

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The September 21, 2009, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:47 p.m. with President Michael Yeager in charge of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

President Yeager welcomed everyone, followed by a roll call of Board Members.

BOARD MEMBERS

Timothy Benner (*Absent*)
Charles Porter
Eric Stahley

Paul Starr
Richard Steele
David Stellfox

Timothy Vought
Michael Yeager
John Yocum (*Absent*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Reh, Superintendent; Daniel Rodgers, Business Manager (*departed 7:56 p.m.*); Tresa Britch, Board Secretary; Richard J. Roberts, Solicitor; Brenda Monick, Joseph Shirvinski, Roger Nunkester, James Becker (*arrived 8:12 p.m.*) and Robert Mehalick, Administrators; Timothy George, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, district residents and members of the media.

AGENDA HEARING PERIOD

President Yeager announced that all items on the agenda would be action items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Reh's report included the following topics:

1.) Mr. Reh stated that Mr. Rodgers would be leaving the meeting to prepare for the annual audit which would begin the following day. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Rodgers to provide a five-year projection.

2.) The proposed budget appears to be favorable to education.

3.) Dr. Tim Rushton, Director of Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School, gave a PowerPoint presentation on his five-year plan for the school. He is proposing a name change for the school to drop the vocational component. He is also proposing a building project within the next five years to facilitate a large number of the students that are turned away each year.

4.) Mr. Reh announced that next week is Bloomsburg Fair week and the students have no school Thursday and Friday. Thursday is an in-service day.

5.) Mr. Shirvinski announced that Grandparents' Day would be held on September 29th and 30th in the elementary school.

6.) Earlier in the day, Mr. Shirvinski took members of the Instructional Support Team to a Response To Intervention Instruction (RTII) at CSIU.

7.) Mr. Nunkester reported that the new Middle School Life Skills program is very successful. He received positive feedback from both the Life Skills teacher and the regular education teachers.

8.) Mr. Becker reported that Homecoming will be held October 2nd, with a parade at 7:15 p.m. Coach Roth will be going for his 300th win at the upcoming game Friday night. Band uniforms have not yet arrived.

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President Yeager asked for clarification on the various Life Skills classes. Mr. Mehalick stated that the high school Life Skills course deals with daily living skills for any student. The Life Skills classroom as it relates to Special Education is for students functioning in mild to moderate mental retardation in regards to their I.Q. Daily adaptive functional skills are continually taught to these students along with academics. Thirteen Life Skills students have been brought back to the District to date. President Yeager recommended that the high school course be renamed to avoid confusion. Mr. Steele noted that in the social services field, it is referred to as Independent Living Skills.

Mr. Porter noted that during the Vo-Tech presentation, it was reported that they have gone paperless. He asked if that is a district goal. Mr. Becker stated that the course selection guide went online this year. Parents can access live grades through PowerSchool, however there is still a small amount of families that do not have Internet access. Mr. Porter stated that parents with multiple children are receiving multiple mailings, and asked if that process could be improved. Mrs. Monick stated that she is sure that PowerSchool could pull archived grades to produce an online report card, but 100 percent of families do not have Internet access.

President Yeager reported that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and would continue following the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum, Instruction & Technology – President Yeager, reported that the committee met prior to the meeting. Mrs. Monick and Mr. Mehalick will be attending a five-day training regarding sorting data for analysis. A disinfecting product for keyboards will be utilized as a proactive effort to prevent spread of the Swine Flu. Mrs. Kozlek has been providing a weekly technology handout to students and parents and she meets with K-4 students every other week for a 45-minute session in the Large Group Instructional area. A comparison of test scores throughout the IU was discussed. Mrs. Monick pointed out that 11th grade math placed first.

Negotiations and Personnel - Charlie Porter, Chairperson, reported that the committee has not met with the AFSCME Union since his last report. They have discussed healthcare options and alternatives. The next negotiations session was scheduled for September 30th, but they have requested to postpone the meeting to October, in order to gather more information pertaining to healthcare.

PSBA - Rick Steele, Liaison reported that a regional cabinet meeting would be held and he will try to get to that meeting. A new board orientation is being scheduled, but no date has been set. They continue to watch the budget process.

Vo-Tech – Eric Stahley, reported that three students from Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee. The committee discussed the building expansion and were going to have senior drafting class students develop a presentation to show preliminary plans regarding the expansion. An outside architect volunteered to assist the students in the design process. The audit report from 2007-2008 was received with no findings. They discussed changes in common planning time to revise the curriculum.

President Yeager asked Mr. Reh to send Dr. Rushton a thank you note for his presentation.

CSIU - President Yeager distributed a press release from Dr. Witten. His contract was renewed for four more years. The CSIU passed a resolution to borrow money. The Outreach and Corrections Education Program has now been licensed to work with Mental Health Services for students who enroll in a partial hospitalization program. Mr. Chuck Peterson has worked with the Pennsylvania Trust to develop an irrevocable trust. He has been trying to develop other options for healthcare.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

MINUTES AND INVOICES

On a motion by Stellfox and second by Steele, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. Minutes of August 10 and 17, 2009.
- B. General Fund invoices in the amount of \$707,376.34, Capital Reserve Fund invoices in the amount of \$140,550.00 and Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$32,572.79.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – FISCAL

On a motion by Vought and second by Starr, a Sports Medicine Agreement between the District and Geisinger Medical Center (per Exhibit A) was presented for approval. By roll call vote, the motion carried; 5-Yes, 2-Abstainsions (**Porter and Stellfox abstained**).

On a motion by Starr and second by Steele, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. Agreement with John Rossi for school psychologist services (**per Exhibit A-1**).
- B. Agreement with Michael C. Maydak and Barbara A. Wilson d/b/a Student Assistant Services, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the same on behalf of the District (**per Exhibit A-2**).

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – PERSONNEL

On a motion by Vought and second by Stellfox, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. To accept the resignation of Susan Adam from the position of Regular Run Bus Driver effective September 14, 2009. Mrs. Adam has been with the district since October 2001.
- B. Motion to approve the addition of the following individual(s) to the 2009-2010 Substitute List effective as listed (pending completion of all employment requirements):
 - Susan Yodock (Mathematics) - effective August 27, 2009
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- Jennifer Gustafson (Early Childhood) - effective September 22, 2009
 - Kelly Keen (Elementary K-6) - September 22, 2009
 - Danielle Jacukowicz (Elem./MS Math/English) - eff. September 22, 2009
 - Colleen Brent (Paraprofessional)
- C. Motion to approve employment of Wanda Colon-Kaminski for the position of Half-time One-on-One Paraprofessional for Life Skills (working 3 days of the 6-day cycle) effective September 22, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- D. Employment of Danielle Jacukowicz for the position of Half-time One-on-One Paraprofessional for Life Skills (working 3 days of the 6-day cycle) effective September 22, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- E. Employment of Colleen Brent for the position of Half-time Paraprofessional (working 3 days of the 6-day cycle) effective September 22, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- F. Employment of Amy Kauffman for the position of Half-time Paraprofessional (working 3 days of the 6-day cycle) effective September 22, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- G. Job Descriptions for the following positions:
- Paraprofessional for Life Skills (**per Exhibit B**)
 - Social Worker (**per Exhibit C**)
 - Behavioral Intervention Specialist (**per Exhibit D**)
- H. Employment of the following individuals for the 2009-2010 After School Programs effective September 22, 2009, at the rates listed, which will come from proceeds of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant:
- Casie Baker (\$22/hour)
 - Margaret Barbarito (\$22/hour)
 - Maria Sock (\$22/hour)
 - Tina Kistler (\$22/hour)
 - Cassidy Shults (\$22/hour)
 - Christopher Brown (\$22/hour)
 - Michael Johnston (\$22/hour)
 - Claire Campbell (\$22/hour)
 - Lanny Conner (\$22/hour)
 - Travis Williams (\$22/hour)
 - Randy Young (\$22/hour)
 - Kristen Wasileski (\$22/hour)
 - Kami Roth (contracted rate)
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- Kimberly Delbo (contracted rate)
 - Kelly Bulla (contracted rate)
- I. To change Debra Johnson from Half-time Paraprofessional to Part-time Middle School Secretary (working four hours per day) effective September 22, 2009; salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- J. To accept the resignation of Catherine Fisher from the position of Athletic Trainer effective September 20, 2009. Mrs. Fisher has been with the district since August 2001.
- K. Motion to approve George Henry as Assistant Bowling Coach for the 2009-1010 school year with 4.0 points and a salary of \$653.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – POLICY AND PROGRAMS

On a motion by Steele and second by Stellfox, the following items were presented for approval:

- A. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of revised Policy 008 Organizational Chart (per Exhibit E).
- B. Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of revised Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings (per Exhibit F).
- C. Motion to add the following assessments to the list of Frequently Used Assessments:
- Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GRADE)
 - AIMSWEB
 - Adaptive Behavior Assessment System - Second Edition
- D. Motion to approve a High School Band and Chorus trip to New York City, New York on Saturday, April 17, 2010, with no expense to the district.
- E. Motion to approve a 10th Grade Class Trip to Washington, D.C., on Monday, May 17th, 2010; district expense to include transportation and substitute costs.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

President Yeager reminded Board members that a continuation of the executive session to discuss personnel matters would be held immediately following the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Starr and second by Stahley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch, Board Secretary