

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, May 15, 2013, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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: No Solicitor

Also present at the meeting were: Dan Barber, Maryellen Brousseau, Donna Brown, Deb Doebler, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Gurgick, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Kyle Longacre, Mike Olenick, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone (Secretary), Dr. Sam Varano, and reporters from the *Intelligencer* and *The Reporter* newspapers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION AGENDA

Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final General Fund Budget and make it available for public inspection no later than May 30, 2013.

Mr. Stone mentioned that the budget had been reviewed and discussed since it was approved in January, with the detailed presentation of the Proposed Final Budget taking place at the May 1, 2013 Finance Committee meeting. This presentation is posted on the Souderton Area School District Website, www.soudertonsd.org for public inspection.

Mr. Stone presented an executive summary of the Proposed Final Budget for 2013-2014. Items talked about in the summary were the closure of Lower Salford Elementary School, which reduced expenditures by \$1.3 million. Since passage of the Preliminary Budget, the Administration has been able to make adjustments to the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget totaling over \$930,000. The Proposed Final Budget recommends a real estate tax increase of 1.14%, with the ending Fund Balance, as of June 30, 2014, at \$7.303 million or 6.75% of the Budget.

The Proposed Final Budget, as of May 15, 2013, shows expenditures totaling \$108,166,132, with a budget shortfall of \$852,959. Calculations show a 1.14% tax increase would be necessary to balance the budget, with no money used from the Fund Balance.

ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final General Fund Budget and make it available for public inspection no later than May 30, 2013 (Continued)

At this point, Dr. Johnson made the recommendation to the Board to approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final General Fund Budget and make it available for public inspection no later than May 30, 2013.

There was a motion from Mr. Jelinski to approve the recommendation. Mr. Braccio seconded the motion.

Mr. Currie noted that this vote on the Proposed Final Budget was not the final vote. He noted that there was another month for the administration to review the budget for additional cuts in expenses before the final vote takes place on June 19, 2013.

The vote was taken and on a vote of eight (8) affirmative votes to one (1) negative vote by Mrs. Scheuren, the vote was. . .

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final General Fund Budget and make it available for public inspection no later than May 30, 2013.

EXHIBIT A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Currie adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully,

William R. Stone, Jr.
Board Secretary