

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

The monthly public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Scott C. Jelinski, followed by instructions on meeting protocol and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT:	Jill S. Basile	Scott C. Jelinski
	Nicholas A. Braccio	Ken R. Keith
	William J. Brong	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	Janet M. Flisak	Donna M. Scheuren
	Matt Holliday	
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Maryellen Brousseau, Taylor Despain, Henry Franz, Sharon Fuhrman, Frank Gallagher, Dr. Christopher Hey, Sarah Hormell, Daniel Kujala, Thomas Quintois, Tim Roberts, Walt Salevsky, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone, Jr. (Secretary), Dr. Sam Varano, Caitlin Warren, Teresa Washam, representatives from *The Intelligencer* and Radio Station WNPV, and members of the community.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

A. Souderton Area High School -- State Swimming Champion

Dr. Varano, principal of Souderton Area High School, introduced Thomas Quintois, athletic director at Souderton Area High School, who spoke about Kevin Musteraite's accomplishment in swimming.

**KEVIN E. MUSTERAITE**, a senior at Souderton Area High School, recently competed in four events at the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships at Bucknell University. In the 100 freestyle, Kevin touched the wall with a time of 43.94, winning the event and taking the state title. He is one of very few people in the state of Pennsylvania to break 44 seconds in the 100 freestyle. Kevin was also part of the 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays which placed third and fifth respectively, while breaking the team records.

Caitlin Warren, Kevin's swimming coach, congratulated Kevin for his hard work, energy and his State Championship title.

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a second by Mr. Keith, to recognize Kevin Musteraite for winning the State Championship title. The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was. . .

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize Kevin Musteraite for winning the State title in swimming.

**EXHIBIT A**

Mr. Jelinski asked Kevin's family to stand and thanked them for their support.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

B. Souderton Area High School – PMEA Chorus Participants

Dr. Varano introduced Teresa Washam, Souderton Area High School's chorus director, who spoke about the process of auditioning and being selected to participate in the PMEA District, Regional and All-State Chorus. Mrs. Washam introduced each student and spoke about their high school choral experience.

The following High School students were selected by audition to participate in the Pennsylvania State Music Educator's (PMEA) Districts, Regional or All-State chorus.

**HIRSH SISODIA** – Grade 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tenor I Section  
**ERIC SOUDER** – Grade 10 – 16<sup>th</sup> Place Tenor II Section  
**JASON DIETRICH** – Grade 11 – 8<sup>th</sup> Place Bass I Section  
**KAYLA GLEASON** – Grade 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> Place Alto II Section  
**DAVID HENRY** – Grade 11 – 12<sup>th</sup> Place Bass II Section  
**H. MICHAELA HILLING** – Grade 11 – 10<sup>th</sup> Place Soprano II Section  
**CORINNE LANDES** – Grade 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Soprano II Section  
**ERIN MACIVER** – Grade 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Alto II Section  
**REAGHAN MURPHY** – Grade 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alto I Section  
**KYLE HARKER** – Grade 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Place Bass II Section

Mrs. Washam asked the parents to stand and thanked them for their support. The students then sang a short a cappella number for the Board and the audience.

Mr. Gallagher added that Souderton is known for its music department and thanked Mrs. Washam and Mr. Kujala for their hard work in the music department. He announced that the chorus sang the National Anthem last week at the Phillies baseball game and Mrs. Washam threw out the first ball of the game.

There was a motion by Mrs. Scheuren, with a second by Mrs. Basile, to recognize the PMEA choral students for their accomplishments in this year's music festivals. The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was. . .

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the PMEA choral students for their accolades in music.

**EXHIBIT B**

C. Souderton Area High School – PMEA Instrumental Participants

Dr. Varano introduced Daniel Kujala, orchestra director at the High School, who spoke about the instrumental students and their accomplishments in the PMEA Band and Orchestra festivals. The following high school students were selected by audition to participate in the Pennsylvania State Music Educator's District 11 Band and/or Orchestra Festivals. Participants were:

**SARA MACK** – Grade 10 – Clarinet – District Band  
**KEONI BOLDING** – Grade 11 – Violin – District, Regional Orchestra & All-State Orchestra  
**ANDREYA CHERRY** – Grade 12 – Bassoon – District, Regional Band & All-State Orchestra  
**ANDREW KOSINSKI** – Grade 12 – Tuba – District Band  
**JENNIFER RUTH** – Grade 12 – Clarinet – District Band

Mr. Kujala asked the parents to stand and he thanked them for supporting their children in music.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

C. Souderton Area High School – PMEA Instrumental Participants

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a second by Mrs. Basile, to recognize the instrumental students who were selected by PMEA to participate in this year's music festivals. The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was. . .

**RESOLVED**, That the Board recognize the PMEA band and orchestra students for their accolades in music. **EXHIBIT C**

Souderton "SPOTLIGHT"

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Leo Club is one example of student organizations in the District where students care and help out in the community. He introduced Sarah Hormell, Leo Club advisor and Dennis Krauss, a local Lions Club member.

Ms. Hormell mentioned that the Leo Club has approximately 40 to 50 members in each of the middle schools and about 25 to 35 members in the high school club. Ms. Hormell shared a list of activities the Leos will participate in this spring and summer, such as: the sixth annual Senior Citizen's Prom; Country Fair Days; the Chicken BBQ, and two high school students and 20 middle school Leo Club students will be participating in the first Pennsylvania Leos Club convention. The Souderton Leos are twinning with a Leos Club in Australia; sending emails and sharing activities.

A video was shown to the Board that highlighted some of the activities that the Leos are involved in: the "Relay for Life;" raising plants for the annual plant sale, and participating in the "Adopt a Highway" program.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

**NATALIE ROBERTSON** – Sr. Rep.  
**TAYLOR DESPAIN** – Jr. Rep.

Taylor Despain reported on current activities at the high school. The SAVE Club will be going to New Jersey for a three-day environmental camping trip. The Junior and Senior proms will take place in May and SADD is sponsoring their annual "Prom Promise" campaign to advocate safe driving on prom nights. The Leo Club hosted their Senior Citizen's Prom and Special Olympics will be held at the high school stadium. The Arrowhead Zumba fundraiser was so successful that they will be sending seven children to summer camp this year. The Economics Challenge Club will be participating in their national competition in New York City. Advanced Placement testing will be starting soon, and a dual-credit course in Mandarin Chinese will be offered next year by the Montgomery County Community College.

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Varano presented Certificates of Recognition to Natalie Robertson and Taylor Despain for their year as Student Representatives to the Board. **EXHIBIT D**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT  
Scott C. Jelinski

An executive session was held on March 27, 2014 to discuss real estate matters.

There was an executive session on April 16, 2014 to discuss personnel matters.

An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and real estate items.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Gallagher recommended to the Board that they approve the Consent/Action agenda, items **A** to **P**, as presented on the agenda. Board members were invited to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion was needed.

Mr. Holliday requested that item M (Motion to approve a Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds) be removed from the Consent/Action agenda. He indicated that the paying agent of the Bonds is his employer, Univest Bank, thus causing a conflict of interest.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the items listed on the Consent/Action agenda.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mr. Keith to cast a vote for the approval of the items listed on the Consent/Action 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 following items as presented on the Consent/Action agenda.

A. Motion to approve Minutes of the March 27, 2014 School Board meeting.

B. Motion to approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for March 2014.

**EXHIBIT E**

C. Motion to Approve Conference/Workshop Requests

**JENNIFER ODENWALD**

Science Teacher, Indian Crest M. S.  
Expenses paid by the Staff Development  
Budget

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair  
Los Angeles, CA  
May 10-17, 2014 (Saturday – Saturday)  
Total Expenses: \$400.00

**JOANNE JURUSKA**

English Teacher, Souderton Area H. S.  
Expenses paid by the AP Fund for  
School Year 2014-2015

Advanced Placement Conference/Training  
Philadelphia, PA  
July 11-12, 2014 (Friday-Saturday)  
Total Expenses: \$393.00

**MEGAN GOOD**

English Teacher, Souderton Area H. S.  
Expenses paid by the AP Fund for  
School Year 2014-2015

Advanced Placement Summer Institute in English  
Language and Comprehension  
Penn State University – Abington, PA  
August 11-14, 2014 (Monday-Thursday)  
Total Expenses: \$929.60

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Retirements

**ARLENE BUCHMAN**

Secondary Staff Development Coordinator  
Effective: At the end of the 2013-2014 school year  
Years of Service in SASD: 22 Years

**JAYNE DRESSLER**

Music Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary  
Effective: At the end of the 2013-2014 school year  
Years of Service in SASD: 21 Years

**KAREN ELKO**

Student Support Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Effective: At the end of the 2013-2014 school year  
Years of Service in SASD: 19.5 Years

**PATRICIA HUGHES**

Third Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elementary  
Effective: At the end of the 2013-2014 school year  
Years of Service in SASD: 28 Years

2. Motion to Approve Transfer

**DONA ITALIANO**

Replacement for  
Corey Clemmer (transfer)

From: District Supervisor of Assessment and  
Accountability – Act 93 Position  
Effective: August 1, 2014

To: **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE**

Language Arts Teacher, Indian Valley M.S.  
Beginning: 2014-2015 School Year  
Annual Salary: \$96,919

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Resignation

**AARON SCOTT**

Part-Time Custodian, Oak Ridge Elementary  
Effective: April 11, 2014

2. Motion to Approve Transfer

**SAMANTHA PETROV**

Replacement for  
Aaron Scott (resigned)

From: Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
To: Part-Time Custodian, Oak Ridge Elem.  
Effective: April 14, 2014  
Wage: \$10.86 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

3. Motion to Approve Employment

**TABATHA HODGES**

Replacement for  
Samantha Petrov (transfer)

Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley M. S.  
Effective: April 29, 2014  
Wage: \$10.86 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

**JESSICA RAIMUNDO**

Replacement for  
Bethany Shellenberger (resigned)

ESL Teaching Assistant, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.  
Beginning: April 22, 2014  
Wage: \$12.81 per hour – Hours: 6 per day



CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- K. Motion to Approve Colleges and Universities for Student -Teacher Partnering  
Souderton Area School District will consider student-teacher placements from the following list of eligible colleges and universities for the 2014-2015 school year. The colleges/universities will furnish Child Abuse clearances, Criminal Background checks, Tuberculosis Test results, FBI clearances, and academic transcripts for each student prior to the start of the student-teaching experience.

Arcadia University	Gwynedd-Mercy College
Bloomsburg University	Immaculata College
Cabrini College	Lehigh University
Cairn University	The Pennsylvania State University
Chestnut Hill College	Temple University
Delaware Valley College	West Chester University
Drexel University	Ursinus College
Eastern University	

- L. Motion to Approve Employment of Additional Substitute Teachers

<b>NICOLE ACCOR</b>	<b>LISA BLANKENSHIP</b>	<b>THOMAS DiFRANCESCO</b>
<b>AMY GOWEN</b>	<b>MARIANNE JOHNSON</b>	<b>JESSICA RAIMUNDO</b>

- N. Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Transfers. **EXHIBIT H**
- O. Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Custodial Supply Bid. **EXHIBIT I**
- P. Motion to approve the 2014-2015 Special Education Cost Plan with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. **EXHIBIT J**
- Q. Motion to approve a collective bargaining agreement between Teamsters Local 384 and the Souderton Area School District effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, contingent upon the Teamsters' ratification of the agreement. **EXHIBIT K**

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

- M. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds. This motion allows the District to refinance a portion of its Series of 2005 Bonds that will generate savings for the 2014-2015 budget.

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a second to the motion by Mrs. Scheuren.

Mr. Holliday informed the Board that he was abstaining from the vote, and thanked the administration for its hard work and efforts to help the District save money in the years to come.

The motion was put to a vote, and with eight (8) affirming votes, zero (0) negative votes, and one (1) abstention by Mr. Holliday, it was. . .

**RESOLVED,** That the Board approve the Resolution to authorize the issuance of Bonds.

**EXHIBIT L and EXHIBIT M**

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- A. Motion to approve Resolution in Opposition to Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1085 Regarding Charter School Reform Mr. Gallagher reported that charter school costs have escalated and accountability is not the same as expected in a public school. The proposed bill also takes most of the control away from local school boards to grant and govern a charter school. This bill also does not deal with the funding formula of bricks and mortar charter schools or cyber schools. Mr. Gallagher asked the Board to approve the Resolution so Souderton could send a collective voice to Harrisburg to oppose Senate Bill 1085.

There was a motion by Mrs. Basile, with a second to the motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski to approve the Resolution. 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 a Resolution in Opposition to Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1085 regarding Charter School Reform. **EXHIBIT N**

- B. Motion to approve Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement Mr. Gallagher explained that two years ago, the state government changed the way they approve reimbursement to school districts for services provided for special education students who require certain medical services. This year the District expects to receive only \$25,000. In past years, it would receive over \$100,000 reimbursement for the same services. Approximately \$28 million has been rejected by the Department of Welfare.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second to the motion by Mrs. Scheuren to approve the Resolution. 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 Resolution opposing the Restriction of Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement. **EXHIBIT O**

INFORMATIONAL

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

- A. The schedule of the remaining April/May 2014 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors is listed below:

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 - Special Finance Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM  
(Rescheduled from Wednesday, May 7, 2014)  
Present Proposed Final Budget

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – Special Board Meeting – 6:30 PM  
Approve Proposed Final Budget

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – Board Committee Meetings – 6:50 PM

Thursday, May 29, 2014 – Monthly Board Action Meeting – 7:00 PM

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

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

- A. 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 Joint Operating Committee (JOC) will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Technical Career Center, 1265 Sunneystown Pike, Lansdale, PA.
- C. The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in Conference Room B3/B4 at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Office Building, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report from the Solicitor.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

There was no unfinished or new business from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second from Mr. Keith 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 voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully,

William Stone, Jr.  
Board Secretary