

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 Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the District Administrative Offices in the Tinner Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bernard S. Currie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner	Thomas A. Kwiatkowski
	William J. Brong	Mark D. Leer
	Bernard S. Currie	R. Bud Miller
	Scott C. Jelinski	Victor M. Verbeke
ABSENT:	Eric R. MacDougall	
SOLICITOR:	Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.	

Also present at the meeting were: Dr. Charles Amuso, Todd Bauer, Karen Berk, Brenda J. Bray, Donna Brown, Dale Burkhard, R. Bradley Clemens, Cathy Corcoran, Morgan Delaware, Deborah Doebler, Grace Eves, Tom Ferlick, Henry Franz, Frank Gallagher, Jeff Pammer, Steve Pollack, Tom Quintois, Laurie Reynolds, Gail Ryan, Jack Silva, David Thayres, Sam Varano, Wayne Walton, representatives from *The Reporter*, *The Souderton Independent*, *The Morning Call*, Radio Station WNPV, and the public.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Dr. Amuso, called on Mr. Quintois to introduced Todd Bauer, head swimming coach. Mr. Bauer spoke about the outstanding athletes, their accomplishments, and recapped of the season's standings. Mr. Bauer then recognized the District and State qualifiers.

Souderton Area High School Boys and Girls Swim Teams

The Souderton Area High School boys swim team won the league championship for the eleventh year in a row. The girls swim team also won the league championship, were second in District One, and finished fifth in the State of Pennsylvania. Head coach, Todd Bauer, is assisted by Bill Hence, Trisha Swanson, and Barb Tomlinson.

CHLOE THOMAS (9) – States
HANNA CROSS (10)
MELISSA DOLL (10) – States
MARIEL KUSH (10) - States
KATHLEEN CURZON (11)
ARIELLE FRY (11)

ASHLEY KICHLINE (11) - States
LAUREN PEACHEY (11)
ANGELA SEVERN (11) – States
PAIGE WHITMIRE (11) - States
CATHERINE CORCORAN (12) - States
KAITLYN EVANS (12)

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Souderton Area High School Boys and Girls Swim Teams (Continued)

SEAN CORCORAN (10)
RICHARD STILES (10)
DANIEL YOCUM (10)
MICHAEL EACHUS (11)
ALEXANDER EVERS (11)

MATTHEW FADDEN (11)
JACOB RADCLIFF (11) - States
JOSEPH REYNOLDS (11)
TIMOTHY DORSCH (12) - States

There was a motion by Mr. Brong, second by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller congratulated the swimmers and spoke about the excellent community swimming clubs.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the Souderton Area High School Swimming Teams
for their outstanding accomplishments. **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Amuso asked the parents to stand and receive recognition for their support of the swimmers.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer Recognition

Dr. Amuso recognized the officers and the local police departments for their efforts in providing this valuable service. He also commended the officers on the great D.A.R.E. Graduation ceremonies that are held each year.

The following local police officers were recognized for their instruction and expertise in the education of drug abuse resistance to the students of the Souderton Area School District:

OFFICER DAVID GALE	Souderton Borough Police Department
OFFICER KURT SCHERZBERG	Souderton Borough Police Department
D.A.R.E. Officers for E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School	

OFFICER TIMOTHY BOYLE	Franconia Township Police Department
OFFICER DAVID KLEPFER	Franconia Township Police Department
D.A.R.E. Officers for Franconia Elementary School	
Vernfield Elementary School	
West Broad Street Elementary School	

OFFICER RICHARD DIAZ	Lower Salford Township Police Department
OFFICER JEFFREY DUTILL	Lower Salford Township Police Department
OFFICE R THOMAS HANEY	Lower Salford Township Police Department
OFFICER KIM KRATZ	Lower Salford Township Police Department
SERGEANT THOMAS PIATEK	Lower Salford Township Police Department
D.A.R.E. Officers for Lower Salford Elementary School	
Oak Ridge Elementary School	
Salford Hills Elementary School	

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer Recognition (Continued)

There was a motion by Mr. Jelinski, second by Mr. Kwiatkowski.

Mr. Currie publicly thanked the officers for their involvement with this program.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize the D.A.R.E. Officers and the local police departments for their assistance with drug abuse resistance education in the Souderton Area School District. **EXHIBIT B**

Celebrate Literacy Award

Dr. Amuso recognized Mrs. Gail Ryan for putting her heart and soul into literacy. **GAIL RYAN**, Director of Elementary Education, was recently awarded the “Celebrate Literacy Award” from the International Reading Association and the Tri-County Reading Council for exemplary service in the promotion of literacy.

There was a motion by Mr. Leer, second by Dr. Baumgartner, and on a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board recognize Gail Ryan for her passion for literacy for our students. **EXHIBIT C**

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Morgan Delaware, Class of 2009, reported on the events and activities taking place at Souderton Area High School such as: the Junior Prom, Film Festival, Rummage Sale, Recycling Day, Career Day, a dodge ball competition to raise funds for Autism Research, the SUSAN Project, and the Senior Prom.

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS

Operations Committee
William J. Brong, Chairman

Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Brong called on Mr. Pollack to address the Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Pollack indicated that the items on the improvement plan are funded by Capital Reserve Fund. The chart that was distributed showed projects from the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years, as well as projects for the next five years. Projects for 2008-2009 will begin after July 1, and all contracts for summer work have been approved by the Board of School Directors. Mr. Pollack mentioned that the administration was very pleased that project bids came in lower than expected. The team has worked hard to prioritize the projects. Roofing projects are a high priority for most of the improvement plan.

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee (Continued)

Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)

Mr. Pollack explained how roofs are selected for repair and that report is updated every year. He reminded the Board that with ten school buildings, an administration office, and the maintenance building, it is our responsibility to maintain these physical plants as best we can.

Mr. Pollack provided information about a few major projects, such as the Indian Crest technology education conversion and the district phone system. As far as the technology education conversion, an architect was hired to do a conceptual study and preliminary estimates. Mr. Pollack added that further discussion is needed by the Board to determine what to do regarding the maintenance and storage building at the new high school.

Mr. Brong stated that the maintenance garage discussions ceased until warehousing was investigated to see if the district could consolidate maintenance and storage items. He indicated that further discussions on the Indian Crest technology education conversion, the district's phone system, and the maintenance and storage building will be carried over to a future Operations workshop.

Mr. Pollack mentioned that most of the phone systems in the district are over 20 years old and are not up-to-date with current technology. He also indicated that he would schedule the Godshall Kane Architects to come in and make a presentation on the Indian Crest renovation.

Mr. Jelinski had questions regarding the age and style of the roof at Oak Ridge Elementary.

Mr. Pollack responded that the Oak Ridge was built in 1990, and he explained the different roofing systems that allow the district to do a partial tear off and replacement.

Mr. Kwaitkowski asked if 20 years is the average lifespan for a roof.

Mr. Pollack indicated that the lifespan of a roof depends on how the original roof was built. Some roofs have lasted over 20 years. Some rubber roofs have a 10 to 15 year lifespan. Lower Salford and Franconia schools each have a slate roof, which can last 40 to 80 years.

Mr. Brong asked about roof warranties.

Mr. Kwaitkowski asked how projects are approved when they are less than \$100,000,

Mr. Pollack responded that projects less than \$100,000 are placed in the general fund budget.

Mr. Leer asked several questions about the emergency generators on the project list for replacement at both Indian Crest and Indian Valley.

Mr. Pollack explained the need for the emergency generators at the two schools. He also mentioned that the emergency generators are turned on and tested at least once a week and explained the urgent need for the Indian Crest replacement.

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Operations Committee (Continued)

Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)

Dr. Baumgartner asked several questions regarding the maintenance garage proposed for the new high school. He suggested that the district sell the Route 113 maintenance building if and when a new storage building is in place.

Mr. Brong indicated that the Board will discuss this issue at a later date.

Mr. Currie requested that the Indian Crest technology education conversion be put on a future Operations workshop agenda. The Board needs to review timetables and costs related to the project.

Recommendation: Place the Indian Crest technology education conversion and the new high school maintenance garage on a future Operations workshop agenda for discussion.

New High School Project – Change Orders

The Farfield Company (Electrical Contractor): Sewer Meter Pit.1 . . .	\$ 14,133.73
J.B.M. Mechanical, Inc. (Plumbing Contractor):	
Credit for allowances not expected to be used	<u>(50,000.00)</u>
Net Change Order	<u>\$(35,866.27)</u>

Mr. Pollack explained the reasons for the change orders. With this add, we are still under the original bid of the electrical contractor. The allowance for the plumbing contractor has not been used to date.

Recommendation: Move this item to the next Board meeting for action.

Mr. Brong questioned where the money is directed from the change order credit.

Mr. Currie commented that the project could come in under budget.

Mr. Jelinski asked for a spread sheet of construction costs to date per contractor.

Mr. Bray informed Mr. Jelinski that there is a listing in the D'Huy quarterly report.

Mr. Miller questioned the use of a change order vs. the use of the allowance in the electrical contract.

Mr. Pollack explained the allowances of the construction contracts.

Discussion of Policy #810 - Transportation

Mr. Verbeke indicated that this was the first look at Policy #810 since 1990.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the PSBA Policy Network has advised a revision to this policy due to the passage of a recent law regarding background checks for contracted carriers. Transportation Services, Inc. and the Souderton Area School District have been requiring background checks for many years. The Administrative Policy Review Committee recommends deleting this section from the policy since it is an administrative procedure.

Policy Committee (Continued)

Discussion of Policy #810 – Transportation (Continued)

Mr. Verbeke had several questions about other contracted carriers who provide transportation.

Mr. Verbeke suggested that the section relating to the “...superintendent being responsible...” be moved to the end of the policy.

Mr. Jelinski asked if the Board could determine a safe route for walking students. He shared his concern regarding the state determining the safe route.

Mr. Pollack explained the process for PennDOT to determine either a “hazardous route” or a “non-hazardous route.” He also explained how the district is reimbursed for transportation costs.

Mr. Miller suggested that if the distance is less than a mile and a half, the district should have the option to bus the student.

Dr. Amuso explained that transportation for students is not required by law. However, if we do bus, then we must follow the law in order to receive reimbursement from the state.

Mr. Verbeke asked if Dr. Amuso was comfortable with PennDOT making the determination on hazardous routes.

Mr. Pollack indicated that since he has been at Souderton, he has not had any instances when PennDOT has turned down a request.

Mr. Currie commented that the district can be pro-active in contacting PennDOT.

Mr. Pollack stated that PennDOT publishes their parameters and criteria for their studies, so the district could do a study.

Mr. Jelinski suggested putting verbiage in the policy that would allow the district to make a hazardous route determination.

Mr. Currie recommended that Mr. Verbeke and the Policy Committee discuss Mr. Jelinski’s suggestion for inclusion in the policy.

Mr. Brong mentioned that there is no current policy that addresses hazards when children are walking to bus stops.

Mr. Verbeke questioned if PennDOT address this type of hazard.

Mr. Sultanik indicated that PennDOT is not involved in determining hazards in route to bus stops.

Recommendation: Move Policy #810 to the next Board meeting for a First Reading.

A Second Look at the 2008-2009 Budget

Dr. Amuso presented a report on the 2008-2009 Second Look Budget which is currently at \$95,885,872, which is a 2.36% increase over the projected totals for 2007-2008 as of March 31st. The budget total for 2007-2008 is \$96,341,606.

Changes from the First Look Budget are adjustments that show a net increase in expenditures of \$23,755. Dr. Amuso noted that this is the first time that a subsequent year's budget is based on the projected totals of the current year's budget. The target for the 2008-2009 budget is a "Local Index" increase of 2.18%. The local index permits an increase of \$2,042,181.

The administration has developed the budget by prioritizing the district's expenditures, starting off with expenditures required by state and federal law, next were expenditures required by contracts and local agreements, and finally expenditures not specifically required. The difference between the current increase and the local index is \$165,592. Dr. Amuso added that the administration will be recommending the funding of the additional \$165,592 above the 2.18% increase.

Dr. Amuso listed projects that totaled \$175,500 that could be cut from the budget, but is not making that recommendation.

The 2008-2009 Second Look Revenue Budget total is \$95,064,413, which is a .13% decrease over the projected totals for 2007-2008 as of April 21st. The budget total for 2007-2008 is \$94,030,949. Changes from the First Look Budget include a net increase in revenue of \$207,101.

Dr. Amuso indicated that on May 8th the Board will be asked to adopt the 2008-2009 Proposed Final Budget. Further discussion and fine tuning will occur during May and June, with final adoption of the 2008-2009 budget on June 19th. Dr. Amuso mentioned that there was no word yet on the Governor's budget.

Mr. Miller asked for information on current late bus schedules and usage.

Mr. Currie stated that the Board has taken an entirely different process for attacking the budget, but the process is going smoothly.

Recommendation: Move forward to the May 8th Board Meeting for adoption of the 2008-2009 Proposed Final Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Meredith Birchall, from Lower Salford Township, expressed concern over the proposed elimination of the Exploratory World Languages course in the transition plan and students who will not be able to take an art course.

Thom Moll, resident of Lower Salford Township, asked the Board for more time to absorb the transition plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Claire Gorton, from Lower Salford Township, asked how the curriculum would be changed for the transition. She also questioned if the 200 minute block could be restructured and questioned how the plan would be evaluated.

Mr. Silva explained that curriculum will need to be rewritten, and then spoke about the rationale for the time block and teaming aspect. He indicated that the evaluation will be both external and internal.

Mrs. Gorton also had questions relating to course scheduling, which Mr. Ferlick addressed.

Danielle Beldham, a Franconia Township resident, expressed concern about the Challenge program and what would be available for students with GIEPs and IEPs. She felt that the administration was rushing the plan.

Mr. Silva, Mr. Ferlick and Dr. Burkhard all spoke about gifted students and how this new scheduling framework will be flexible enough to accommodate students with IEPs.

Mr. Ferlick addressed the communication with parents. He briefly highlighted the many attempts over the last three years to keep parents informed.

Dr. Amuso reviewed some of the issues that were discussed at last week's Middle Level Transition Plan Presentation. The goal is to form a team approach, appropriate for student age groups and educational readiness to be prepared for high school. The team created a program that allows sufficient time to learn what students need to know in the core subjects. The committee wanted to improve the advisory aspect of the program by providing a contact person for each student. Dr. Amuso explained the reasons for eliminating the exploratory world language course. Students in eighth grade will choose a level one language which will be more rigorous than the seventh grade exploratory course or the ninth grade conversational course.

Mr. Silva indicated that Mrs. Berk suggested putting the exploratory world language course into the Summer Bridge Program.

Dr. Amuso concluded that the Board has been discussing this topic for several months. It's time to get started so we are ready for 2009-2010. He explained the reasons for keeping the planning moving. The decision needs to be made now so we can get started with staffing and curriculum.

At this point, Mr. Currie suggested modifying the sequence of the agenda and move agenda item X to this part of the meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation for Approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, Beginning September 2009.

Dr. Amuso presented the recommendation for approval. The schedule for grades 6-8 at both Indian Valley and Indian Crest Middle Schools will be structured according to the presentation to the Board of School Directors made by the Middle Level administrators on April 16, 2008.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation for Approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, Beginning September 2009.

Dr. Amuso made the recommendation to approve the Middle Level Schedule and move forward on the planning for the 2009-2010 school year.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Dr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Brong asked questions about the change from 8 periods to 7 periods and asked why a period would be cut when students could use that period for extra help. Parents also have this question.

Mr. Silva indicated that there are problems with the current schedule and explained the reasons for shifting from 8 periods to 7 periods. The goal is to take teaming to the next level; they need the extra time to work.

Mr. Ferlick explained the current teaming problems and how the new schedule will help the students and teachers with teaming possibilities. When talking to teachers, they told Mr. Ferlick that they needed more time together as a team to address problems and communications. He also explained the downfalls with an eighth period.

Dr. Burkhard also addressed the time schedule. He believes that remediation maybe worked out for the activities period.

Mr. Brong questioned class sizes now that there will be two middle schools.

Mr. Silva spoke about student survival in the middle school structure.

Mr. Brong again explained the intent of tonight's vote.

Mr. Silva spoke about the change in periods and how that will be helpful in years to come.

Mr. Brong expressed concern about the foreign language change for the transition.

Dr. Burkhard and Mr. Silva also addressed the foreign language changes.

Mr. Verbeke asked questions regarding the timeline for the transition and what would happen if the Board did not vote on this issue tonight.

Mr. Silva spoke about the timeline of the transition and what a delay could mean for the program moving forward. Mr. Ferlick added some of the urgent topics that need to be addressed now, such as the activities period and how that will be scheduled, designing of the rooms, clubs and activities, scheduling gifted students, curriculum needs that need to be examined within each department, advocacies need to be worked out, procedures, the need to recruit teachers for committees that will be created, etc.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, Beginning September 2009 (Continued)

Mr. Verbeke questioned the administration and Dr. Amuso on procedural issues. He referenced Policy #105 – Curriculum Development and Policy #107 – Adoption of Planned Instruction and asked Dr. Amuso if appropriate procedures were followed in this case.

Dr. Amuso responded by summarizing the superintendent's responsibility as stated in Policy #105. He indicated that the Board and parents have been included all along the way.

Mr. Silva addressed timelines involved in the transition process. His big concern is the placement of curriculum for approval in an appropriate time frame when a complete school restructuring is taking place. As far as procedures that have been taken for the approval of school restructuring, he felt that all procedures were followed in the appropriate manner.

Dr. Amuso added that the curriculum still needs to be approved. Teachers need the time to revise their courses to fit the new schedule.

Mr. Verbeke also addressed Policy #107 – Adoption of Planned Instruction. He asked if there was a policy that involved structural reorganization or the elimination of a course.

Dr. Amuso explained reasons why courses are eliminated. Policy #107 explains what will happen after courses are determined. The administration is bringing the elimination of the Exploratory World Language course to the attention of the Board at this time because it is not addressed by policy.

Mr. Verbeke indicated that he would not support tonight's recommendation. He would like to see more effective communication regarding these issues and stated that he would put forth a motion to table the motion, since he believes more time is needed to understand the changes.

Mr. Silva offered his cooperation in explaining the details of the plan to Mr. Verbeke.

Mr. Kwaitkowski added his concern about approving the plan. He stated that more time is needed to understand the plan in its entirety. He asked when the students would get extra help when needed.

Mr. Silva indicated that some of his questions are procedural, which still needs to be developed.

Mr. Ferlick also addressed help for students, advisor schedule, activity periods, etc., and the procedures that still need to be developed. He explained staffing needs and certifications required by teachers. The team is willing to go back and address some of the issues that concern the public, but as far as the schedule and framework of the day, that must go forward.

Mr. Kwaitkowski stated that he needed more time to understand and asked if the administration could wait two more weeks for a decision by the Board.

Mr. Silva indicated that rethinking the schedule will take much more time to develop than moving the current proposal forward.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, Beginning September 2009 (Continued)

Mr. Currie reminded Board members that they were voting on the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8. Other details will be worked out when the Board votes on the schedule. This is a work in progress.

Mr. Kwaitkowski asked questions about technology being imbedded in the core subjects.

Mr. Silva addressed the question of qualified technology teachers in the district.

Mr. Ferlick stated that not all scheduling changes come to the Board, but since this is a huge restructuring change, it was brought to the Board for approval.

Mr. Leer asked if there were no restrictions on resources, would the plan look different.

Dr. Amuso indicated that using existing resources was just understood. He felt that the plan would not be restricted.

Mr. Silva agreed that the plan makes excellent use of the district's resources.

Mr. Leer added that he had been involved in the entire process and supports the plan.

Mr. Brong stated that the Board needs to trust the administration's decision, but asked if an extra two weeks would make a big difference in the time frame.

Mr. Silva mentioned that the conversation was identical to the conversations that took place in 2000 and 2001 when reorganization took place.

Mr. Miller also addressed trust with the administration's decisions. He spoke about the time and effort that has been put into this transition plan. Board members need to ask the questions, but also need to trust the administration. They have decided that this is the best for the children and the district.

Dr. Baumgartner shared comments from residents of the district.

Mr. Verbeke made a motion to table the administration's recommendation until the May 8th meeting and refer back to the committee to consider alternatives and deal with the exploratory language issue.

Mr. Currie reiterated the motion by Mr. Verbeke to table the motion and move the topic to May 8th. The motion was second by Mr. Kwaitkowski. Mr. Currie reviewed Roberts' Rules of Order in addressing this motion.

Mr. Kwaitkowski again indicated that a delay would be appropriate to understand the plan.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 2 to 6, the motion failed. Those voting no were Mr. Verbeke and Mr. Kwaitkowski.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Recommendation for Approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, Beginning September 2009 (Continued)

Mr. Currie reviewed the underlying motion for approval of the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, beginning in September 2009, at both Indian Valley and Indian Crest, based on the presentation by the administration on April 16, 2008. The motion had been made by Mr. Miller, and second by Dr. Baumgartner.

The vote was taken, and on a vote of 6 to 2, with Mr. Verbeke and Mr. Kwiatkowski voting no, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Middle Level Schedule for Grades 6-8, beginning September 2009 as presented to the Board on April 16, 2008. **EXHIBIT D**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Bernard S. Currie

An Executive Session was held on April 10, 2008 to discuss personnel items. The session lasted one hour.

An Executive Session was held on April 15, 2008 to discuss negotiations. The session lasted 30 minutes.

An Executive Session was held this evening prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel items. The session lasted approximately 15 minutes.

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Amuso presented the consent/action agenda items A through G for action, with Board members pulling out items for further discussion if necessary. Dr. Amuso noted that item H Policy # 807 will move to the next Board meeting for a third reading and final adoption.

At 9:57 PM, Mr. Currie announced a brief recess for technical purposes.

The meeting reconvened at 10:01 PM.

Mr. Currie restated the motion on the floor.

There was a motion by Mr. Miller, second by Dr. Baumgartner.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board approve items A through G on the consent agenda as listed:

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Approve Minutes of the April 10, 2008 School Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements and Check Listings for March 2008.

EXHIBIT E

Recommendation to Approve Requests to Attend Conferences/Workshops

ROMY TRESSLER District Home and School Visitor	National Forum on Children, Families and the Court: Planning for the Future Philadelphia, PA April 29 - May 2, 2008 (Wed.-Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$415.35 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$415.35
FRANK GALLAGHER Director of Pupil Services/ Special Services	Pennsylvania Center for Safe Schools Conference Harrisburg, PA May 5, 6, 7, 2008 (Mon., Tues., Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$510.90 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$510.90
RACHEL IRVIN Elementary Technology Oak Ridge Elem.	Reinventing Project-Based Learning: Real World Projects in the Digital Age Norristown, PA May 21, 2008 (Wed.) Est. Expenses: \$270.00 Sub. Expenses: <u>206.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$476.00
JENNIFER KLING Elementary Technology Vernfield Elem.	
SARA SCHWED District Psychologist	Treating Angry and Aggressive Children Adolescents and Adults Lancaster, PA June 19, 20, 2008 (Thurs., Fri.) Est. Expenses: \$268.50 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$268.50
BRENDA J. BRAY Director of Business Affairs	PA Institute of CPAs 2008 Local Government Conference Hershey, PA July 14, 15, 2008 (Mon., Tues.) Est. Expenses: \$766.17 Sub. Expenses: <u>0.00</u> Total Est. Expenses: \$766.17

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL – SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to Accept Resignations

FRANCISCO CARMONA Full-Time, Second Shift Custodian, Indian Crest J. H.
Effective: April 25, 2008

BARBARA PLANT Special Education Aide, Indian Valley Middle School
Effective: April 30, 2008

Recommendation to Approve Request for Childrearing Leave

JILLIANNE HANGEY Special Education Aide, High School
Beginning approximately May 12, 2008 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Hangey is planning to return to work for the 2009-2010 school year.

Recommendation for Employment

ELIZABETH ALGEO Special Education Aide, Modified Learning Support
Replacement for Souderton Area High School
Effective: May 12, 2008 – June 16, 2008
Wage: \$9.57 per hour
Hours: 6.5 per day

Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trips

Indian Crest Junior High School – 8th and 9th Grade Honors Biology Students

Date: May 18-20, 2008 (Sunday-Tuesday)

Destination: Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition
State College, PA

Purpose: Honors Biology students to participate in science fair.

Number of Students: 6 Number of Teachers: 2

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Karen Frazier

Trip to be funded by students.

Lower Salford Elementary School – Fourth Grade Students

Date: May 22, 2008 (Thursday)

Destination: New Jersey Aquarium, Camden NJ

Purpose: Culmination of Science unit of study on the ocean, whales, and weather.

Number of Students: 74 Number of Teachers: 3

Number of Parents: 15

Requesting Teacher/Sponsor: Ramona Diaz

Trip to be funded by students.

Recommendation to Approve the 2008-2009 Special Education Contract with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. **EXHIBIT F**

CONSENT/ACTION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Recommendation to Designate \$4.0M of the General Fund's June 30, 2008 Unreserved Fund Balance as Follows: \$1.1M for future increases in the rate for the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and \$2.9M for the completion of the high school, capital repairs, and future renovations to North Montco Technical Career Center.

Second Reading of Policy #807 – Opening Exercises/Flag Displays

Recommendation to move this policy to the May 8, 2008 Board meeting for a Third Reading and Final Adoption.

INFORMATIONAL

The next scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

The next North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008 in the Administrative Conference Room at North Montco, 1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

Another scheduled School Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Tinner Board Room of the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA.

The next meeting of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:45 PM in Conference Rooms B3/B4, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 1605 West Main Street, Norristown, PA.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq.

No report from Mr. Sultanik.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

No unfinished/new business from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gwen Diamond, from Franconia Township, indicated that parents are loosing confidence in the Board and school district. She encouraged the Board to win back parent confidence.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Brong, second by Dr. Baumgartner to adjourn the meeting. On a vote of 8 to 0, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully,

Brenda Jones Bray
Board Secretary