

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

The July 17, 2006, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 8:10 p.m. with Treasurer, Hugh Jones, opening the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

On a motion by Porter and second by Slusser, to appoint Hugh Jones as President pro tempore to preside over the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

President pro tempore Jones welcomed everyone, followed by a roll call of Board Members.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Amanda Bell-Perry  
Elsie Bittner  
Hugh Jones

Karl Meyer (*Absent*)  
Charles Porter  
Ronald Savitski

Thomas Slusser  
Paul Starr  
Michael Yeager (*Absent*)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Daniel Rodgers, Business Manager; Tresa Britch, Board Secretary; Roy Clippinger, Paul Caputo, James Dunkelberger and Barbara Lombardo, Administrators; district residents and members of the media.

**AGENDA HEARING PERIOD**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Facilities - Dan Rodgers, Business Manager, reported that the committee met on July 6. The Facilities Maintenance Services, Inc. (FMS) agreement was approved at the last Board meeting and representatives from FMS are in the buildings. An Account Manager has not yet been appointed. The access road improvements have been completed. Mr. Danilowicz and Mr. Rodgers inspected the road and found it favorable. The high school gymnasium bleacher project is on schedule. A boiler tube replacement in the high school is necessary. Pennsy Supply repaired some damage due to run-off water from the flood at no additional cost. Roto-Rooter has been contacted regarding the sewer line issue in the elementary building. They are scheduled to come in on Tuesday to assess the situation and advise what exactly is needed. A few of the summer projects were also discussed.

Finance - Dan Rodgers reported that the Finance agenda was short. They discussed the impact of Governor Rendell's budget and the priority list for use of the extra funds. The first priority would be to hire an additional custodian and the second would be additional supplies. Mr. Rodgers is receiving proposals for replacement of four copiers. There is a possibility of getting new copiers for the same or less overall cost than the district is currently paying. Mr. Starr asked if it is better to buy or lease. Mr. Rodgers replied that he is looking at both options, but in his opinion it is better to lease. Mrs. Bittner asked if the district recently purchased copiers. Mr. Rodgers replied that it was in 2003 and the usage on the machines is very high.

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Negotiations and Personnel - Amanda Bell-Perry, Chairperson, reported that the committee met on July 13 with two staff members to discuss salary.

Activities - Paul Starr, Chairperson, reported that the committee did not meet in July.

Curriculum - Elsie Bittner, Chairperson, reported that the 4Sight Benchmark assessment was discussed. Students who are not meeting standards would be assessed four times per year for the first year as required by the State. The test would take approximately one hour. Results are available within two days as opposed to several months for the PSSA. The district will no longer use the Terra Nova, at a cost of \$2,300 per grade level. The 4Sight assessment will cost \$500 per year per grade level. Third grade reading results have been received. The district is meeting AYP in every grade level. Connected Math is being implemented. Textbooks for science and three science courses are on the agenda for approval.

Policy - No report.

CSIU - No report.

Vo-Tech - No report.

### TREASURER'S REPORTS

On a motion by Slusser and second by Bittner, the Treasurer's Reports were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

### MINUTES AND INVOICES

On a motion by Savitski and second by Slusser, the minutes of June 12 and 19, 2006, were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Bittner and second by Savitski, General Fund invoices in the amount of \$513,571.64 and Capital Reserve Fund invoices in the amount of \$8,650.00 were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

### ITEMS – FISCAL

On a motion by Slusser and second by Perry, to authorize Berkheimer Associates to obtain tax return information from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to cross-check the earned income tax rolls was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

### ITEMS – PERSONNEL

On a motion by Bittner and second by Savitski, to accept the resignation of Angela Gockley (Secondary Science/Chemistry Teacher) effective August 22, 2006, was presented for approval. Mrs. Gockley has been with the district since August 2002. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Slusser and second by Bittner, to change Colleen Lane from temporary Full-time Aide for the 2005-2006 school year to permanent Full-time Aide effective August 23, 2006, was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Slusser and second by Savitski, to note satisfactory evaluations and accept the recommendations (pending completion of all employment requirements) for approval/reapproval of the Athletic/Activities positions and salaries for the 2006-2007 school

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year (**per Exhibit A**) was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Porter and second by Savitski, the Athletic/Activities Volunteers (pending receipt of favorable clearances and a negative Tuberculin test) for the 2006-2007 school year (**per Exhibit B**) were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Bittner and second by Slusser, the Activities/Advisors Band positions for the 2006-2007 school year (**per Exhibit C**) were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Savitski and second by Bittner, the Activities Advisors, Department Lead Teachers, Building Lead Teaches, Support Teachers and Tech Lead Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year (**per Exhibit D**) were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Slusser and second by Bell-Perry, to set the salary of Pamela Pheasant, Transportation Coordinator at \$45,000 for the 2006-2007 school year and to increase her work days to 260 annually was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Savitski and second by Porter, to adopt a Resolution (**per Exhibit D-1**) was presented for approval. By roll call vote, the motion carried; 5-Yes, 2-No (Bell-Perry and Slusser voted No).

### ITEMS – POLICY AND PROGRAMS

On a motion by Slusser and second by Bittner, the purchase and implementation of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2006-2007 school year (**per Exhibit E**) was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Bittner and second by Slusser, the following revised Science courses, which have been aligned to the PA Academic Standards (content) and the Science Assessment Anchors (level of complexity) were presented for approval:

- Physical Science CN501
- Chemistry CN334
- Sixth Grade Science

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

### BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Jones congratulated Mr. Beierschmitt and welcomed him to the district. He noted that he has know Mr. Beierschmitt all of his life and is confident that he will do a great job as Acting Superintendent.

### RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

District resident, Mr. Richard Gotshall requested a copy of the Superintendent's job description. District resident, Mr. Florey Guarno, asked if the Acting Superintendent would

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receive benefits. Mr. Rodgers replied negatively. Mr. Guarno asked if the district had a debate team. Mrs. Bittner replied that they do have "Odyssey of the Mind," which is similar.

Mr. Porter questioned the status of the interviews for Director of Special Education. Mr. Dunkelberger replied that the interviews went well. Two individuals will be called back for a second interview. Mr. Porter asked if a second meeting would be necessary to get someone hired for the position. Mr. Dunkelberger responded that there were no timelines or deadlines to meet at the current time, however the sooner someone is hired, the more time he or she would have to become acclimated and prepare for the upcoming audit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Slusser and second by Porter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch  
Board Secretary