

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The December 4, 2006, Reorganization Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Travel, Lodging and Marketing Careers classroom 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

Karl Meyer
Charles Porter
Ronald Savitski

Thomas Slusser
Paul Starr
Michael Yeager

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard F. Beierschmitt, Acting Superintendent; Daniel Rodgers, Business Manager; Tresa Britch, Board Secretary; Richard J. Roberts, Solicitor; Roy Clippinger, Roger Nunkester, Robert Mehalick and Barbara Lombardo, Administrators; and district residents.

REORGANIZATION ITEMS

On a motion by Porter and second by Slusser, Ronald Savitski was nominated for President pro tempore to preside over nominations and election of President. With no further nominations, the motion carried. President pro tempore Savitski called for nominations for President.

On a motion by Slusser and second by Bell-Perry, Charles Porter was nominated for President and on a motion by Jones and second by Starr, Karl Meyer was nominated for President. With no further nominations and by roll call vote: 6-Meyer, 3-Porter (Bell-Perry, Porter and Slusser voted for Porter), the motion carried.

President Meyer called for nominations for Vice President.

On a motion by Jones and second by Bittner, Michael Yeager was nominated for Vice President. With no further nominations and by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion carried.

On a motion by Savitski and second by Bittner, designating Ronald Savitski for the 2007 calendar year to serve as the district's contact for PSBA's governmental relations efforts and to participate in county level Legislative Action meetings with members of the General Assembly was approved. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Jones and second by Yeager, designating Ronald Savitski as the PSBA Representative for the 2007 calendar year to serve as the district's liaison with PSBA by serving on the regional cabinet which meets at least once a year, was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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On a motion by Jones and second by Bell-Perry, designating Paul Starr as a representative on the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee to replace Amanda Bell-Perry for the remainder of her unexpired term, which will expire November 30, 2007, was presented for approval. It was understood that Mr. Starr would not be able to attend the meetings until May. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote. It was agreed that Savitski, Slusser and Meyer would serve as alternates.

On a motion by Jones and second by Slusser, the meeting dates, times, and locations for the 2007 calendar year (**per Exhibit A-1**), were presented for approval. Mr. Porter noted that holding only one meeting per month would possibly violate district policy. Solicitor Roberts noted that either the policy would need to be changed or there would need to be some mechanism in the current policy to allow for only one meeting if the board decides to go in that direction. President Meyer noted that it could not be done at the current meeting. Mr. Slusser would not rescind his second, therefore on a motion by Bittner and second by Yeager, to amend the motion to replace Exhibit A-1 with Exhibit A-2 was presented for approval. The motion carried by roll call vote; 8-Yes, 1-No (Slusser voted No).

On a motion by Bittner and second by Yeager, the meeting dates, times, and locations for the 2007 calendar year (**per Exhibit A-2**), were presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEM – REORGANIZATION DISCUSSION

Board members were instructed to submit their committee assignment requests to President Meyer (**per Exhibit B**). Meeting schedules will be determined in January.

BOARD COMMENTS

Solicitor Roberts announced that an executive session would be held following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter and also to consult with counsel concerning two cases, PHRC-2005630 and Commonwealth vs. Wilcox.

Mr. Porter would like the district to look into getting a foundation established for both educational and athletic purposes. Mr. Beierschmitt noted that PSBA gives two presentations per year on foundations. He also noted that Altoona probably has the most reputable foundation. He added that there is a lot of ground work involved in starting a foundation. Mr. Porter stated that he has seen other options where the community handles the foundation.

Mr. Porter stated that it would be a good time to look at the superintendent evaluation process. He requested a copy of the superintendent evaluation Power Point presentation recently offered by PSBA. Mr. Clippinger noted that the district had a very strong superintendent evaluation process years ago.

Mr. Slusser noted that he would like to see the security system updated as soon as possible. Mr. Beierschmitt reported that there is the possibility of having a full-time police officer on campus. He noted that the Locust Township Policy Department would have the officer for the summer months and the district would pay a prorated salary for the officer's hours on campus.

It was determined that a Facilities/Finance Committee meeting would be scheduled for Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office conference room. Mr. Beierschmitt also announced that if the football team qualifies for the State Championship playoff game, schools and offices would be closed on December 15th and the make-up day would be December 22nd.

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RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

District resident, Mr. Richard Gotshall, made a second request for a copy of the current budget.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Yeager and second by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch
Board Secretary