

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, May 24, 2012, at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by instructions on meeting protocol, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. William R. Stone, Jr., Board Secretary, 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
	Bernard S. Currie	Donna M. Scheuren
	Matt Holliday	

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were: Todd Bauer, Maryellen Brousseau, Stephen Bukowski, Henry Franz, Karen Frazier, Frank Gallagher, Matt Haines, Maria Halteman, Dr. Christopher Hey, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Dawn LeBlanc (NMTCC), John McLaughlin, Jeff Pammer, Elisa Snedaker (Treasurer), Stasha Sosnowicz, William Stone, Jr. (Secretary), David Thayres, a reporter from ***The Reporter*** newspaper, and community members.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Johnson called on Matt Haines, assistant principal of the Souderton Area High School, to introduce Maria Halteman, faculty advisor for the Souderton Area High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), who spoke about the club's competition results for the year.

A. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Champions

The following Souderton Area High School students made their presence known at the 2012 FBLA State Leadership Competition in Hershey. There were over 4,000 students from all over the state competing in 55 performance, team, and objective test competitions. Souderton's Global Business Team took first place in competition. The team has been invited to compete at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer. FBLA Global Business Team members:

KEVIN HANLON (12th)
SEAN HOOPER (12th)
DOMINIC NGUYEN (12th)

The following Souderton Area High School FBLA student was one of five students in the state to be awarded the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America B.A.A. America Award:

NANCY COMDEN (12th)

Dr. Johnson asked the Board for a motion to recognize the Souderton Area High School FBLA students for their achievement.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second from Mrs. Basile to recognize the students.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

A. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Champions (Continued)

Mr. Currie congratulated the FBLA students and wished them well in their future studies.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the High School Future Business Leaders of America for their outstanding achievements in Business this school year. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Johnson then called on the family members of the FBLA students to stand and thanked them for their encouragement and support.

Mr. Haines called on the Souderton /North Montco Technical Career Center SkillsUSA winners to be recognized by the Board.

B. SkillsUSA Winners

SkillsUSA is a national organization for students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. It provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. SkillsUSA builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes, and communications skills.

DAVID FALBO (11th) – 1st Place in Districts – Prepared Speech/Floral Design

LOGAN OSTANDER (11th) – 1st Place in States – Mechatronics/Mechatronics

CODY CLAUSS (12th) – 1st Place in Districts – Diesels/Diesel Truck Technology

JESSE HAMILTON (12th) – 1st Place in Districts – Advertising Design/Commercial Art

ASHLEY LAUMAN (12th) – 1st Place in Districts – Esthetics (model)/Cosmetology

ASHLEY RITTENHOUSE (12th) – 1st Place in Districts - Esthetics/Cosmetology

DENNIS STONE (12th) – 1st Place in Districts – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning/HVAC

SAMUEL STONE (12th) – 1st Place in Districts & States – Technical Drafting/Drafting & Design

Ms. Dawn LaBlanc, an administrator at North Montco Technical Career Center, was in the audience to represent the school.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board for a motion to recognize the Souderton/North Montco SkillsUSA winners for their achievements.

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, with a second from Ms. Scheuren to recognize the students.

Mr. Currie commented on the success of these students and offered his congratulations.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton/North Montco Technical Career Center SkillsUSA winners for their outstanding achievements in technical skills this school year. **EXHIBIT B**

Dr. Johnson then called on the family members of the SkillsUSA winners to stand and thanked them for their encouragement and support.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Mr. Haines then introduced Karen Frazier, Science Fair Advisor, who spoke about the Souderton Area School District Science Fair winners for this year.

C. Souderton Area School District Science Fair Winners

Mrs. Frazier introduced the following Souderton Area School District students and spoke about the awards they received at this year's Science Fair competitions:

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Winners and/or
Montgomery County Science Research Competition Winners

KERRI DIAMOND – 8th Grade -- Indian Crest Middle School
1st Place - The Bouncing Ball: Physics in Flash

MATTHEW DILLE – 9th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – Do Different Guitar String Materials Effect String Life?

CONNOR GEPHART – 7th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place – Do Blades Equal Thrust?

SARAH HEPLER – 9th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – The Effect of a Static Magnetic Field on Wound Healing

DEVON JAMES – 10th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – The Effect of Wavelength on Photovoltaic Cell Power Output

CARA PLUMMER – 7th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place - How Quickly Does a Tennis Ball Lose Its Bounce?

AVERY PRICE – 9th Grade -- Indian Crest Middle School
1st Place – How Do Different Liquids Affect the Growth of Crystals? – Perfect Score

CAROLINE PRITCHARD – 9th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – Saving the Orangutans with Smart Biodiesel

MARISSA PUPPO – 9th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – The Effect of Fish Color on Betta Fish Behavior

NATALIE ROBERTSON – 10th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – The Perfect Clarinet
Montgomery County Science Research Competition – Award for Physics - \$50
Honorable Mention from the U. S. Army for Math and Computers

NIARA SAVAGE – 8th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place – The Effect of Wind Turbine Rotor Size on Turbine Efficiency

HIRSH SISODIA – 8th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place – The Increased Efficiency of a Solar-Tracking Photovoltaic Cell – Perfect Score
Montgomery County Science Research Competition - \$50 Award

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

C. Souderton Area School District Science Fair Winners (Continued)

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Winners and/or
Montgomery County Science Research Competition Winners (Continued)

SHREYA SISODIA – 6th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place – The Effect of Popular Soda on Eggshells

ERIN SOLOMON – 8th Grade -- Indian Valley Middle School
1st Place – Bridge Design Effects on Stability During an Earthquake

EMILY STREAMS – 10th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – How Feed Type Affects a Chicken's Growth Rate

RYAN WILLIAMS – 11th Grade -- Souderton Area High School
1st Place – Alternative Energy: The Hutchison Power Cell

There were a total of 27 students who won awards in this year's Science Fair circuit.

Mrs. Frazier thanked the parents for their involvement and asked them to stand for recognition.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board for a motion to recognize the Souderton Science Fair winners for their achievements.

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski, with a second from Mr. Kwiatkowski to recognize the students.

Mr. Currie commented on the outstanding performance of the 27 students who were involved in the many science fairs this year.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area School District Science Fair winners for their outstanding achievements in Science this school year. **EXHIBIT C**

Mr. Haines concluded the Student Recognition segment of the Board meeting by introducing Todd Bauer, who spoke about the outstanding diving season of Ozzie Moyer. Moyer was coached by William Hence, high school diving coach, and Todd Bauer, high school swimming coach.

D. Gold Medal Winner in Diving

OSMUND "OZZIE" MOYER, senior at Souderton Area High School, recently won a Gold Medal in diving at the PIAA Class AAA competition. This accomplishment came on the heels of a second place performance at Districts. The District second place finish was Ozzie's fourth consecutive second place finish in District meets. He finished fourth at states in each of the last two years after finishing seventh as a freshman.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board for a motion to recognize Osmund "Ozzie" Moyer for his achievements in diving.

STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

D. Gold Medal Winner in Diving (Continued)

There was a motion by Mr. Kwiatkowski, with a second from Mr. Keith to recognize Ozzie Moyer. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Osmund "Ozzie" Moyer for his outstanding achievements in diving this school year. **EXHIBIT D**

Dr. Johnson then called on the Moyer Family to stand and thanked them for their encouragement and support.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Student Representative reporting this evening:

STASHA SOSNOWIZ – Class of 2012

Stasha reported on activities taking place for the underclassmen, such as the Junior Prom which was very successful, SAT tests have been taken, and students have received their schedules for next year.

Souderton Area High School hosted the Special Olympics today, with a lot of student volunteers from several school clubs and organizations. Stasha indicated that it was very rewarding to see the Special Olympians participate in the different events.

Other events that are happening at the high school: the National Honor Society Induction, Scholar's Banquet, Senior Prom (June 1st), Senior Awards Night and Senior Bash Night. Finally, the Commencement Ceremony will be held on June 7th.

This was Stasha's last report to the Board. She received word that she was accepted into the Honors Program at The University of Pennsylvania for the fall semester.

Mr. Currie presented Stasha with a certificate, recognizing her for her excellent year of reporting as Student Representative to the Board of School Directors. A certificate will also be presented to Ridgley Schultz, Junior Class representative, who was absent. **EXHIBIT E**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment at this time.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session of the Board was held on April 26, 2012 to discuss negotiations.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

An Executive Session was held on May 8, 2012, before the Finance Committee meeting, to discuss personnel items, and another Executive Session was held after the Finance Committee meeting to discuss possible litigation.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Johnson, on behalf of the administration, made a recommendation to the Board, asking them to approve the Consent/Action items VII-A to VII-T which included:

- Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2012.
- Approval of Financial Statements and Check Listings for April 2012.
- Approval of requests to attend conferences and workshops.
- Approval of personnel items for both Professional Staff and Support Staff such as retirements, resignations, a request for a compensated professional leave, transfers, and recommendations for employment.
- Approval of Community Education items such as: extension of a winter/spring course, 2012 Summer Sports Camp employees and wages, and the 2012 Summer Recreation Program employees and wages.
- Approval of colleges and universities for 2012-2013 Student Teacher Partnering.
- Approval of Board of School Directors' Meeting Calendar for the first half of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Acceptance of a donation to the Oak Ridge Elementary School from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beskar.
- Approval of contract with Gorman & Associates for auditing services for the year ending June 30, 2012.
- Approval of 2012-2013 Proposed North Montco Technical Career Center Budget.
- Approval of a revised 2012-2013 School Year Calendar to incorporate provisions of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Approval of the West Broad Street Elementary School Improvement Action Plan.
- Approval of the Indian Crest Middle School Improvement Action Plan.
- Approval of consensual furlough agreement for a professional employee.
- Ratify the submission of a Race to the Top – Phase III Grant application.
- Second Readings of new planned courses and new textbooks for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approval of the Third Reading and Adoption of new planned courses and textbooks for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approve a Real Estate Tax Assessment Stipulation Agreement for a property in Lower Salford Township.

Mr. Currie invited Board members to remove items from the Consent/Action agenda if further discussion was needed.

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski, and a second by Mr. Brong to approve the items listed in the Consent/Action agenda. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was. . .

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the items listed on the Consent/Action agenda as presented:

- A. Motion to Approve Minutes of the April 26, 2012 School Board Meeting.
- B. Motion to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for April 2012. **EXHIBIT F**
- C. Motion to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops
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| GAIL RYAN
Principal, Franconia Elementary | 2012 Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Institute
North Bethesda, MD |
| JOAN SHELLENBERGER
Reading Recovery Teacher,
Franconia Elementary | June 20-23, 2012 (Wednesday-Saturday)
Total Expenses: \$1,803.71 (combined)
Expenses paid from Title I Funds |
| BETH ANN HARBON
First Grade and Reading Recovery
Teacher, E. M. Crouthamel Elem. | Responsive Classroom II Training
Wilmington, DE
June 25-29, 2012 (Monday-Friday)
Total Expenses: \$966.95
Expenses paid from Title I Funds |
| CHRISTINE MAINE
ESL Teacher, Lower Salford Elem.
and Vernfield Elem. | 2012 ELL Symposium-Collaborating for Achievement
Downingtown, PA
July 30-August 2, 2012 (Monday-Thursday) |
| DIANE RANKIN
ESL Teacher, Indian Crest M. S. | Total Expenses: \$660.51 (combined)
Expenses to be paid from Title III Funds |
- D. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1. Motion to Approve Retirement
SUSAN RONCORONI French Teacher, Indian Crest/Indian Valley Middle
Schools
Effective: End of the 2011-2012 School Year
Years with SASD: 30 Years
 2. Motion to Approve Resignation
DENNIS STANTON English Teacher, Souderton Area High School
Effective: End of the 2011-2012 School Year
 3. Motion to Approve Request for Compensated Professional Leave
PATRICIA HEDRICK Special Education Teacher-Life Skills, Oak Ridge Elem.
Effective: 2012-2013 School Year
- E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF
1. Motion to Approve Retirements
SHERRY GERHART Food Service Manager, Indian Crest Middle School
Effective: May 25, 2012
Years of Service in SASD: 10 years

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

1. Motion to Approve Retirements (Continued)

TINA MARSH Secretary to the Assistant Principal, Souderton Area High School
Effective: June 29, 2012
Years of Service in SASD: 18 years

2. Motion to Approve Resignations

SHERRI HIBSMAN Cafeteria/Playground Aide, Lower Salford Elem.
Effective: May 4, 2012

DYLAN KULP Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elementary
Effective: May 4, 2012

MELISSA McVAUGH Title I Teaching Assistant, Franconia Elementary
Effective: End of the 2011-2012 School Year

STEVEN OLIVIERI Part-Time Custodian, Salford Hills Elementary
Effective: May 9, 2012

MICHAEL STUART Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elementary
Effective: May 16, 2012

3. Motion to Approve Transfer

CHERYL BATES From: Manager Trainee, Souderton Area High School
Replacement for To: Food Service Manager, Indian Crest Middle School
Sherry Gerhart (retired) Beginning: May 29, 2012
Wage: \$14.49 per hour – Hours: 8 per day

4. Motion to Approve Employment of Support Staff

DANIEL HUBER Substitute Custodian, Summer
Beginning: May 7, 2012
Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: 8 per day

MATTHEW JOHNSON Substitute Custodian, Summer
Beginning: May 7, 2012
Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: 8 per day

JEAN SHELLY Substitute Custodian, Summer
Beginning: June 11, 2012
Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: 8 per day

JOSHUA SHTATMAN Substitute Custodian, Summer
Beginning: May 7, 2012
Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: 8 per day

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF (CONTINUED)

4. Motion to Approve Employment of Support Staff (Continued)

CHAYCE YERGER	Part-Time Custodian, Lower Salford Elementary
Replacement for	Beginning: May 14, 2012
Dylan Kulp (resigned)	Wage: \$10.36 per hour – Hours: 4 per day

F. Motion to Approve Items for Souderton Area Community Education Program

1. Extension of Souderton Area Community Education Winter/Spring Class

LORRAINE COHAN Total Body Sculpting (May/8 Sessions) \$200.00 Workshop Fee

2. Motion to Approve 2012 Summer Sports Camp Employees and Wages.

EXHIBIT G

3. Motion to Approve 2012 Summer Recreation Program Employees and Wages.

EXHIBIT H

G. Motion to Approve Colleges and Universities for 2012-2013 Student Teacher Partnering

The following list of eligible colleges and universities will furnish agreements that require Pennsylvania State Police and FBI Criminal History Report, tuberculosis test results, and academic transcripts for each student prior to the start of the 2012-2013 student-teaching experience:

Arcadia University	Drexel University	Lehigh University
Bloomsburg University	East Stroudsburg University	Pennsylvania State University
Cabrini College	Eastern University	Philadelphia Biblical University
Chestnut Hill College	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Temple University
Delaware Valley College	Immaculata College	Ursinus College
DeSales University		West Chester University

H. Motion to approve the Board of School Directors' Meeting Calendar for the first half of the 2012-2013 School Year (July 2012 to December 2012).

EXHIBIT I

I. Motion to accept a donation to Oak Ridge Elementary School from Paul and Emilie Beskar of four (4) iPads, valued at \$1,691.76.

EXHIBIT J

J. Motion to approve contract with Gorman & Associates for auditing services for the year ending June 30, 2012.

EXHIBIT K

K. Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Proposed North Montco Technical Career Center Budget as listed:

General Fund	\$10,831,000
Adult Education	888,280
Food Service	122,451
Production Control	60,000
Capital Projects	257,797

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- L. Motion to approve 2012-2013 REVISED School Year Calendar. Revisions to the original calendar (approved by the Board on November 22, 2011) were required due to the new SAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. **EXHIBIT L**
- M. Motion to approve the West Broad Street Elementary School - School Improvement Action Plan to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by June 30, 2012. **EXHIBIT M**
- N. Motion to approve the Indian Crest Middle School – School Improvement Action Plan to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by June 30, 2012. **EXHIBIT N**
- O. Motion to approve consensual furlough for employee **ID #13364** effective as of the close of business on June 30, 2012. **EXHIBIT O**
- P. Motion to ratify the submission of a **Race to the Top – Phase III** Grant application in the amount of \$19,593.32.
- Q. Second Reading -- New Planned Courses for 2012-2013 School Year
The planned course recommendations listed below have been reviewed by the Curriculum Council and Education-Personnel Committee for consideration. If there are no objections this evening, the Third Reading and Adoption of the new planned course recommendations will take place at the next School Board meeting.
1. Honors English 11/12
 2. Digital Publication
- R. Second Reading -- New Textbooks for 2012-2013 School Year
The textbook recommendations listed below have been reviewed by the Curriculum Council and Education-Personnel Committee for consideration. If there are no objections this evening, the Third Reading and Adoption of the new textbook recommendations will take place at the next School Board meeting.
1. Biology, Foundations Series, Miller/Levine, Pearson Publishers, 2010
(Biology B)
 2. Biology, Miller/Levine, Pearson Publishers, 2012
(Biology and Honors Biology)
 3. Biology, Nowicki, Holt, McDougal Publishers, 2012
(Honors Biology)
 4. Principles of Life, Hills/Sadava, Bedford, Freeman, Worth Publishers, 2012
(AP Biology)
- S. Motion for a Third Reading and Adoption of New Planned Courses/Textbooks
The planned courses and textbook recommendations listed below have been reviewed by the Curriculum Council and Education-Personnel Committee for consideration.
1. Advanced Business Leadership
 2. Advanced Video Game Programming
 3. Child Health and Consumer Issues

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

- S. Motion for a Third Reading and Adoption of New Planned Courses/Textbooks (Continued)
The planned courses and textbook recommendations listed below have been reviewed by the Curriculum Council and Education-Personnel Committee for consideration.
4. Food, Nutrition and Lifetime Fitness - Text: *"Nutrition and Wellness for Life"*
 5. Personal Finance - Text: *"Personal Financial Literacy"*
- T. Motion to approve a Real Estate Tax Assessment Stipulation Agreement for 715 Quarry Road, Lower Salford Township. **EXHIBIT P**

INFORMATIONAL

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

- A. The schedule of June 2012 meetings of the Souderton Area School District Board of School Directors are listed below:

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM
Policy Committee Meeting has been canceled.

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – Special Board Meeting to Adopt Final Budget – 6:30 PM
Education-Personnel Committee Meeting will begin immediately following the
Special School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM (Tentative)
The Operations Committee Meeting will follow immediately after the conclusion
of the Education-Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday, June 28, 2012 - Board of School Directors 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.

- B. The next North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2012 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.
- C. The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7:45 PM in the PaTTAN Center, King of Prussia, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report from the Solicitor.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

No unfinished or new business from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Peterson, resident of Souderton Borough, spoke about the new teacher's agreement and asked the Board to reconsider the real estate tax increase.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Jelinski, with a second by Mrs. Basile to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken, and on a vote of 9 to 0, it was . . .

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully,

William R. Stone, Jr.
School Board Secretary