



BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MONTHLY ACTION MEETING MINUTES **Thursday, October 26, 2023**

Generated by Renai Cardillo on Friday, October 27, 2023

Members present: Courtney Barbieri, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, William Formica

Members absent: Nicholas Braccio

Others present: Amy Craig, Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Michelle Mintz (Solicitor), Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Jeff Pammer, Bob Solomon, Michael Taylor, and Sam Varano

1. Welcome

1.1 Call to Order - Board President

Mr. Keith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1.2 Meeting Protocol

Mr. Keith outlined meeting protocol:

- Persons wishing to address the Board about an item(s) listed on the agenda must sign in on the **blue** sign-in sheet and specify the 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, 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. Eight Board members were present.

2. Student Recognition

2.1 Recognize Student Achievement in Science Competition

Superintendent Gallagher announced the student recognition by giving a brief history of student participation in the Science Fair program over the last 15 years. He introduced Indian Valley Middle School teacher Mrs. Amy Craig. Mrs. Craig spoke to the accomplishments of the students and the dedication needed to advance through the Science Fair award program. Mrs. Craig introduced Mr. Bob Solomon, the Executive Director of The Delaware Valley Science Fair.

Mr. Solomon stated the purpose of The Fair was to focus on STEM studies at the middle level. He also noted the commitment of the students to compete at the local level, the County level, and advance forward to the regional southeastern Pennsylvania Fair. Mr. Solomon praised **Maya Herrlinger** and **Jeremy Evans** for their participation in the *Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge*, noting it is the premier nation-wide middle school science and engineering research competition in the country. Mr. Solomon noted that Maya and Jeremy had are among the Top 300 Junior Innovators selected by an elite panel of judges.

MOTION TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE COMPETITION

Motion by William Brong, second by Stephen Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Courtney Barbieri, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, William Formica

2.2 Recognize National Merit Scholarship Students

High School Principal Dr. Varano announced the students who were being recognized for academic achievement as National Merit students, as a result of their PSAT scores. The following students were recognized:

Semi Finalist

Amanda Yang

Commended

Rahul Hegde
Aaron Jones
Aidan Kearns
Arman Khatri
Ariel Levin
Daniel Levin
Ashley Paturzo
Justin Stauffer
Gabriela Stone
Bryan Wu

MOTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Motion by Thomas Kwiatkowski, second by William Brong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Courtney Barbieri, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, William Formica

3. Student Spotlight Video

3.1 Spotlight Video

Superintendent Gallagher introduced a video highlighting the Indian Crest Middle School C3 event. Indian Crest Middle School Principal narrated the video explaining the volunteering, fundraising school-wide event that culminates with physical fun challenges outside.

4. Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

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

Colin Hughes and Aiden Kearns shared information on the recent Homecoming events at the High School which included a student tailgate and dance. They also shared that Career Week was held which included guest speakers and Shakespeare Day was held with a live performance by PA Shakespeare Festival actors. They also noted fall sports athletic achievements and National Honor Society induction.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

5.1 Public Comment

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. Report of the President

6.1 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 30 minutes.

7. Report of the Superintendent

7.1 The Superintendent will report on school district items

Dr. Gallagher also reported on successful Homecoming events, and the recent High School Athletic Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Dr. Gallagher also noted that the district's new student data management system Performance Matters is in use and the response from staff has been favorable.

Dr. Gallagher commented on the enhanced technology courses that were being approved this evening as well as positive functionality of food service operations. Dr. Gallagher thanked local first responders for their October visits to schools and continued support of the school district. Dr. Gallagher highlighted a few upcoming events including the High School Veterans Breakfast and the annual SAVE Recycling Day.

Dr. Gallagher announced the implementation of a school district Instagram account.

8. Consent/Action Agenda

8.1 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 are invited to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion is needed.

8.2 Approve School Board Meeting Minutes from September 2023

The Administration is seeking approval of the School Board Meeting Minutes from September 13 and September 28, 2023 as presented.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2023 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

8.3 Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings

The Administration is seeking Board approval for the Financial Statements and Check Listings for period ending September 30, 2023 as presented.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECK LISTINGS FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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

The Administration is seeking approval of out-of-state/overnight field trips:

SAHS FBLA students FBLA Leadership Conference Kalahari Resort Pocono Manor, PA October 29-30, 2023 12 students / 2 teachers Funding: Student
High School Choir and Jazz Band students Downtown Disney performances Disney World Orlando, FL 92 students / 8 adults Funding: Student
IVMS 8th grade ELA students Broadway show Bernard Jacobs Theatre New York, NY April 13, 2024 117 students / 39 adults Funding: Student

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

8.5 Approve Middle School Technology Course Revisions

The Administration is seeking approval to the revisions of middle school technology courses as presented at the October 11, 2023 Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

- Digital Media Instruction
- Video Production

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY COURSES

8.6 Approve New High School Technology Courses

The Administration is seeking approval of two new high school technology courses as presented at the October 11, 2023 Education-Personnel Meeting:

- Film Production 1
- Film Production 2

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE NEW HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY COURSES

8.7 Approve Personnel Items - Professional Staff

NEW HIRES	
<p>RAWA, GRACE Replacement for Christine Kara Canale (Resigned)</p>	<p>School Psychologist, EMC Elementary School TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL <u>Effective:</u> October 30, 2023 <u>Education:</u> West Chester (BA) 2019 PCOM (MS) 2023 <u>Experience:</u> Aug 23-present - Souderton Area School District, LTS School Psychologist, EMC Elementary School; Aug 22-July 23 - Quakertown Community School District, School Psychologist Intern, Quakertown Community High School <u>Recommended Salary:</u> \$58,942 - M (1)</p>
<p>WATSON, CORINNE Replacement for Valerie Ford (Deceased)</p>	<p>Biology Teacher, Souderton Area High School TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL <u>Effective:</u> September 22, 2023 <u>Education:</u> Penn State (BS) 2019 Drexel (MS) 2023 <u>Experience:</u> April 22-Sept 23 - Souderton Area School District, LTS Biology Teacher, Souderton Area High School <u>Recommended Salary:</u> \$61,010 (pro-rated) - M (2)</p>
REQUEST FOR CHILDREARING LEAVE	
<p>ALDERFER, MATTEA</p>	<p>Art Teacher, Franconia Elementary School Request for Childrearing Leave, following 12-weeks leave under FMLA, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Alderfer plans to return at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.</p>

GALE, AMANDA	<p>Social Studies Teacher, Souderton Area High School</p> <p>Request for Childrearing Leave, following 12-weeks leave under FMLA, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Gale plans to return at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.</p>
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Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - PROFESSIONAL STAFF
8.8 Approve Personnel Items - Support Staff

RESIGNATIONS	
PORTERFIELD, BRITTANIE	<p>Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elementary School</p> <p>Effective: October 13, 2023</p>
WALPOLE, ANA PAULA	<p>ESL Intervention Teaching Assistant, West Broad Street Elementary School</p> <p>Effective: October 2, 2023</p>
NEW HIRES	
<p>MYERS, TRACEY</p> <p>Replacement for Elizabeth McNeely (Resigned)</p>	<p>Intervention Teaching Assistant, West Broad Street Elementary School</p> <p>Effective: October 16, 2023</p> <p>Wage: \$18.18 per hour - Hours: 5.5 per day</p>
<p>SIMPSON, SHARON</p> <p>Replacement for Koleen Alderfer (Resigned)</p>	<p>STARR Job Coach, Souderton Area High School</p> <p>Effective: October 11, 2023</p> <p>Wage: \$17.78 per hour - Hours: 6.5 per day</p>
<p>WACKER, LAURA</p> <p>Replacement for Brittanie Porterfield (Resigned)</p>	<p>Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Salford Hills Elementary School</p> <p>Effective: October 17, 2023</p> <p>Wage: \$11.49 per hour - Hours: 3 per day</p>
<p>WALDSPURGER, MAX</p> <p>Replacement for Zachary Stamper (Resigned)</p>	<p>Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elementary School</p> <p>Effective: September 26, 2023</p> <p>Wage: \$13.45 per hour - Hours: 4 per day</p>
<p>WEIKEL, RILEY</p>	<p>Swim Instructor, Aquatics Program</p> <p>Effective: September 25, 2023</p> <p>Wage: \$13.00 per hour - Hours: As Needed</p>
TRANSFER	

MCDEVITT, RICHARD Replacement for James Kelly (Resigned)	From: Part-Time Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School To: 2nd Shift Custodian, Indian Valley Middle School Effective: October 23, 2023 Wage: \$21.24 per hour - Hours: 8 per day
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Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - SUPPORT STAFF
8.9 Approve Personnel Items - Supplemental Contracts

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	SALARY
Laura Aquilante *Replaces Kristin Stoddart	Unified Sports Advisor	Indian Crest Middle School	\$1,050
Samantha Zimmerman	Public Relations Co-Coordinator	EMC Elementary School	\$500

The following are changes made to previously approved items on the September 28, 2023 agenda.

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	SALARY
Amy Craig *No longer a split position	Science Fair Advisor	Indian Valley Middle School	\$835
Lauren Douglass *No longer a split position	Science Fair Advisor	Indian Valley Middle School	\$800
Korey Bishop *Now a split position	Public Relations Co-Coordinator	EMC Elementary School	\$500
Christine Maine	Head Teacher (shared)	Vernfield Elementary School	\$231.11 (previously submitted at \$222.22)

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS - SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

8.10 Approve Personnel Items - Additions to Substitute Teacher List

Dorinda Cao

Patricia Hedrick

Tracey Myers

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

8.11 Approve 2024 Bond Issue Parameters Resolution

The administration recommends approval of the 2024 bond issue parameters resolution to proceed with sale of bonds.

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE 2024 BOND ISSUE PARAMETERS RESOLUTION

8.12 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 Thomas Kwiatkowski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Courtney Barbieri, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, William Formica

9. Discussion/Action Agenda

There were no Discussion/Action agenda items.

10. Future Meetings

10.1 Future Meetings

Mr. Keith shared the following upcoming meetings:

DATE	ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION
November 8 2023	SASD Board Committee Meetings	6:30 PM	District Administrative Office 760 Lower Road Souderton
November 15 2023	Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors Meeting	6:45 PM	Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 2. W. Lafayette Street Norristown
November 16 2023	SASD Board Action Meeting	7:00 PM	District Administrative Office 760 Lower Road Souderton
November 20 2023	North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	North Montco Technical Career Center 1265 Sumneytown Pike Lansdale

11. Report of the Solicitor

11.1 Report of the Solicitor

There was no report.

12. Unfinished/New Business of the Board

12.1 Unfinished/New Business from the Board

There was no unfinished or new business from the Board.

13. Public Comments

13.1 Public Comments

Mr. Wisnowski spoke in favor of the proposed multi-purpose field at the high school.

Ms. Paturzo spoke in favor of the creation of a multi-purpose turf field at the high school noting that it would support other teams that are not always able to practice or play on the existing turf field.

Mr. Hart also spoke in favor of a multi-purpose turf field at the high school.

14. Adjournment

14.1 Adjournment of the Meeting

Mr. Keith adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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, William Brong, Janet Flisak, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, William Formica

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Taylor".

Michael Taylor, C.P.A.

Board Secretary / Director of Business Affairs