

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The November 12, 2007, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:42 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
Elsie Bittner (<i>Absent</i>)	Charles Porter	Paul Starr (<i>Absent</i>)
Hugh Jones	Ronald Savitski	Michael Yeager

OTHERS PRESENT

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

AGENDA HEARING PERIOD

President Meyer announced that all of the bid awards and all Personnel Items on the agenda would be considered action items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Reh's report included the following topics:

1). He announced that Mr. John Yocum was elected as a school board director for a four-year term for Region III and Mr. Slusser was elected for a two-year term in Region II. The results of the write-in votes were not yet confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities - Paul Starr, Chairperson, reported that no meeting was held.

Facilities & Services - Michael Yeager, Chairperson, announced that the committee met on November 8th. The weight room/band room air conditioning project was discussed. Mr. Scicchitano has installed the units. Each unit cost \$2,500. The power is not yet connected. The high school gymnasium air-handling units and controls have been installed and the project is complete. The high school building hot water heater needs to be replaced. A quote of \$7,500 was received. The possibility of a passive solar unit and a Harvest Energy Grant was discussed. The Priority Project List was reviewed. Other topics discussed were the athletic fields, security upgrades including cameras and the need for a small tractor for snow removal.

Finance - Karl Meyer, Chairperson, reported that the Finance Committee met in conjunction with the Facilities Committee. Topics of discussion were the bulk surplus sale, and update on the educational foundation, the local audits, waste removal and recycling services. Mr. Porter added that Mr. DeWald's presentation concerning educational foundations would be postponed until January. The committee is recommending that the scholarship funds be kept separate. The current scholarship funds would be grandfathered due to the \$10,000 minimum balance requirement through the foundation. The board needs to talk about setting up a board of directors for the foundation.

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Vo-Tech - Mike Yeager reported that the bond issue would be revisited. They only have one applicant for the principal position.

ITEMS – TREASURER’S REPORTS

ITEMS – MINUTES/INVOICES

ITEMS – FISCAL

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

- A. Budgetary transfers in the 2007-2008 budget to ensure proper accounting (**per Exhibit A**).
- B. To award the bid for the disposal of a 1985 GMC Box Truck to Coal Township Auto World, Coal Township, in the amount of \$1,510.99 (**per Exhibit B**).
- C. To award the bid for the disposal of a 1990 Chevrolet Sport Van to Coal Township Auto World, Coal Township, in the amount of \$501.00 (**per Exhibit C**).
- D. To award the bid for the disposal of a 1988 Chevrolet Van to Keystone Recycling, Paxinos, in the amount of \$300.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit D**).
- E. To award the bid for the disposal of a Rockwell metal Lathe to Tim Storaska, Bloomsburg, in the amount of \$860.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit E**).
- F. To award the bid for the disposal of a Yard Shark Chipper to Tim Storaska, Bloomsburg, in the amount of \$250.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit F**).
- G. To award the bid for the disposal of an Airco AC/DC Reverse Polarity Welder to Keystone Recycling, Paxinos, in the amount of \$125.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit G**).
- H. To award the bid for the disposal of 2 Plexiglass Basketball Backboards with Rims to Steve Kreischer, Bloomsburg, in the amount of \$120.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit H**).
- I. To award the bid for the disposal of 4 Rolls of Chain Link Fence to Keystone Recycling, Paxinos, in the amount of \$100.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit I**).
- J. To award the bid for the disposal of 1 set of Pole Vault Crash Pads (5 pieces) to Jones Enterprises, Coal Township, in the amount of \$15.00 (**bid tabulations per Exhibit J**).

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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ITEMS – PERSONNEL

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

- A. To accept the resignation of Janet Van Sant from the position of Title I Reading Teacher effective January 22, 2008. Mrs. Van Sant has served in this position since August 1992.
- B. Employment of Kent Lane as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2007-2008 school year with 14.25 points and a salary of \$2,235.00.
- C. Employment of Dan Hauer as Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year with 14.25 points and a salary of \$2,036.00.
- D. A Childbearing/Childrearing Leave for Jennifer Snyder (Learning Support Teacher) beginning on or about December 11, 2007, and continuing through February 19, 2008.
- E. To acknowledge that Dane Aucker (Instructional Substitute) will be serving as Long-term Substitute Teacher in 3rd grade beginning November 6, 2007, and ending on or about February 12, 2008.
- F. To accept the resignation for retirement of Geraldine Gaffney from the position of Assistant Head Cook effective January 4, 2008. Mrs. Gaffney has served the district since August 1984.
- G. Employment of the following individuals for the After School Tutoring program effective October 31, 2007, (pending completion of all employment requirements) at the rates listed, which will come from proceeds of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant:
 - Melissa Janson (\$10 per hour)
 - James McGinley (contracted rate)
- H. The addition of the following individuals to the 2007-2008 Substitute List effective November 13, 2007 (pending completion of all employment requirements):
 - Cindy Stabley (Bus/Van Driver)
 - Benjamin Blackburn (Citizenship 7-12)
 - Hannah Irion (Elementary)
- I. Employment of Christopher P. Brown for the position of Technology Education Teacher effective upon release from Shikellamy School District, at Step 10 of the Master's Salary Schedule (\$46,563.00*); benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**Salary is subject to change due to current negotiations*

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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ITEMS - POLICY AND PROGRAMS

The first reading of Policy 237 Electronic Devices was approved several months ago however, the second reading was never approved. Policy 209 Health Examinations is being revised due to recommendations from PSBA.

BOARD COMMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Shirvinski reminded board members that they are invited to attend the Science, It's Elementary grant presentation with him the following day.

Mr. Porter stated that the importance of the Industrial Technology position was discussed at the last Facilities/Finance Committee meeting. He thanked Mr. Brown for coming back to the district. Mr. Reh noted that the administration is planning to establish an articulation agreement with Penn Tech, which will be a great addition to the curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Slusser and second by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch
Board Secretary