

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

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Charles Porter
Thomas Slusser

Paul Starr
Richard Steele
David Stellfox

Timothy Vought
Michael Yeager
John Yocum

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3.) The Architectural Studios will be making a presentation at the next Board meeting.

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He noted that there are twice as many students in 5th and 6th grade math that are advanced as opposed to proficient. He credited it to the Connected Math program. He reported that the administration and faculty would be looking at the areas which need improvement and would continue to work toward improved scores. The district must ensure that the written planned course is aligned to the state standards and that the teachers are delivering the curriculum as

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Facilities & Services - Mike Yeager, Chairperson, reported that the committee met on the past Thursday. The high school gymnasium doors have been painted and can now be locked. There is new padding in both ends of the gym. The floor will be done by Labor Day. They are awaiting quotes for the hockey practice field. The security system is complete and all of the fobs will be distributed on the first day of in-service. They discussed the lower fields shelter options. They decided that a 24' x 40' building placed in a central location would be the best option. Mr. Stellfox asked if a footer would be required for the larger building. Mr. Geffken replied that it was not yet determined. Mr. Stellfox requested that the information be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer for the various building options. The Lowe's grant project was discussed. It will entail repairing the stucco and the beautification of the District Office entrance area. Mr. Potter looked at the stone wall in front of the high school when he was on campus. He gave a price of \$9,500 to re-point the wall. Different options for the football stadium visitor side press box were also discussed. Mr. Reh stated that there is a platform in place. He recommended having a small structure custom built on the platform to provide shelter. The structural capability of the platform would need to be determined. Three items were added to the Priority List; 1) to add hallway cameras and door ajar alarms to the security system, 2) repairing the stucco on the high school building, and 3) maintenance of the baseball infield. There is now an e-mail system for all work orders. The paper work orders have been eliminated.

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ITEMS – TREASURER’S REPORTS

ITEMS – MINUTES/INVOICES

ITEMS – FISCAL

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

- A. To increase the Southern Columbia Food Services adult meal price to \$3.00 effective the 2008-2009 school year.
- B. To award Technology Education supplies bids (per Exhibit A).
- C. To direct the Administration to investigate and to prepare a request for proposals for school transportation services.
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The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – PERSONNEL

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

- A. To accept the resignation of John Marks from the position of Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective July 14, 2008.
- B. To change Donald Traugh from Assistant Junior High Football Coach to Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective August 11, 2008, with 15 points and a salary of \$2,400.
- C. Employment of Brandon Traugh as Assistant Junior High Football Coach effective August 11, 2008, with 10.5 points and a salary of \$1,311.
- D. To accept the resignation of Kenda Roth from the position of Head Junior Varsity Football Cheerleading Coach effective July 22, 2008.
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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Slusser and second by Porter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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