ASHLEY ROSEN | Title I Teaching Asst., West Broad St. Elementary
Effective: December 21, 2012 |

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

2. Motion to Approve Transfers

HEIDI BORISOW

Replacement for
Martha Detweiler
(resigned)

From: Sub. Cafe/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
To: Café/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem. School
Beginning: January 3, 2013
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: 1.5/day - 2 days/week

KELLY CHAMBERLAIN

Replacement for
Melissa McVaugh
(resigned)

From: Substitute Special Education, Instructional Assist.,
Souderton Area High School
To: Title I Teaching Asst., Franconia Elementary
Effective: Second Semester, 2012-2013 School Year
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 6 per day

KATHLEEN DOVE

From: Cafe/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
To: Sub. Café/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elem.
Beginning: December 21, 2012
Wage: \$10.10 per hour – Hours: as needed

TIMOTHY LONG

From: Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elementary
To: District Substitute Part-Time Custodian
Beginning: January 8, 2013
Wage: \$10.62 per hour – Hours: as needed

MICHELLE MARTIN

Replacement for
Elishia Young-Platt
(resigned)

From: Substitute Café/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
To: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning: January 2, 2013
Wage: \$9.90 per hour – Hours: 1.5 per day

3. Motion to Approve Employment

AMY CIAFREI

Replacement for
Lisa Walters (childrearing)

Substitute Intervention Teaching Assistant, Lower Salford Elem.
Effective: January 2, 2013 through April 5, 2013
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 6 per day

LISA EDGHILL

New Position

Special Education, Instructional Asst., One-to-One, Souderton Area
High School
Beginning: January 7, 2013
Wage: \$10.43 per hour – Hours: 6.5 per day

ANTHONY GENOVESE

Replacement for
Thomas Ousey (resigned)

Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School
Beginning: January 2, 2013
Wage: \$10.62 per hour - Hours: 4 per day

MATTHEW JAINDL

Replacement for
Adam Ewing (resigned)

Intervention Teaching Asst., Indian Crest Middle School
Beginning: January 11, 2013
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 6 per day

CHRISTINE MARTIN

Replacement for
Elishia Young-Platt (resigned)

Special Education Instructional Asst., One-to-One, Oak Ridge Elem.
Beginning: December 17, 2012
Wage: \$10.43 per hour – Hours: 5 per day

JOCLYN MOLINARO

Replacement for
Trudy Gojeski (transfer)

Instructional Asst., One-to-One, Franconia Elementary
Beginning: January 9, 2013
Wage: \$10.43 per hour - Hours: 6.5 per day

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

3. Motion to Approve Employment (Continued)

STEPHEN NENTWIG Replacement for Timothy Long (transfer)	Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elementary Beginning: January 23, 2013 Wage: \$10.62 per hour - Hours: 4 per day
CHARLENE SZABO Replacement for Kathleen Dove (transfer)	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elementary Beginning: January 7, 2013 Wage: \$9.40 per hour - Hours: 1.5 per day
ROBERT VOLLMER Replacement for Caitlin Hoffman (resigned)	Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary Beginning: January 23, 2013 Wage: \$10.62 per hour - Hours: 4 per day
COLLEEN WULTERKENS Replacement for Ashley Rosen (resigned)	Title I Teaching Asst., West Broad St. Elementary Beginning: January 16, 2013 Wage: \$13.58 per hour - Hours: 6 per day

F. Motion to Approve Mentor for the 2012-2013 School Year

STACEY ARONOW	Mentor for Blair Endy (second semester)	\$300.00
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G. Motion to Approve Supplemental Contract for Community Education Program

ANITA BROWN	Winter/Spring 2013 Brochure Layout and Design	\$450.00
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H. Motion to Approve Employment of Additional Substitute Teachers

KELLY CHAMBERLAIN	AMY CIAFREI	CALEB DELP
ELISABETH EVANS	MATTHEW JAINDL	KIMBERLY MALMQUIST
JOCLYN MOLINARO	KELLI WEINERT	

I. Motion to Approve Supplemental Contract for Coaching

MICHAEL CHILDS	Head Basketball Coach, Boys (IC)	\$2,586.00
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J. Motion to approve a three-year contract with OIG Compliance NOW, LLC to perform Medical Access Sanction Screening for District affiliated personnel and vendors. **EXHIBIT B**

K. Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Single Audit Report as prepared by Gorman & Associates. **EXHIBIT C**

L. Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Final Budget Transfers as per recommendation by the auditors. **EXHIBIT D**

M. Motion to approve a Confidential Release and Placement Agreement in lieu of FAPE for one (1) Souderton student. **EXHIBIT E**

N. Recommendation to Approve Tax Collector Compensation Agreement for years 2014-2017. **EXHIBIT F**

O. Student Expulsion

Pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, that the Board approve the expulsion of Student I. D. **253025** 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.

P. Motion to approve the Souderton Area Community Education Winter/Spring 2013 session courses and listing of instructor's salaries. **EXHIBIT G**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Currie commented on the agreement and that the sale price is above the appraised value of the property. He went on to comment that the money from this sale, by law, must go toward paying down debt service owed by the District.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the sale of the old Souderton Area High School property to Turnersville Estates, L.P. of Lansdale, in the amount of \$6.91 Million. **EXHIBIT I**

INFORMATIONAL

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

- A. The schedule of February 2013 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors is listed below:

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30PM
Operations Committee Meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, February 28, 2013 – School Board Action 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.

- B. The next meeting of the North Montco Technical Career Center’s Joint Operating Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Administrative Conference Room at the Technical Career Center, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.
- C. The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, beginning at 7:45 PM. The meeting will be held in Conference Room B3/B4 at the Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Ellen Enters, Esq.

There was no report from the solicitor.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

No business from the Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Paul Baumgartner, resident of Franconia Township and former Board member, thanked the Board for their time, commitment, and service to the school district and the community.

Don Landry, resident of Franconia Township, asked when the community would no longer be obligated to pay taxes for the old high school property. He also praised the Board of School Directors for their time and service.

ADIOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no other business to discuss, there was a motion by Mrs. Basile, with a second by Mr. Kwiatkowski to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully,

William R. Stone, Jr.
Board Secretary