

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

The October 12, 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  
Charles Porter  
Eric Stahley

Paul Starr  
Richard Steele  
David Stellfox (*Absent*)

Timothy Vought  
Michael Yeager  
John Yocum

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles Reh, Superintendent; Daniel Rodgers, Business Manager; Tresa Britch, Board Secretary; Richard J. Roberts, Solicitor; Brenda Monick, Joseph Shirvinski, Roger Nunkester, James Becker and Robert Mehalick, Administrators; Timothy George, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Dana Carroll-Lucas, Grants Project Director; district residents and members of the media.

**AGENDA HEARING PERIOD**

President Yeager announced that all Personnel Items, as well as one fiscal item on the agenda would be considered action items.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Reh's report included the following topics:

- 1.) The State budget has been approved.
- 2.) He congratulated Coach Roth on his 300<sup>th</sup> win in football.
- 3.) Policy 915 Relations with Booster Organizations is being reviewed. He thanked the booster organizations for their input. He also thanked Mr. Joe Springer who did a nice job in wording the additions to the policy. The revised policy will be mailed to all presidents of the organizations and head coaches for additional feedback.
- 4.) Mr. Shirvinski announced that Mrs. Tia Brown and the elementary Art students won the Wal-Mart Outstanding Display Award at the Bloomsburg Fair. The school received a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card to buy art supplies. He also noted that Grandparents' Day was held last week. A lot of positive input was received. The Elementary Newsletter will be going paperless. It will be posted on the website the second week of each month. Parents who do not have internet access can request a paper copy. He expressed his concern about the high number of Kindergarten students.
- 5.) Mr. Nunkester announced that the Senior Citizens' Dinner would be held December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, followed by a holiday student concert at 7:00 p.m. The twelve-twenty-four concert is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.) Ms. Carroll-Lucas distributed some information pertaining to programs provided through grant funding. She is working with Mr. Mehalick on a CVS grant, which would be used for the purchase of some Life Skills equipment.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities - Paul Starr, Chairperson, reported that Mr. Sharrow and Mr. Becker have been working on a new coach evaluation form. Mr. Porter noted that it might be prudent to also evaluate volunteer coaches, as they often apply for paid positions. It would also identify any problems. Mr. Nunkester stated that the head coaches usually evaluate their volunteers and do not ask them to come back the next season if there has been a problem. Mr. Steele recommended that a statement be added to allow a coach to meet with his/her supervisor in the case of a disagreement.

Curriculum - The Curriculum Committee meeting was cancelled. Information will be placed in the next Friday Letter.

Facilities - The report was tabled until the next meeting.

Finance - Charlie Porter, Chairperson, reported that the committee discussed the building project and financing. Mr. Rodgers passed out a projection comparing different districts and different scenarios and the impact of the millage increase for the first year. He would like to present that next week after the final impact is included. He would like a more accurate report as to the total building cost to the taxpayer, the total millage impact and the different of financing for one year or over three years. Mr. Rodgers reported that the architect reported that recent bid openings have been coming in 10 to 15 percent lower than expected. He noted that the bond market and construction market are changing daily.

Mr. Porter stated that Mr. Peterson from CS Trust is coming in on Thursday to talk to the administration regarding plan options. The Finance Committee report will continue at the next meeting.

Policy - Rick Steele, Chairperson, reported that the emphasis has been on Policy 915 Relations with Booster Organizations. A final draft should be presented to the Board for a first reading in November. He thanked all of the representatives from the various organizations for their input.

Transportation Services – Tim Vought, Chairperson, reported that the committee has asked the mechanics to keep a daily log on an hourly basis. A vehicle maintenance sheet for each vehicle will be required to track the history of each vehicle. They also discussed electronic bus routing systems. An ad will be placed for substitute drivers. Extra time requests need to be pre-approved by the Business Manager. Lights are needed behind the bus garage. The buses should be backing in to the spaces when possible. Mr. George noted that he has an issue with the drivers backing in because of the damage that has been done to the fence and light poles.

Mr. Vought stated that they will be implementing a policy in which a coach or advisor will need to sign the trip sheets to verify the time a driver is returning. Mr. Porter noted that the new procedure must be posted and drivers notified before it is implemented. President Yeager asked if the bus idling signs have been ordered. Mr. Vought replied that he has one, but he is waiting for further instruction.

CSIU - No meeting has been held.

Vo-Tech - The next meeting will be held October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### ITEMS - TREASURER'S REPORTS

#### ITEMS - MINUTES/INVOICES

Mr. Porter asked for clarification on an invoice (check #20389) regarding the return of Saxon Math materials. Mr. Shirvinski stated that he would look into it and get back to him with an answer. He noted that he has been having ongoing problems with Saxon in relation to orders.

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Mr. Stahley asked about check # 20347 for "Bus Stop Ahead" signs and if it is typical for school districts to pay for the signs. Mr. Rodgers replied that the township gets invoiced by the State, but the District is responsible for the labor to install the signs.

### ITEMS - FISCAL

### ITEMS - PERSONNEL

On a motion by Starr and second by Porter, to approve Support Staff (non-union) salaries for the 2009-2010 fiscal year effective July 1, 2009 (**per Exhibit B**) with the exception of Denise Kreisher, was presented for approval. Prior to voting, Mr. Steele stated that he did not agree with or support no raise for the transportation department. By roll call vote, the motion carried; 7-Yes, 1-No (Steele voted No).

On a motion by Vought and second by Porter, to approve the salary of Denise Kreisher for the 2009-2010 school year (**per Exhibit B**) was presented for approval. By roll call vote, the motion carried; 6-Yes, 1-No, 1-Abstention (Steele voted No; **Yocum abstained**).

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

- B. To change Jerry Marks from Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach to Head Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2009-2010 school year with 19.25 points and a salary of \$3,816.00.
- C. To accept the resignation for retirement of Linda Mayernick from the position of Administrative Assistant for Safety and Security effective December 31, 2009. Mrs. Mayernick has been with the district since February 2000.
- D. Employment of Tara Maurer for the position of Part-time Grant Secretary(working 25 hours per week) effective October 13, 2009, (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- E. Employment of the following individuals for the 2009-2010 After School Programs effective October 14, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements) at the rates listed, which will come from proceeds of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant:
  - Nancy Abraczinskas (\$22/hour)
  - Nicholas Bender (\$22/hour)
  - Nancy Bodman (\$22/hour)
  - Lauren Day (\$22/hour)
  - Cindy Doby (\$22/hour)
  - Helen Hilderbrandt (\$22/hour)
  - Kyle Long (\$22/hour)
  - Marc Longenhagen (\$22/hour)
  - Warren Merkel (\$22/hour)
  - Anthony Pecora (\$22/hour)

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- Amy Phillips (\$22/hour)
- Linda Robinson (\$22/hour)
- Jessica Visnosky (\$22/hour)
- Robert Visnosky (\$22/hour)
- Kristen Vitkauskas (\$22/hour)
- Cheyenne Wilson (\$22/hour)
- Joanne Diebler (contracted rate)
- Lindsay Huff (\$10/hour)

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

**ITEMS - POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

President Yeager asked if some form of recognition for Jim Roth from the Board could be put together by Mr. Reh. Mr. Reh replied affirmatively.

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Starr and second by Benner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch  
Board Secretary