

**SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
800 SOUTHERN DRIVE  
CATAWISSA, PA 17820**

The August 22, 2005, Special Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 8:00 p.m. with President Karl Meyer in charge of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

President Meyer welcomed everyone, followed by a roll call of Board Members.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Amanda Bell-Perry  
Elsie Bittner  
Hugh Jones

Linda Kreischer  
Karl Meyer  
Ronald Savitski

Richard Swank  
Michael Yeager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Alan J. Lonoconus, Superintendent; Melissa Gessner, Elementary Teacher finalist and members of the media.

**AGENDA HEARING PERIOD**

President Meyer announced that all items on the agenda would be action items.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Lonoconus' report included the following topics:

- 1.) He requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- 2.) He reported that he met with representatives from DCNR to discuss the possibilities of applying for a grant. The representatives informed him that the grant monies could not be used for the stadium project, but if we considered other projects outside that whelm like a jogging trail, exercise areas, expansion of the Nature Trail for the public, they would be interested and welcome an application from the district next year.
- 3.) He explained the circumstances behind the current home schooling situation.
- 4.) He reported on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), which provides employers tax savings up to \$2,400 per worker as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. He informed the Board that he would be talking to Mrs. Kathy Holleran, Director of Food Services, about any possible positions.

**ITEMS – PERSONNEL**

On a motion by Jones and second by Yeager, employment of Melissa Gessner was approved for the position of Elementary Teacher effective August 22, 2005 (pending completion of all employment requirements) at Step 1 of the Bachelor's Salary Schedule (\$34,336). The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Yeager and second by Kreischer, Shelley Jones was approved as Support Teacher (for Melissa Gessner/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) for the 2005-2006 school year at an annual salary of \$682. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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On a motion by Swank and second by Bittner, Ruth Vaughn was approved as Support Teacher (for Jessica Heckman/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) for the 2005-2006 school year at an annual salary of \$682. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Yeager and second by Swank, Erin Snyder and Jennifer Stine were approved as Junior High Soccer Coaches (pending completion of all employment requirements) with 9 points and a salary of \$1,251 (shared). The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Jones and second by Swank, the addition of Tammy Kester (Aide) to the 2005-2006 Substitute List (pending completion of all employment requirements) effective August 24, 2005, was approved. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board members welcomed Ms. Gessner to the district.

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Jones and second by Swank, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch  
Board Secretary