

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, March 27, 2014, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 (via teleconference)	
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Frank Ball, Lauren Billy, Maryellen Brousseau, Henry Franz, Sharon Fuhrman, Frank Gallagher, William Hazel, Dr. Christopher Hey, Andrew McClintock, Tim Roberts, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone, Jr. (Secretary), Dr. Sam Varano and a representative from *The Reporter*.

III - SOUDERTON RECOGNITIONS

A. Pennsylvania Voice of Democracy Winner

Dr. Varano began by introducing Jeff Hill, a representative from VFW Post 5308, who sponsored **CALEB KULATHUM**. Caleb, a sophomore at Souderton Area High School, has been named the first place winner in the State of Pennsylvania for the 2014 National Voice of Democracy Program and the recipient of the \$2,000 Cramer/Harrell Scholarship Award. Caleb plans a career in either technology or the arts. Caleb finished 17th in the Voice of Democracy National Scholarship contest. Mr. Jeff Hill, member of VFW Post 5308 in Telford and former Souderton Area School District teacher, presented Caleb with several awards on behalf of the VFW Post in Telford.

There was a motion by Mrs. Scheuren, with a second by Mr. Brong, to recognize Caleb Kulathum for winning Pennsylvania's first place 2014 National Voice of Democracy Scholarship Award. 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 Caleb Kulathum for winning first place in the Pennsylvania 2014 National Voice of Democracy Scholarship Award. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Varano also asked Caleb's family to stand and be recognized.

B. National Merit Scholarship Winners

Dr. Varano introduced the National Merit winners and spoke about the unusual circumstances the students went through in order to apply for this year's competition. The following Souderton Area High School students have received either Commended or Finalist status in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

III - SOUDERTON RECOGNITIONS (CONTINUED)

B. National Merit Scholarship Winners (Continued)

Commended Students

KIERAN BELL – 12th

TYLER DIPIETRO – 12th

ABIGAIL FRIEL – 12th

JOSHUA OLSON – 12th

LINDSEY THOMPSON – 12th

GRANT WELBY – 12th

Finalist

NINA KOLODIJ – 12th

There was a motion by Mr. Keith, with a second by Mr. Kwiatkowski, to recognize this year's National Merit Scholarship Commended and Finalist students. 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 this year's National Merit Scholarship Commended and Finalist students, as listed above, for their accomplishment. **EXHIBIT B**

IV - SOUDERTON "SPOTLIGHT"

Cross-Grade Buddies Program

Mr. Gallagher introduced a video that highlighted the Buddy Program that is being used in the elementary schools. The program calls for fifth graders to act as mentors for the younger children.

V - REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

AARON WHITE – Senior Representative

LAUREN BILLY – Junior Representative

Lauren Billy reported on the activities taking place at the high school. The SAVE organization is sponsoring a "Ban the Bottle Project." This project is asking students and faculty members to use reusable water bottles instead of using recyclable plastic bottles. They will also be holding their annual Spring Recycling Day in May. The Leo Club will be sponsoring the Senior Citizen Prom on April 5th.

Souderton's Student Council recently held a very successful Student Council Conference for area school districts. The high school also held their second annual Art and Soul Festival, the Spring Musical "42nd Street" was great, and the Arrowhead staff held their Zumba fundraiser to benefit children going to the Ronald McDonald Summer Camp.

The Link Crew will be holding their "Souderton's Got Talent" event, and Lauren talked about the entire school "Be Brave" lip-dub to raise money for CHOP.

VI - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

VIII - CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

C. Motion to Approve Conference Requests (Continued)

RENAI CARDILLO Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Personnel
Secretary to the Supervisor of Operations Conference
(proposed) - Administrative Assistant May 1, 2014 (Thursday)
to the Superintendent Harrisburg, PA
Expenses from Superintendent's Budget Total Expenses: \$357.36

MARYELLEN BROUSSEAU Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators
Director of Curriculum, Instruction Women's Caucus Conference
and Assessment May 4, 5, 2014 (Sunday, Monday)
Harrisburg, PA

TAMARA CALLAHAN Total Expenses: \$2,411.28 (combined)
Principal, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.

KATIE KENNEDY-REILLY Expenses paid from Professional Development Budget
Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

MEGAN ZWEIBACK
Lead Supervisor of Special Education

SHARON FUHRMAN Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators
Director of Pupil Services Women's Caucus Conference
May 5, 6, 2014 (Monday, Tuesday)
Harrisburg, PA
Expenses paid from Professional Development Budget Total Expenses: \$590.67

D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Retirement
NANCY MINNINGER Fourth Grade Teacher, Oak Ridge Elementary
Effective: At the end of the 2013-2014 school year
Years of Service for SASD: 28 years

2. Motion to Accept Resignation
STEPHANIE SCHUMAN Speech and Language Clinician
Effective: April 30, 2014

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Resignations
MATTHEW JAINDL Intervention Teaching Asst., Indian Crest Middle School
Effective: March 28, 2014

KATHLEEN SCHEETZ Special Education Instructional Asst., Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: March 12, 2014

2. Motion to Approve Transfers
RENAI CARDILLO From: Secretary to Supervisor of Operations
Replacement for To: Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of
Donna Brown (retired) Schools
Beginning: August 18, 2014
Annual Salary: \$48,233 (to be pro-rated from start date)

VIII - CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

2. Motion to Approve Transfers (Continued)

BETHANN DECREE
Replacement for
Donna Gillmer (resigned)

From: Food Service Substitute
To: Food Service Asst., Indian Valley Middle School
Beginning: March 17, 2014
Wage: \$9.89 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

ELISIA REINER
Replacement for
Sandra Gorski (retired)

From: Accounts Payable Bookkeeper
To: Administrative Assistant to the Director of Business
Affairs
Beginning: July 1, 2014
Annual Salary: \$45,492

F. Motion to Approve Contracted Services for Coaching Spring Sports

BREANNA LEWIS	Head Coach, Softball, Indian Crest M. S.	\$2,013.00
MAILI SHELLY	Asst. Coach, Softball, Souderton H. S.	\$2,236.00

G. Motion to Approve Additional Substitute Teachers

CALEB BENNER	RICHARD HAMPSON	VICTORIA HENRY
JESSICA HOPPE	JAMES WALCK	KRISTY YOUNG

H. Motion to Approve Leadership Team Members for 2014 Summer Adventure Camp

COVINGTON SMITH	Program Assistant	\$1,200 plus mileage
KAY KEHS	Camp Director, Franconia Elem.	\$18.00 per hour
LLOYD WALDON	Asst. Camp Director, Franconia Elem.	\$15.25 per hour
DANIEL PISTON	Camp Director, Oak Ridge Elem.	\$18.00 per hour
BRIDGETTE SCHECKENBACH	Asst. Camp Director, Oak Ridge Elem.	\$15.00 per hour
ERIN HEILMAN	Art Director, Franconia Elem.	\$13.25 per hour
MEGAN DERSTINE	Asst. Art Director, Franconia Elem.	\$12.00 per hour

I. Third Reading and Approval of New Curriculum

1. Instrumental Music Curriculum

- Woodwinds and Brasswinds – Year 1 and Year 2
- Percussion – Year 1 and Year 2
- Strings – Year 1 and Year 2

2. Middle Level Social Studies Curriculum

- Grade 6 – Ancient World
- Grade 7 – World History
- Grade 8 – American History

Along with the Middle Level Social Studies Curriculum would be the purchase of recommended materials and supplies that accompanies the curriculum.

J. Motion to approve the Second Addendum to the Agreement of Sale for the former Souderton Area High School property, in Souderton Borough, Montgomery County. **EXHIBIT D**

K. Motion to accept a \$22,830 grant from the Office of Safe Schools at PDE to install additional security cameras and provide professional development. **EXHIBIT E**

IX - INFORMATIONAL

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

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

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 – Special Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – Board Committee Meetings – 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 24, 2014 – Monthly Board Action Meeting – 7:00 PM
#Wednesday, April 30, 2014 – Special Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
#(Rescheduled from Wednesday, May 7, 2014)

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 Wednesday, April 23, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held 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, 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.

X - REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

There was no report from the Solicitor.

XI - UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Basile announced the Elementary Honors Band Concert would be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 2:00 PM. The concert will be held in the Indian Crest Middle School Auditorium.

Mr. Gallagher commended Cassidy Mason and Bianca Picard for their efforts in engaging the entire high school community in the “Be Brave” lip-dub. The girls have been interviewed by almost every Philadelphia news channel for their efforts to raise money to help the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) fight diseases and cancer in young children.

Mrs. Basile added that the YouTube video has received over 53,000 hits.

Mr. Gallagher also commended Henry Franz and Richard Curtis for what they have been able to teach the students in the High School TV studio. They were a big part of this project.

Mrs. Scheuren noted that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meetings begin at 7:00 PM and not 7:45 PM. She also mentioned that the MCIU Legislative Breakfast would be held on Friday, March 28, 2014.

Mr. Jelinski announced that an executive session would take place after the Board meeting to discuss real estate matters.

XII - PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

XIII - 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 7:34 PM.

Respectfully,

William Stone, Jr.
Board Secretary