

Souderton Area School District  
760 Lower Road  
Souderton, PA 18964

A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Souderton Area Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, December 20, 2012, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by instructions on meeting protocol, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. William Stone called the roll, and Board members present were:

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

Also present at the meeting were: Brandon Bilohlavek, Maryellen Brousseau, Natalie Carbone, Henry Franz, Ed Gallagher, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Gurgick, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, John McLaughlin, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), William Stone (Secretary), reporters from *The Reporter* newspaper and WNPV Radio, and community members.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Math Department - Graphing Calculators  
Souderton Area High School

Ed Gallagher, District Math Coordinator, introduced a video presentation on how Texas Instrument graphing calculators and interactive whiteboards are used in classrooms to help students with trigonometry and statistics.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Natalie Carbone (Class of 2013) – Senior Representative  
Aaron White (Class of 2014) – Junior Representative

Natalie Carbone, senior representative, reported on high school projects and club events that are giving back to the community during this holiday season. She talked about the National Honor Society food drive and how the drive was able to help 35 families, a Student Council sponsored coat drive, and the LEO Club's collection of donations for the visually impaired. Other activities that took place were the Student Council and the Future Business Leaders of America Santa's Breakfast and Winter Workshop for first grade students. The Basketball home opener was last week and turnout was great.

Several students took a field trip to the United Nations in New York, where they met people from all over the world and discussed human rights issues. Staff and students have been participating in several on-campus events this week to get in the holiday spirit.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held on November 20, 2012 to discuss real estate issues.

An Executive Session was held on November 27, 2012 to discuss real estate issues.

The Board participated in the Public Hearing on November 27, 2012 pertaining to the closure of an elementary school.

An Executive Session was held on December 12, 2012 to discuss real estate and legal issues.

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel items.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Johnson made a recommendation to the Board to approve the Consent/Action items **A** to **P**, including the items listed on the addendum, as presented. Board members were invited to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion was needed.

Items considered under the Consent/Action agenda were:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2012 School Board Meeting.
- Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 27, 2012 Public Hearing.
- Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2012 School Board Reorganization Meeting.
- Motion to approve the Financial Statements and Check Listings for November 2012.
- Motion to approve Conference Requests.
- Motion to approve the Professional Staff Personnel requests such as: requests for childrearing leave and requests to approve employment of new staff.
- Motion to approve the Support Staff Personnel requests such as: a request for childrearing leave, resignations, a transfer, and requests to approve employment of new staff members.
- Motion to approve contracted service agreements for coaching and instructional purposes.
- Motion to approve supplemental contracts.
- Motion to ratify/approve out-of-state/overnight field trip requests.
- Second reading of a proposed course – AP Computer Science for inclusion in the 2013-2014 High School Program of Studies.
- Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Budget transfers.
- Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Per Capita Tax Exonerations.
- Motion to approve the expulsion of two (2) Souderton students.
- Motion to approve resolution naming five (5) additional local holidays when school will not be in session for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Motion to approve the employment of additional substitute staff.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski with a second by Mr. Jelinski to approve the Consent/Action items A through P as presented. The vote was taken, and on a vote of eight (8) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was . . .

**RESOLVED**, That the Board approve the Consent/Action items as listed:

- A. Motion to Approve Minutes of the November 20, 2012 School Board Meeting.
- B. Motion to Approve Minutes of the November 27, 2012 Public Hearing. **EXHIBIT A**
- C. Motion to Approve Minutes of the December 6, 2012 Board Reorganization Meeting.
- D. Motion to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for November 2012. **EXHIBIT B**
- E. Motion to Approve a Conference/Workshop Request
  - SHARON ALDERFER** Pathways to the Common Core: Accelerating Achievement  
CARS, Lower Salford Elem. January 23, 2013, Wednesday
  - ELIZABETH BABICH** Valley Forge, PA  
CARS, West Broad Street Elem. Total Combined Expenses: \$4,038.79
  - LYNN CONNERY**  
CARS, Salford Hills Elem. Expenses paid from Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
**BEVERLY HANRAHAN** Department Budget  
CARS, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
  - LYNN ROBINSON** CARS, Vernfield Elem.
  - JUDY ROTHENBERGER** CARS, Oak Ridge Elem.
  - DOROTHY SALANIK** Reading Specialist, Indian Valley M. S.
  - JOAN SHELLENBERGER** CARS, Franconia Elem.
  - JAMIE STONE** Reading Specialist, Indian Crest M. S.
  - MARIANNE BOYD** Principal, West Broad Street Elem.
  - MARYELLEN BROUSSEAU** Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
  - DALE BURKHARD** Principal, Indian Valley M. S.
  - THOMAS FERLICK** Principal, Oak Ridge Elem.
  - SHARON FUHRMAN** Principal, Vernfield Elem.
  - FRANK GALLAGHER** Assistant Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services
  - JON GRAF** Principal, E. M. Crouthamel Elem.
  - DONNA HUFF** Principal, Lower Salford Elem.
  - DONA ITALIANO** District Supervisor of Sec. Language Arts
  - PATRICIA MATHUES** District Supervisor of Elem. Language Arts
  - JEFFREY PAMMER** Principal, Indian Crest M. S.
  - DAVID PURNELL** Principal, Salford Hills, Elem.
  - CAROLYN ROSENBERGER** Elementary Professional Development Coach
  - GAIL RYAN** Principal, Franconia Elem.
- MAUREEN UNGER** PA Department of Education - Spring Child Accounting  
District Registrar Conference  
March 25 - 27, 2013 (Monday - Wednesday)  
Hershey, PA  
Total Expenses: \$758.95

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

F. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF

1. Motion to Approve Requests for Childrearing Leave

**TIA SCHWAB** First Grade Teacher, West Broad St. Elementary  
For the first semester of the 2013-2014 school year following the completion of 12-weeks Family/Medical Leave. Mrs. Schwab is planning to return to work for the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year.

**JULIA WARNER** Special Education, Life Skills Teacher, Oak Ridge Elem.  
Beginning approximately February 1, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

2. Motion to Approve Employment

**KATHLEEN FARRELL** Fourth Grade Teacher, Salford Hills Elementary  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Jacqueline Tonik Effective: Second Semester, 2012-2013 School Year  
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
West Chester Univ. (BS) 2007	2010-Present-Souderton Area SD-Oak Ridge Elem. and Salford Hills Elem. Schools-Fourth Grade Teacher-Long-Term Substitute Sept.-Dec. 2009-SASD-Salford Hills Elem.-Kindergarten Teacher-Per-Diem Extended Substitute Nov. 2007-June 2008-SASD-Oak Ridge Elem.-First Grade Teacher-Long-Term Substitute
Recommended Salary - \$19,824 – B (1)	

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**CYNTHIA FERGUSON** Intervention Specialist, West Broad St. Elem. School  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Karen Planinshek Effective: Second Semester, 2012-2013 School Year  
(sabbatical)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Lehman College (BA) 2003 Mercy College (MS) 2005	Sept.-Nov. 2012-Souderton Area SD-West Broad St. Elem.-Fourth Grade-Per-Diem Extended Substitute 2003-2011-PS 121, The Throop School-Bronx, NY-Second Grade Teacher
Recommended Salary - \$ 23,541 – M (1)	

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**KIMBERLY HARSANYI** Fifth Grade Teacher, Franconia Elementary School  
Replacement for **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**  
Lauren Skowronski Effective: Approximately January 10, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 School Year  
(childrearing)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Temple Univ. (BS) 2008	Sept. 2012-Present-Souderton Area SD-Franconia Elem.-Title I Teaching Assistant 2011-2012-SASD-Franconia Elem.-Fourth Grade Teacher-Long-Term Substitute 2008-2011-SASD-EMC & Franconia Elementary Schools-Title I Teaching Assistant
Recommended Salary - \$39,859 (pro-rated) – B (1)	

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

G. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

1. Motion to Approve a Request for Childrearing Leave

**LISA WALTERS** Teaching Asst., Lower Salford Elementary  
Beginning December 21, 2012 through April 5, 2013. Mrs. Walters plans to return to work on Monday, April 8, 2013.

2. Motion to Approve Resignations

**MICHELE CHENEY** Instructional Asst., Souderton Area High School  
Effective: December 7, 2012

**ADAM EWING** Teaching Assistant, Indian Crest Middle School  
Effective: December 7, 2012

**KIMBERLY HARSANYI** Teaching Asst., Franconia Elementary School  
Effective: Approximately January 7, 2013

**CAITLYN HOFFMAN** Part-Time Custodian, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. School  
Effective: January 22, 2013

**KAREN KARABAN** Assistant Nurse, Vernfield Elementary School  
Effective: December 12, 2012

**THOMAS OUSEY** Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School  
Effective: December 12, 2012

**LAURA SICILIANO** Instructional Asst., Souderton Area High School  
Effective: November 30, 2012

**COVINGTON SMITH** Teaching Asst., Indian Crest Middle School  
Effective: December 21, 2012

**ELISHIA YOUNG-PLATT** Instructional Asst., Oak Ridge Elementary  
Effective: December 14, 2012

3. Motion to Approve Transfer

**LAURA BRETZ** From: Food Service Substitute  
Replacement for Donna Gillmer (transfer) To: Food Service Asst., Lower Salford Elementary  
Beginning: November 26, 2012  
Wage: \$11.32 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

4. Motion to Approve Employment

**HEIDI BORISOW** Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.  
Beginning: November 26, 2012  
Wage: \$9.40 per hour – Hours: As needed

**RENEE CASANI** Instructional Assistant, Souderton Area High School  
Replacement for Michele Cheney (resigned) Beginning: December 10, 2012  
Wage: \$10.43 per hour – Hours: 6.5 per day

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

G. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

4. Motion to Approve Employment (Continued)

<b>KELLY McMULLEN</b>	Classroom Instructional Asst., Salford Hills Elementary
New Position Due to	Beginning: December 11, 2012
Increased Enrollment	Wage: \$9.60 per hour – Hours: 2 per day

H. Motion to Approve Contracted Service Agreements for Coaches and Instructors

<b>WILLIAM PURVIS</b>	Asst. Wrestling Coach (HS)	\$2,684.00
<b>WESLEIGH FAZEKAS</b>	Head Guard Instructor-Indoor Band (HS)	1,596.00
<b>TIMOTHY WILSON</b>	Head Percussion Instructor-Indoor Band (HS)	1,596.00

I. Motion to Approve Supplemental Contracts

<b>NICOLE BAUER</b>	Math Co-Chair, Indian Crest Middle School	\$ 300.00
Change to Shared Position		
<b>BRIDGETTE SCHECKENBACH</b>	Math Co-Chair, Indian Crest Middle School	900.00

J. Motion to Ratify Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request

1. Souderton Area High School – Wrestling Team – Grades 9-12

Date: December 14 & 15, 2012 – Friday and Saturday  
Destination: Indian Head, MD  
Purpose of Trip: Wrestling Tournament  
Number of Students: 14                      Number of Chaperones: 2  
Requesting Coach: Tristan Boyd  
Expenses funded by parents and Booster Club.

2. Souderton Area High School – Ski Club – Grades 9-12

Date: February 14 – 17, 2013 – Thursday - Sunday  
Destination: Stowe, Vermont  
Purpose of Trip: Annual ski trip  
Number of Students: 47                      Number of Chaperones: 5  
Requesting Coach: Matt Haines  
Expenses paid by students.

K. Second Reading of Proposed Course – AP Computer Science for Addition to the 2013-2014 High School Program of Studies. If there are no objections by the Board, this item will move forward to the next Board meeting agenda for a Third Reading and Adoption of the new course and placement in the 2013-2014 High School Program of Studies.

L. Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Budget Transfers as recommended by the Finance Committee at their December 12, 2012 meeting. **EXHIBIT C**

M. Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Per Capita Tax Exonerations as recommended by the Finance Committee at their December 12, 2012 meeting. **EXHIBIT D**

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

N. Student Expulsions

1. Pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, that the Board approves the expulsion of Student I. D. #255271 from the Souderton Area School District for the remainder of the school year, with the option to return during the next school year based on a report of good behavior, the completion of a counseling program, and successfully completing his/her academic program, all at the discretion of the superintendent.
2. Pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, that the Board approves the expulsion of Student I. D. #252504 from the Souderton Area School District for the remainder of the school year, with the option to return during the next school year based on a report of good behavior, the completion of a counseling program, and successfully completing his/her academic program, all at the discretion of the superintendent.

- O. Motion to approve resolution naming five (5) additional local holidays when school will not be in session for the 2013-2014 school year: **EXHIBIT E**

September 5, 2013 – Rosh Hashanah  
November 29, 2013 – Day After Thanksgiving  
December 24, 2013 – Day Before Christmas  
February 17, 2014 – President's Day  
April 18, 2014 – Good Friday

P. Motion to Approve Employment of Additional Substitute Staff

Substitute Teacher  
**KIMBERLY WILSON**

Food Service Substitutes  
**CHELSEA LENGEL      ANDREA MOYER      LINDA VAS**

INFORMATIONAL

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

1. The schedule of January 2013 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wednesday, January 2, 2013 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – Education-Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
Operations Committee Meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, January 24, 2013 – School 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.

INFORMATIONAL (CONTINUED)

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

- B. The next meeting of the North Montco Technical Career Center's Joint Operating Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Administrative Conference Room 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, January 23, 2013, beginning at 7:45 PM. The meeting will be held in Conference Room B3/B4 at the Intermediate Unit, 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. Brong reported on the annual Holiday Dinner for the Joint Operating Committee at the North Montco Technical Career Center. The JOC held their reorganization meeting and re-appointed Mr. Brong as chairperson of the JOC with Diane Landis, representative from Perkiomen Valley School District, as vice chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Mr. Currie commented on a story that ran in the local newspaper about Mrs. Basile's daughter, Olivia, and some of her friends who collected food and donations for the Keystone Opportunity Center.

Recently Mr. Currie attended an Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon honoring students from Souderton Area School District and Christopher Dock Mennonite High School for their community service projects. He briefly shared some of the projects and events that were honored.

Mr. Currie referred to a thank you letter that Dr. Johnson received from the Keystone Opportunity Center. Souderton Area School District, both students and staff, were thanked for their amazing support to the organization: annual District-wide Food Drive; District Office donations; Volunteer Groups such as FBLA, Leo Club, Honor Society, various sports teams, and middle school clubs and organizations, as well as the elementary students; staff and retiree involvement, and food and product collections.

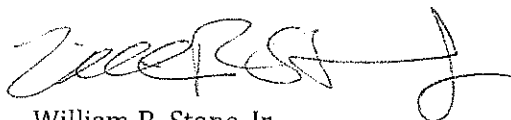
All of these projects and events were mentioned by Mr. Currie to highlight how the students are being trained to think of others, especially at this time of the year. He closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no other business to discuss, there was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second by Mr. Jelinski to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken and on a vote of eight (8) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes, it was ...

**RESOLVED**, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Stone, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William R. Stone, Jr.  
Board Secretary