

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

The October 15, 2007, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:30 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**

Timothy Benner	Karl Meyer	Thomas Slusser ( <i>Absent</i> )
Elsie Bittner ( <i>Absent</i> )	Charles Porter	Paul Starr
Hugh Jones	Ronald Savitski	Michael Yeager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles Reh, Superintendent; Daniel Rodgers, Business Manager; Richard J. Roberts, Solicitor; Roy Clippinger, Joseph Shirvinski, Roger Nunkester, James Becker, Robert Mehalick and Barbara Lombardo, Administrators; district residents and members of the media.

**AGENDA HEARING PERIOD**

President Meyer announced that all items on the agenda would be action items and there would be an addendum item under Policy and Programs.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Reh's report included the following topics:

1.) Mr. Clippinger reported on PSSA test scores (**per Attachment A**). His report included an explanation of the scores; the PA Value Added Assessment System; the challenges and concerns of not having alignment of what is written, taught and tested; and plans and implementation to move forward. The scores provide direction for future instruction and programming. In the past several years programming such as Reading Apprenticeship, Connected Math and Classrooms for the Future have been implemented. Curricular changes such as updating all secondary and elementary Science materials, professional development for writing instruction, and gaining and using formative assessment with the 4 Sight testing have also been implemented.

The following programs and curricular changes will be implemented in the current year:

- Science, It's Elementary Program in grades 3 and 4
- K-2 Inclusionary Practices with Progress Monitoring for all Special Needs students
- DIBELS Assessments in grades K-4 for formative reading instruction
- My ACCESS writing software in grades 5 and 6
- A district-wide goal for all faculty members to use the assessment data to inform and differentiate their instruction to meet the students' universal needs

The following changes are planned for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Bucknell based Math Teacher In-Service Program for secondary teachers
- Expanding the Inclusionary Practices into more grade levels

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- Updating Social Studies curricula and materials to incorporate more opportunities for reading and writing

2.) Mr. Reh reported that all of the teachers attended workshops at various locations throughout the IU on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the common in-service day.

President Meyer announced that an executive session would be held following the board meeting to discuss personnel issues.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum - Mike Yeager reported that the district will be evaluated on its Wellness Plan. He requested to have a combined meeting with the Policy and Curriculum committees.

Policy - Hugh Jones, Chairperson, reported that the committee met earlier in the evening. They discussed changes to Policy #209 Health Examinations. The final reading and adoption of Policy 210.1 Possession-Use of Asthma Inhalers Epi-Pens is included on the agenda.

Negotiations and Personnel - Charles Porter, Chairperson, reported that it is possible that Governor Rendell's proposal for statewide healthcare for teachers could play a role in future negotiations.

Vo-Tech - Mike Yeager reported that the same bond issue, which the board approved earlier, will be coming up again in the future.

### TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

### MINUTES AND INVOICES

On a motion by Yeager and second by Savitski, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. The Minutes of September 10 and 17, 2007
- B. General Fund invoices in the amount of \$468,210.16 and Capital Reserve Fund invoices in the amount of \$109,197.97.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

### ITEMS – FISCAL

On a motion by Jones and second by Savitski, the following items were presented for approval (Item B was not included in the block vote):

- A. Budgetary transfers in the 2007-2008 budget to ensure proper accounting (**per Exhibit A**).
- C. To accept the Tax Collector Audit Report from Brewer, Gehrig & Johnson, for the real estate taxes collected during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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On a motion by Porter and second by Yeager, a Resolution to participate in the Common Cents Program (per Exhibit B) was presented for approval. By a roll call vote, the motion carried; 6-Yes, 1-No (Yeager voted No).

**ITEMS – PERSONNEL**

On a motion by Jones and second by Savitski, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. To correct the salary of Maria Callahan to Step 3 of the Bachelor's Salary Schedule (\$35,506\*) effective October 9, 2007, due to 2.75 years of prior teaching experience in a public school.

*\*Salary is subject to change due to current contract negotiations.*

- B. A motion to change Brent Kelchner from Assistant Ski Club Advisor to Ski Club Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary of \$640.
- C. A motion to approve employment of Warren Merkle as Assistant Ski Club Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary of \$250.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

**ITEMS – POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

On a motion by Jones and second by Yeager, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. The second reading and adoption of revised Policy 210.1 Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epi-Pens (per Exhibit C).
- B. A high school Chorus and Band field trip to New York City on April 5 and 6, 2008, (Saturday and Sunday) to attend a Broadway show and tour Carnegie Hall and NBC studios.
- C. The Emergency School Safety Plan (per Exhibit D).
- D. The Hearing Report and adjudication of Student Disciplinary case 2007-1.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Porter asked why there was no homecoming dance. Mr. Becker replied that there has been little interest in high school dances recently. The student council decided that a dance would be more of a financial loss than a fundraiser. Mr. Porter asked if the issues that Mr. Hanley reported were addressed. Mr. Rodgers replied that he and Mr. Geffken discussed the issues. Several of them are already on the projects list and some of them were addressed immediately. He noted that six fan motors were ordered for the elementary heating and cooling

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system. Mr. Porter asked if the controls for the high school gymnasium air handling system were received. Mr. Rodgers replied negatively, but expected them to arrive within the week.

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Jones and second by Yeager, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch  
Board Secretary