

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, February 27, 2014, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 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, Deb Doeblor, Henry Franz, Sharon Fuhrman, Frank Gallagher, Dr. Christopher Hey, Andy McClintock, Jennifer Odenwald, Natalie Robertson, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone, Jr. (Secretary), Dave Thayres, and Dr. Sam Varano.

Souderton Recognitions

Skills USA Competition Winners

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board would be recognizing the Skills USA students for winning their medals at the local competition.

Dr. Sam Varano introduced each student that was present and talked about their achievements in the competition.

North Montco Technical Career Center students competed at the Pennsylvania District 2 Skills USA competition held at Central Montco Technical High School in Plymouth Meeting. The students competed against other students from nine (9) other technical schools in 58 various competitions. North Montco students earned 12 first place medals, eight (8) second place medals and five (5) third place medals. First place winners are eligible to compete against students from across Pennsylvania in the state level competition to be held in April.

Souderton students who were first place winners are:

MADISON CARBREY (11) – Cosmetology
ISABELLA DAMIANI (11) – Esthetics
ANDREW KISER (12) – HVAC
KYLE LANDIS (12) – Technical Drafting
NICHOLAS WAY (12) – Precision Machining

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mr. Keith, to recognize the North Montco students for their award winning projects. The vote was taken, and on a vote of nine (9) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was . . .

Souderton Recognitions (Continued)

Skills USA Competition Winners (Continued)

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the North Montco Technical Career Center Skills USA award winners for their achievements. **EXHIBIT A**

Mr. Gallagher recognized the parents of the Skills USA students and thanked them for their support.

Souderton "Spotlight"

Indian Crest Middle School Science Fair

Jennifer Odenwald, science teacher at Indian Crest Middle School, presented a video that showed a very successful January Science Fair that was held at Indian Crest. Eighth grade Gifted students, who are in the Honors Science class, were required to work on a project as part of the science curriculum. 76 projects were on display at Indian Crest, with administrators, teachers, and the Indian Crest student body going through the fair to view the projects. Mrs. Odenwald's students explained some of the projects and reported on the outcome and conclusion of their projects.

Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

Natalie Robertson – Senior Rep.

Taylor Despain – Junior Rep.

Taylor Despain reported that the ice hockey club was playing in a league championship game. Both the girls and boys basketball teams reached the playoffs. Spring sports will begin on March 3rd. SAVE is campaigning for an anti-water bottle policy that would abolish plastic water bottles in the school. Student Council representatives from area schools will be coming to the high school this Saturday for a conference, that will include sharing ideas and projects that have worked in other schools. SAT's are also coming up in a few weeks. Finally, Taylor reported on how the high school students are trying to get the North Montco students more involved and connected at Souderton with a Student Council for North Montco students.

Natalie spoke about the successful Prom Fashion Show and how disappointed the seniors are that graduation was pushed back a week due to snow days. The Indoor Drumline show will take place in the next few weeks. The Art and Soul Fest, being held March 8th, will be showcasing grade K-12 student talent. Finally, Natalie mentioned the presentation of the spring musical "42nd Street" that begins on March 20th and will run through March 23rd.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of the President

Scott C. Jelinski

An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate issues.

An executive session will be held following tonight's Board meeting to discuss personnel.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Gallagher made a recommendation to the Board to approve the Consent/Action agenda items **VIII-A** to **VIII-P** as presented. Board members were invited to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion was needed.

There was a motion by Mrs. Scheuren, with a second by Mr. Brong 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 Consent Agenda items as presented:

A. Motion to approve Minutes of the January 30, 2014 School Board meeting.

B. Motion to approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for January 2014. **EXHIBIT B**

C. Motion to Ratify/Approve Conference/Workshop Requests

Ratify **MATTHEW BENNER** Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and
Social Studies, Indian Crest M.S. Conference (PETE&C)
MARLENA MUSSELMAN February 10-11, 2014 (Monday-Tuesday)
Social Studies, Souderton Area H.S. Hershey, PA
DANIEL PHILLIPS Total Expenses: \$4,302.84 (Combined)
Fifth Grade, West Broad Street Elem. Expenses will be paid from the Curriculum/Professional
DARREN SMITH Development Account.
Technology Teacher, West Broad St.
JENNIFER WEVODAU
Language Arts, Indian Crest M. S.

MARYELLEN BROUSSEAU Teaching & Learning Conference 2014 National Board
Director of Curriculum, Instruction of Professional Teaching Standards
and Assessment March 14, 15, 2014 (Friday-Saturday)
KATIE KENNEDY-REILLY Washington, D.C.
Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Total Expenses: \$1,990.23 (Combined)
GAIL RYAN Expenses paid from Professional Development Budget
Principal, Franconia Elem. School Account.

DONA ITALIANO 2014 Pennsylvania Federal Program Coordinators
District Supervisor of Annual Conference
Assessment and Accountability April 27-30, 2014 (Sunday-Wednesday)
KATIE KENNEDY-REILLY Hershey, PA
District Supervisor of Total Expenses: \$2,206.00 (Combined)
Curriculum and Instruction Expenses will be paid from the Federal Title Funds
Account.

D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Retirement
KAREN KOCH

Reading Teacher, Indian Crest Middle School
Effective: End of the 2013-2014 School Year
Years of Service in SASD: 30 Years

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CONTINUED)

2. Motion to Approve Request for Compensated Professional Leave
JESSICA MILES ESL Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elementary
Professional leave will be for the entire 2014-2015 School Year.
3. Motion to Approve Request for Childrearing Leave
MICHELLE MARASCHIELLO Fourth Grade, Salford Hills Elementary School
Beginning approximately May 29, 2014 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
Mrs. Maraschiello plans to return to work at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Resignation
BETHANY SHELLENBERGER ESL Teaching Assistant, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
Effective: February 25, 2014
2. Motion to Approve Employment
LAUREN COOK Special Education, Instructional Assistant
Replacement for Vernfield Elem.
Elisabeth Jasuta-Kramer Beginning: February 4, 2014
(resigned) Wage: \$10.43 per hour – Hours: 7 per day

F. Motion to Approve Aquatics and Swim Camp Staff

LAURA AQUILANTE	Instructor for Lifeguard Class	\$22.00 per hour
ELYSE FACCENDA	Head Counselor-Swim Camp	21.42 per hour
FIONA MELISSEN	Instructor for Lifeguard Class	22.00 per hour
CAITLIN (FISHER) WARREN	Swim Camp Director	42.85 per hour

- G. Motion to approve Supplemental Contracts and Contracted Services for Spring 2014 Coaches.

EXHIBIT C

- H. Motion to approve additional courses and instructors for Winter/Spring Community Education Program.

EXHIBIT D

I. Motion to Approve Out-of-State Field Trip

Souderton Area High School – German Students – Grades 9 – 12

When: April 26, 2014 (Saturday)

Where: Heidelberg Restaurant, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, NY

Purpose of Trip: Study German culture.

Number of Students: 9

Number of Chaperones: 3

Requesting Teacher: Neil Lindenfelser

The students will be paying for the trip.

J. Second Reading of New Curriculum

If there are no objections from the Board, the two listed items will move forward to the next Board meeting for a third reading and final approval.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

J. Second Reading of New Curriculum (Continued)

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 go along with the curriculum.

- K. Motion to approve a reduced real estate tax payment for a parcel owned by Salford Township.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- A. Motion to Approve the 2014-2015 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budgets
Mr. Gallagher stated that the administration was recommending a motion for approval of the 2014-2015 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budget.

A roll call vote would be taken by Mr. Stone for each of the required budgets.

1. General Administrative Services - \$8,974,303

Mrs. Basile – Aye	Mr. Keith - No
Mr. Braccio – Aye	Mr. Kwiatkowski - Aye
Mr. Brong – No	Mrs. Scheuren - No
Mrs. Flisak – No	Mr. Jelinski - Aye
Mr. Holliday – Aye	

The roll call vote to approve the General Administrative Services Budget was five (5) affirmative votes to four (4) negative votes. The motion passed.

2. Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development - \$1,968,933

There was a motion by Mrs. Scheuren, with a second by Mr. Keith to vote on the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Budget.

Mrs. Basile – Aye	Mr. Keith - No
Mr. Braccio – Aye	Mr. Kwiatkowski - Aye
Mr. Brong – No	Mrs. Scheuren - No
Mrs. Flisak – No	Mr. Jelinski - Aye
Mr. Holliday – Aye	

The roll call vote to approve the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Budget was five (5) affirmative votes to four (4) negative votes. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM (CONTINUED)

A. Motion to Approve the 2014-2015 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Budgets (Continued)

3. Legislative Services and Grant Development - \$251,979

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a second by Mrs. Scheuren to vote on the Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget.

Mrs. Basile – Aye
Mr. Braccio – Aye
Mr. Brong – No
Mrs. Flisak – Aye
Mr. Holliday – Aye

Mr. Keith - Aye
Mr. Kwiatkowski - Aye
Mrs. Scheuren - No
Mr. Jelinski - Aye

The roll call vote to approve the Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget was seven (7) affirmative votes to two (2) negative votes. The motion passed.

4. Technology and Information Services - \$4,633,188

There was a motion by Mrs. Scheuren, with a second by Mrs. Basile to vote on the Technology and Information Services Budget.

Mrs. Basile – Aye
Mr. Braccio – Aye
Mr. Brong – No
Mrs. Flisak – No
Mr. Holliday – Aye

Mr. Keith - No
Mr. Kwiatkowski - Aye
Mrs. Scheuren - No
Mr. Jelinski - Aye

The roll call vote to approve the Technology and Information Services Budget was five (5) affirmative votes to four (4) negative votes. The motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL

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

The schedule of March 2014 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wed., March 5, 2014 – Special Finance Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM
Wed., March 19, 2014 – Board Committee Meetings – 6:30 PM
Thurs., March 27, 2014 – Monthly 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.

The next meeting of the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee (JOC) will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Technical Career Center, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA.

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 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

Mr. Holliday announced that both the Souderton Area High School Ice Hockey Club and the Middle School Ice Hockey Club were going to the playoffs; first time in ten years.

Mr. Holliday also mentioned that the Indian Valley play would be held next weekend.

Mrs. Scheuren reported on several items from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board meeting.

1. New Board Member Orientation on March 24th.
2. Legislative Breakfast on March 28th at William Penn Inn.
3. The search has begun for a new Executive Director at the Montgomery County I.U. The committee is looking for input from Board members.
4. New vendor-partners list available.
5. The building renovation project passed. MCIU expects to be in their new building by December 2014.

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 7:37 PM.

Respectfully,

William Stone, Jr.
Board Secretary