



BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MONTHLY ACTION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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Members present: Courtney Barbieri, Nicholas Braccio, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, Donna Scheuren

Others present: Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Michael Taylor, and Megan Zweiback

1. Welcome

1.1 Call to Order - Board President

Mr. Keith called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

1.2 Meeting Protocol

Mr. Keith welcomed everyone and made a statement of appreciation regarding the respect and civility that occurs during the meetings. The Board encourages and allows citizens of the District to speak at a public meeting by following the procedures listed below:

- Persons wishing to address the Board about an item(s) listed on the agenda must sign in on the **blue** sign-in sheet with name address, municipality, and item(s) that they wish to address. They will be called to the podium by the President.
- Persons wishing to address the Board on a matter(s) not listed on the agenda must sign in on the **yellow** sign-in sheet with name, address, municipality, and a brief description of the matter(s) that they wish to address. They will be called to the podium by the President.
- All statements are to be directed to the Board President; no participant may address or question Board members individually, unless directed by the presiding officer.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Keith led the Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Roll Call - Board Secretary

Mr. Taylor called the roll. Nine board members were present.

2. Student Spotlight

2.1 Spotlight Video of Indian Valley Middle School Choir

Dr. Gallagher congratulated Indian Valley Middle School Choral Director, Mrs. Ramage for the students second place win in the *B101 Radio Station Choir Contest*, winning \$2,000.00 for their music program. A video of the choir singing their entry "Little St. Nick" was played.

Mr. Keith asked that the Solicitor's Report be moved to this portion of the meeting.

Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Berman stated that the Board of School Directors has received several emails from non-residents falsely accusing the Board in an attempt to chill public comments. Mr. Berman stated that neither the Board nor the school district administration has attempted to limit public comment from district residents, those who pay taxes to the school district or employees of the school district.

Mr. Berman also stated that there had been some misinterpretation that the Board was threatening legal action against public comment. Mr. Berman stated that the Board does not intend to take legal action against public comment, however the criteria as outlined above, must be adhered to. Mr. Berman also reiterated that the 3 minute time frame for public comment has been longstanding.

3. Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

3.1 Student Representatives Update on Activities and Events at Souderton Area High School

Junior Emma Potter reported on recent high school activities including winter concerts, the start of winter sports season, and Santa in the Greenhouse hosted by S.A.V.E. Ms. Potter also reported on the preparations for the upcoming Winter Workshop, SouderTHON and the end of the first semester in January.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items

4.1 Public Comment

There was no public comment on agenda items.

5. Report of the President

5.1 Report on Executive Session Meeting(s) held by the Board

Mr. Keith reported that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters. The session lasted approximately 60 minutes.

6. Report of the Superintendent

6.1 The Superintendent will report on school district items

Superintendent Gallagher thanked the school district community for its generosity during the holiday season, noting the abundance of participation in giving trees and food drives. He also noted the student participation in seasonal concerts, and parades.

Superintendent Gallagher stated that he needed to address a petition that was received by the Board of School Directors regarding the topic of Board Policies.

Dr. Gallagher stated in response to a request that pornography and sexually explicit material be removed from libraries, "that to the best of our knowledge we do not have any of those materials in our schools." He also stated there are procedures in place for parental notifications as it relates to the personal and confidential matters of students. Dr. Gallagher also stated that there is a student expression policy as it relates to student advocacy as well as professional protocols that exist for educational behavior in the classroom.

Dr. Gallagher also stated that the district continues to review all of its policies and update them as needed.

7. Consent/Action Agenda

7.1 Consent/Action Agenda Protocol

The Superintendent made a recommendation to the Board for a motion to approve the Consent/Action item(s) listed. Board members were invited to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion is needed.

7.2 Approve School Board Meeting Minutes from November 2022

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2022 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

7.3 Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECK LISTINGS FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2022

7.4 Approve Request(s) to Attend Conferences/Workshops

The Administration is seeking Board approval of conference/workshop requests as listed below:

Frank Ball
Supervisor of Operations
PASBO
March 15 - 17, 2023
Mt. Pocono, PA
\$1,326.50
Funding: Operations/Business Department

Zachary Hockman
IVMS teacher
WEB Training / The Boomerang Project
Skytop, PA
February 26 - March 1, 2023
\$3,287.47
Funding: Building Budget

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST(S) TO ATTEND CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS AS LISTED.

7.5 Approve Request(s) for Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

The Administration is seeking approval for a request for an out-of-state/overnight field trip:

High School Spanish Class
Grades 10-12
Granada, Sevilla, Cordoba, Madrid & Barcelona
Spain
March 23 - April 2, 2024
EF Educational Tours
45 students / 6 adults
Funding: Student

High School Cheerleading
Grades 9-12
Nat'l HS Cheerleading Championship
Walt Disney World Resort
Orlando, FL
February 9 - 13, 2023
15 students / 3 adults
Funding: Student

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST(S) AS LISTED:

7.6 Approve Personnel Items - Professional Staff

RESIGNATION	
HENDRICKS, CASSONDRA	Music Teacher, EMC Elementary School Effective: End of First Semester 2022-2023 School Year
NEW HIRES	
ECKARDT, LAUREN Replacement for Jeffrey Sinkinson (Medical Leave)	Fifth Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elementary School LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE Effective: Second Semester 2022-2023 School Year Education: West Chester (BS) 2020 Experience: Aug. 2022-present - Souderton Area School District, Extended 5th Grade Substitute Teacher, Salford Hills Elementary School; Aug. 2021-June 2022 - Souderton Area School District, LTS Fourth Grade Teacher, Franconia Elementary School Recommended Salary: \$24,977 - B (1)
HOWER, SARAH Replacement for Christen Young (Resigned)	Art Teacher, EMC Elementary School TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL Effective: Start of Second Semester of 2022-2023 School Year Education: IUP (BA) 2007 Experience: Sept. 2013-present - Souderton Area School District, LTS Art Teacher/LTS Technology Teacher/Extended Substitute/ESL Intervention Teaching Assistant, EMC & Franconia Elementary Schools Recommended Salary: \$53,506 - B (3)
LORD-FONDA, SARAH Replacement for Cassandra Hendricks (Resigned)	Music Teacher, EMC Elementary School TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL Effective: Start of Second Semester of 2022-2023 School Year Education: Temple (BM) 2019 Experience: Aug. 2022-present - Souderton Area School District, LTS Music Teacher, EMC Elementary School; Aug. 2020-June 2022 - Propel Charter Schools, Music Teacher; Nov. 2019-Jan. 2020 - Methacton School District, LTS Music Teacher, Worcester Elementary School Recommended Salary: \$49,954 - B (1)
MAZZA, ALEXANDRA Replacement for Ashley Calvitti (Childrearing)	Fourth Grade Teacher, Franconia Elementary School LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE Effective: Second Semester of 2022-2023 School Year Education: Temple (BS) 2013 Experience: Aug. 2020-present - Souderton Area School District, LTS Elementary Teacher, Franconia Elementary School; Sept. 2017-Aug. 2020 - Souderton Area School District, Extended Substitute/Intervention Teaching Assistant, Franconia Elementary School Recommended Salary: \$24,977 - B (1)
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CHILDREARING LEAVE	
CALVITTI, ASHLEY	Fourth Grade Teacher, Franconia Elementary School Request for extension of childrearing leave through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Calvitti plans to return at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
TRANSFER (Ratify)	
MARJORAM, STUART Teacher on Assignment	From: Business Education Teacher, Souderton Area High School To: Dean of Students, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: November 14, 2022 through December 9, 2022 Recommended Salary: \$86,011 - M (12) Plus additional hours beyond the work year compensated at curriculum rate (not to exceed 50 hours)

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - PROFESSIONAL STAFF

7.7 Approve Personnel Items - Support Staff

RESIGNATIONS	
BARTHOLOMEW, DONALD	Security Guard, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: December 2, 2022

DELP, MICHELE	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, West Broad Street Elementary School Effective: February 4, 2022
DUSZA, MICHAEL	Special Education Instructional Assistant, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: December 2, 2022
ROSADO, WANDA	Site Support Technician, West Broad Street Elementary School Effective: December 2, 2022
SCOTT, CHARLENE	Food Service Manager, Franconia Elementary School Effective: December 22, 2022
NEW HIRES	
BONKOSKI, DESIREE Replacement for Maribeth Keilman (Transfer)	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elementary School Effective: December 6, 2022 Wage: \$11.19 per hour - Hours: 3 per day, 2 days per week
CIANCHETTA, JACOB Replacement for Victoria Trumbauer (Resigned)	Part-Time Custodian, West Broad Street Elementary School Effective: November 28, 2022 Wage: \$13.25 per hour - Hours: 4 per day
DAVIES (HEISS), LINDA Replacement for Valerie Evans (Transfer)	Cafeteria/Playground Aide, EMC Elementary School Effective: December 5, 2022 Wage: \$11.19 per hour - Hours: 3 per day, 2 days per week
FUCINARI, AMANDA Replacement for Amy Dittmar (Resigned)	Intervention Teaching Assistant, West Broad Street Elementary School Effective: December 12, 2022 Wage: \$17.40 per hour - Hours: 2 per day
JOHNSON, CASSANDRA Replacement for Alanna Moyer (Transfer)	Part-Time Custodian, Vernfield Elementary School Effective: November 29, 2022 Wage: \$13.25 per hour - Hours: 4 per day
MAGEE, CONNOR M. Replacement for Rachel Gat (Resigned)	Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elementary School Effective: November 18, 2022 Wage: \$13.25 per hour - Hours: 4 per day
WHITE, SARA Replacement for position previously filled by agency	Special Education Instructional Assistant, Indian Crest Middle School Effective: December 12, 2022 Wage: \$16.31 per hour - Hours: 5.75 per day

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - SUPPORT STAFF

7.8 Approve Personnel Items - Mentors and Peer Coaches

Name	Position	School	Term	Salary
Lindsay Germeroth	Peer Coach for Jenna Jaworowski	Vernfield Elementary School	Remainder of School Year	\$176.96
Amy Buiting	Peer Coach for Sarah Lord-Fonda	EMC Elementary School	Second Semester	\$150

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - MENTORS AND PEER COACHES

7.9 Approve Personnel Items - Winter/Spring 2023 Community Education Instructors

INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	RATE/HOURS	SALARY
Allen, David	Zentangle - Beginner	\$20 Per Hour/7.5 Hours	\$ 150.00
Allen, David	Zentangle - Beginner Plus	\$20 Per Hour/7.5 Hours	\$ 150.00
Barnett, Michael	Discover Your Intuitive Self	\$18 Per Hour/14 Hours	\$ 252.00
Barnett, Michael	Intuitive Tarot	\$18 Per Hour/14 Hours	\$ 252.00
Barrick, Susan	Recreational Volleyball - Mondays	\$10 Per Hour/20 Hours	\$ 200.00
Berry, Theresa	Volleyball Supervisor - Tuesdays	Workshop Fee	\$ 300.00
Berry, Theresa	Volleyball Supervisor - Mondays	Workshop Fee	\$ 300.00
Berry, William	Volleyball Supervisor - Wednesdays	Workshop Fee	\$ 300.00
Berry William	Volleyball Supervisor - Mondays	Workshop Fee	\$ 300.00
Berry William	Volleyball Supervisor	Advisor Fee	\$ 1,000.00
Bricker, Jackie	Recreational Volleyball	\$10 Per Hour/28 Hours	\$ 280.00

Burger, Lisa	Book of the Month Club	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet: Beginner	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet: The Next Step	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet Club	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet: Butterscotch Basket	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet: Basketweave Throw	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Burger, Lisa	Crochet: Beach Bag	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Burger, Lisa	Dinner Club	\$20 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 160.00
Cohan, Lorraine	Total Body Sculpting	\$30 Per Hour/28 Hours	\$ 840.00
Cosme, Danielle	Yoga/Meditation	\$30 Per Hour/10 Hours	\$ 300.00
Cosme, Danielle	Advanced Yoga/Meditation	\$30 Per Hour/12 Hours	\$ 360.00
Cosme, Danielle	Meditation	\$30 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 150.00
Cosme, Danielle	Advanced Meditation	\$30 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 180.00
Currier, Sandra	Beginner Knitting	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Currier, Sandra	Knitting - The Next Step	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Czapp-Rotondi, Patricia	Belly Dancing	Workshop Fee	\$ 300.00
Earl, Robyn	Country - Popular Line Dances	\$37.50 Per Hour/13.5 Hours	\$ 506.25
Evans, Susan	Pinochle For Beginners	\$20 Per Hour/4 Hours	\$ 80.00
Evans, Susan	Playing Pinochle	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Geiger, Clarke	Basketball - Monday	\$15 Per Hour/36 Hours	\$ 540.00
Geiger, Clarke	Basketball - Wednesday	\$15 Per Hour/33 Hours	\$ 495.00
Goodwin, Richard	Recreational Volleyball - Monday	\$10 Per Hour/20 Hours	\$ 200.00
Higa, Rogerio	Golf Fundamentals	\$30 Per Hour/8 Hours	\$ 240.00
Jesberger, Michael	H. L. Hunley Civil War Submarine	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Jesberger, Michael	The Irish In The American Civil War	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Jesberger, Michael	Hession Prisoners in Pennsylvania During American Revolution	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Jesberger, Michael	Our City At War: Philadelphia and WWI	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Malc, Stan & Jan	Beginner Ballroom	\$20 Per Hour/16 Hours	\$ 320.00
McNally, Dianne	Into to QuickBooks Online	Workshop Fee	\$ 210.00
Oelschlager, Brenda	Indoor Walking Club	Gratis	-
Roncoroni, Susan	<i>Bon Voyage</i> with French	\$20 Per Hour/12 Hours	\$ 240.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Printmaking Workshop	\$20 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 100.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Intro to Intermediate Acrylic Painting	\$20 Per Hour/15 Hours	\$ 300.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Intro to Figures and Anatomy	\$20 Per Hour/7.5 Hours	\$ 150.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Watercolor Paint 'n Snack	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Color Mixing Workshop	\$20 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 100.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Painting Flowers! (Acrylic)	\$20 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 100.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Dreamcatchers & Suncatchers	\$20 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 100.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	DIY Shirt, Apron and Tote Bag Painting	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Family Fun with Messy Art!	\$20 Per Hour/5 Hours	\$ 100.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Family Cozy Winter Craft Night	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Family Valentine's Craft Night	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Schnabel, Alexandra	Family Easter Egg Prep Party	\$20 Per Hour/2.5 Hours	\$ 50.00
Stiles, Kristen	Recreational Volleyball	\$10 Per Hour/28 hours	\$ 280.00
Stoudt, April	Designer Greeting Cards (2 sessions)	\$20 per Hour/11 Hours	\$ 220.00
Taipale, Brenda	Sewing: Beyond the Basics	\$20 Per Hour/6 Hours	\$ 120.00
Taipale, Brenda	Quilted Beach Bag	\$20 Per Hour/4 Hours	\$ 80.00
Vigorita, Samuel	Fly Tying - Intermediate	\$20 Per Hour/12 Hours	\$ 240.00
Vigorita, Samuel	Fly Fishing Tactics	\$20 Per Hour/10 Hours	\$ 200.00
Willits, Timon	Volleyball Supervisor - Tuesdays	Workshop Fee	\$ 150.00
Willits, Timon	Volleyball Supervisor - Thursdays	Workshop Fee	\$ 150.00

<u>INSTRUCTORS / BUSINESSES TO BE PAID ON PURCHASE ORDER</u>		
<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Bishop, Jason	Securing Social Security	Gratis
Driver Training Services	Driver Education	\$110 Per Student
Everence	Fundamentals of Investing	Gratis
Mark Cashatt Studios	Family Self-Defense	\$15 Per Family Paid to Cashatt Studio
Mark Cashatt Studios	Adult Self-Defense	\$15 Per Student Paid to Cashatt Studio
Mark Cashatt Studios	Tai Chi	\$48 Per Student Paid to Cashatt Studio
RE/MAX	Everything You Want To Know About Real Estate	Gratis
Thrivent	Medicare: Getting Started	Gratis
Wholistic Fitness	Zumba	\$63.00 Per Student Paid to Wholistic Fitness

Resolution: APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - WINTER/SPRING 2023 COMMUNITY EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

7.10 Approve Personnel Items - Additions to Substitute Teacher List

Amanda Fucinari
Cassandra Hendricks
Randilyn Hess
Tori O'Connell
Sara Reuss
James Stevenson
Angela Wahl

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

7.11 Approve Personnel Items - Supplemental Contracts

Name	Position	School	Salary
Wesley Ahart	Diving Coach	Souderton Area High School	\$1,531 (40% position)
Heather Fisher	Head Indoor Drumline Guard Instructor	Souderton Area High School	\$2,833
Allyson Williams	Assistant Indoor Drumline Guard Instructor	Souderton Area High School	\$1,663
Shawn Zelner	Head Indoor Drumline Percussion Instructor	Souderton Area High School	\$2,619
Katelyn Kratz	Indoor Drumline Guard Assistant	Souderton Area High School	\$1,200 Paid by BRBB

The following are changes to contracts previously approved on September 22, 2022.

Name	Position	School	Salary
Robert Reitz	WEB Coordinator *No longer shared position	Indian Crest Middle School	\$1,095
Suzanne MacCarty *Replacement for Jennifer Wevodau	WEB Advisor	Indian Crest Middle School	\$675

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

7.12 Approve School Clubs for 2022-2023 School Year

The Administration recommends the approval of (2) student clubs at the Souderton Area High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

- **Women in STEM Club** - to create a welcoming environment for female and women-adjacent students in a field historically ruled by men and provide a supportive atmosphere to help students explore STEM.
- **Indian Cultural Association** - be a club for students of SAHS to learn about Indian Culture by being apart and experiencing different cultural practices, festivals, cuisine, and much more.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

7.13 Approve Proposed 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

The Administration will present the proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

7.14 Retire current Policy No. 810.1 - Transportation Video Monitoring

Administration is seeking to retire Policy No. 810.1 - Transportation Video Monitoring which will be replaced by Policy No. 810.2 - Transportation Video/Audio Recording

Resolution: MOTION TO RETIRE CURRENT POLICY NO. 810.1 - TRANSPORTATION VIDEO MONITORING

7.15 Third Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 810.2 Transportation - Video / Audio Recording

Administration is seeking a Third Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 810.2 Transportation - Video / Audio Recording to include recommendations from the Pennsylvania School Board Association. This policy will replace Policy 810.1 Transportation Video Monitoring.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD READING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF POLICY 810.2 TRANSPORTATION - VIDEO / AUDIO RECORDING

7.16 Approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions

The Administration recommends approval of the Per Capita Tax exemption list for the 2023 tax year.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PER CAPITA TAX EXEMPTIONS

7.17 Approve 2023-2024 Act 1 General Fund Budget Opt-Out Resolution

The Administration will present a resolution to not exceed the Act 1 Index for a real estate tax increase for the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 1 OF 2006, THE TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT, REGARDING THE 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

7.18 APPROVE ALL CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Stephen Nelson, second by William Brong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Courtney Barbieri, Nicholas Braccio, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, Donna Scheuren

8. Discussion/Action Agenda

There were no Discussion/Action agenda items.

9. Future Meetings

9.1 Future Meetings

Mr. Keith announced the following future meetings:

DATE	ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday January 11 2023	SASD Board Committee Meetings	6:30 PM	District Administrative Office
Wednesday January 18 2023	NMTCC Joint Operating Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	North Montco Technical Career Center 1265 Sumneytown Pike Lansdale
Wednesday January 25 2023	MCIU Board of School Directors Meeting	6:45 PM	Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 2 West Lafayette Street Norristown
Thursday January 26 2023	SASD Board Action Meeting	7:00 PM	District Administrative Office

10. Report of the Solicitor

10.1 Report of the Solicitor

The report of the solicitor was moved to occur earlier in the agenda.

11. Unfinished/New Business of the Board

11.1 Unfinished/New Business from the Board

There was no unfinished or new business from the Board.

12. Public Comments

12.1 Public Comments

Bruce Hagan of Telford thanked the Board for keeping schools open and students in-school during the pandemic. Mr. Hagan referenced an article offering LGBTQ resources to the NEA. Mr. Hagan asked that the Board remain vigilant in keeping these kinds of resources out of the schools.

Joel Hackman of Franconia Township stated that he was a grandfather of students in the district and believes that it is the responsibility of adults to preserve the innocence of children. He asked the Board to take a stand against the introduction of sexual education at a young age.

Melissa Barnaz of Harleysville expressed concern about a statistic regarding suicide, made at a previous meeting. Ms. Barnaz stated her support of policies that keep parents informed about student depression. Ms. Barnaz also expressed concern about the Curriculum Opt-Out, requesting that it be revised to an Opt-In for materials that may be controversial to some families.

Natalie Cimonetti of Telford spoke about a viral video depicting a parent claiming that the high school teachers are responsible for her daughter becoming a member of the trans community. Ms. Cimonetti expressed concern for the safety of teachers and students as these false allegations are being circulated on the internet.

Kaitlin Derstin of Telford commented on the our policies that she would like to see adopted by the Board of School Directors; sexually explicit materials in schools, a pronoun policy, and activism by students and teachers in school.

Mr. Keith acknowledged receipt of correspondence from a Mr. Campbell and requested that he not approach the podium because he was not a resident of the school district. Mr. Campbell spoke out stating that he owns property in Franconia Township and has a right to speak. He requested that the Board amend Policy 903.

The meeting was recessed at 7:32 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 P.M.

Mr. Keith reiterated meeting protocol and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjournment of the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETING.

Motion by William Brong, second by Thomas Kwiatkowski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Courtney Barbieri, Nicholas Braccio, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, Donna Scheuren

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Taylor, C.P.A.
Board Secretary/Director of Business Affairs