SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

760 Lower Road Souderton, PA 18964

The annual reorganization meeting of the Souderton Area School Board was held Thursday evening, December 1, 2005 at 7:30 PM, in the District Administrative Office Tinner Board Room. Secretary, Stan Wisler, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Wisler led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated the purpose of the meeting.

The roll call was as follows:

EXISTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Cole R. Bud Miller

Eric MacDougall Dr. Jack Parry

ABSENT: Sharon Gehret

SOLICITOR: Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

Also present at the meeting were Dr. Charles Amuso, Karen Berk, Brad Clemens, Grace Eves, Frank Gallagher, Ellen Jamison, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, Stan Wisler, representatives from <u>The Reporter</u>, <u>The Souderton Independent</u>, WNPV Radio, and the public.

Election of Temporary President

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the Board should elect a temporary president from the existing current members.

Mrs. Cole nominated Mr. MacDougall.

Dr. Parry nominated Mr. Wisler.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that the temporary president must be a Board member.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Cole to close the nominations and cast the ballot in favor of Mr. MacDougall for temporary president.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 4-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board close the nominations and cast the vote in favor of Mr. Eric MacDougall as Temporary President.

Mr. MacDougall then indicated that the Honorable District Justice Kenneth Deatelhauser would swear in the newly elected Board members. Each new member was sworn in individually and administered the Oath of Office by the Honorable District Justice Kenneth Deatelhauser.

WILLIAM J. BRONG BERNARD S. CURRIE MARK D. LEER VICTOR M. VERBEKE Mr. MacDougall welcomed the new Board members to the Board.

Election of the Board President - Term of one (1) year

Mr. MacDougall indicated that the Board would entertain nominations for president.

Mrs. Cole nominated Mr. MacDougall.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Dr. Parry to close the nominations and cast the ballot in favor of Mr. Eric MacDougall as President for the term of one year.

The roll call vote was taken, and all eight members present voted for Mr. MacDougall.

RESOLVED, That the Board close the nominations and cast the vote in favor of Eric MacDougall as Board President for a term of one year.

Election of a Vice President - Term of one (1) year

Mr. MacDougall indicated that he would entertain nominations for vice president.

Mr. MacDougall nominated Dr. Parry.

Mrs. Cole nominated Mr. Leer.

There was a motion by Mrs. Cole, second by Mr. Brong to close the nominations and vote.

There was a roll call vote, 6 votes (Mr. Brong, Mr. Currie, Mr. MacDougall, Mr. Miller, Dr. Parry and Mr. Verbeke) for Dr. Parry and 2 votes (Mrs. Cole and Mr. Leer) for Mr. Leer.

RESOLVED, That the Board elect Dr. Parry as Board Vice President for a term of one year.

Resolution to Authorize Continuation of Existing Signature Plates

A resolution is made to authorize the continuation of the use of the existing signature plates reflecting Richard Swartley as Board President and Donna Devlin as Treasurer until such time as new signature plates can be prepared reflecting the new board officer appointments. The Director of Business Affairs is authorized to arrange for the preparation of said signature plates so that the intent of this resolution can be effectuated.

There was a motion by Mr. Leer to continue to use the existing signature plates, second by Mrs. Cole, and on a vote of 8-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board continue the use of the existing signature plates until the time that the new signature plates are received.

Nomination of Board member to represent Souderton Area School District on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Heidi Johnson. Term expires June 2007

Mr. MacDougall then asked for nominations for a representative to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board for a term that expires June 2007.

Mr. Leer nominated Mrs. Cole for the position.

Mrs. Cole accepted the nomination.

There was a motion by Mr. MacDougall, second by Mr. Miller, and upon a vote of 8-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board appoint Mrs. Cole as the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board representative to complete Mrs. Johnson's unexpired term which will end June 2007.

Nomination of Board member to represent Souderton Area School District on the North Montco

Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee. The term is a two-year term – December 2005 to

December 2007

Mr. MacDougall then asked for nominations for a representative to the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee for the period of December 2005 to December 2007.

Mrs. Cole nominated Mr. Brong.

There was a motion by Mr. Currie, and a second by Dr. Parry to close the nominations and cast the ballot in favor of Mr. Brong.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board appoint Mr. Brong as the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee representative for the term of December 2005 to December 2007.

Nomination of Board member to represent Souderton Area School District on the Indian Valley Public Library Board. Term is a three-year term – December 2005 to December 2008 Dr. Parry then nominated Mr. Verbeke.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, and a second by Mr. Currie to close the nominations and cast the ballot in favor of Mr. Verbeke.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 8-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board appoint Mr. Verbeke as the Souderton Area School District representative to the Indian Valley Public Library Board for the term of December 2005 to December 2008.

Comments from the Public

Mr. MacDougall then asked for public comments.

Susan Mohr made a comment about the article in the newspaper that quoted Mr. Silva regarding the opportunities that would be available in the new high school building. Mrs. Mohr indicated that it is the teacher in the classroom that makes the difference, not the building.

Mr. Silva indicated that he agrees with Mrs. Mohr that the teacher is the most important, but the current high school building does limit the opportunities that are available for providing some additional services for students.

Mr. Rosato then made comments regarding the appointment of Mrs. Cole when she indicated that she wanted better communication with the public. He indicated that he had asked for additional information to be sent out regarding Act 34 and Act 72 and indicated that the Board should have done a better job of getting the information out. Mr. Rosato mentioned that he had received two copies of the high school newsletter, even though he and his wife are part of the same household. One newsletter was sent to him; one to his wife. He encouraged the new Board members to do a better job in getting information out and to do what is right for the taxpayers. He also added his support for broadcasting all meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacDougall then asked for a motion to adjourn.

There was a motion by Dr. Parry, second by Mr. Miller, and on a vote of 8-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the adjournment of the meeting at 7:55 PM.

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Stan Wisler Secretary