

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CATAWISSA, PA 17820

The October 19, 2009, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:38 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

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 (*Arrived 7:46 p.m.*) and Robert Mehalick, Administrators; Timothy George, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, 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.) He announced that the VNA Health System has offered their services to assist in the administration of the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.
- 2.) Mr. Rodgers attended a planning meeting for the new Act 32 pertaining to county-wide tax collection. Strict timetables have been set by the State for each county to follow. The delegates assigned by each district are responsible for creating the new governmental body which will appoint a county-wide tax collector. The idea is that the school districts and municipalities will save money through this process, however there are a lot of concerns among the delegates that the new process will actually cost districts more. Mr. Stahley agreed that it will cost more in the long run.
- 3.) Mr. Shirvinski announced that the annual Preschool Screening would be held on October 21st for three- and four-year old children.
- 4.) Mr. Nunkester thanked Mr. George and Mr. Danilowicz for installing the Middle School sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum, Instruction & Technology - The meeting was cancelled.

Facilities - Dave Stellfox, Chairperson, reported that the committee discussed the project. They had a presentation by The Architectural Studios regarding possible choices for the HVAC system in the proposed building project. They received the energy audit from Highland Associates. They discussed some reimbursement issues regarding the project. A donation from NRG was also discussed and is on the agenda for acceptance.

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Finance - Charles Porter, Chairperson, reported that he gave a brief report at the last meeting in anticipation of some projections. Mr. Rodgers has done some of the projections, but he would prefer to discuss them at the next Facilities/Finance Committee meeting. They also discussed the refunding of State reimbursement for the building project. They will be determining the benefits of the payback and will discuss at the next committee meeting.

Negotiations and Personnel - Charlie Porter, Chairperson, reported that Mr. Rodgers has been in the process of getting health care quotes. Mr. Porter requested an executive session to discuss possible health care options as it pertains to negotiations.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

MINUTES AND INVOICES

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

- A. Minutes of September 14 and 21, 2009.
- B. General Fund invoices in the amount of \$515,896.09, Capital Reserve Fund invoices in the amount of \$48,402.39 and Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$19,883.12.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – FISCAL

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

- A. To accept the donation by NRG Controls North, Inc. of controls at the Southern Columbia Area School District Elementary School as detailed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.
- B. To accept the Tax Collector Audit Report from Brewer & Company, LLC for the real estate taxes collected during the 2008-2009 fiscal year (**per Exhibit B**).

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – PERSONNEL

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

- A. To accept the resignation of Amy Kauffman from the position of Half-time Paraprofessional effective October 13, 2009. Mrs. Kauffman has been in the position since September 22, 2009.

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- B. To accept the resignation of Susan Lazarski from the position of Elementary Secretary effective October 30, 2009. Mrs. Lazarski has been in the position since August 2006.
- C. FMLA qualifying leave on an intermittent basis for employee #1250KG effective November 2, 2009; not to exceed 12 weeks in the next 12-month period.
- D. FMLA qualifying leave on an intermittent basis for employee #1335BK effective October 5, 2009; not to exceed 12 weeks in the next 12-month period.
- E. To designate Timothy Bodman as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year (pending receipt of favorable clearances and negative Tuberculin test results)
- F. To accept the resignation of Walter Slavinsky from the position of Regular Run Bus Driver effective October 19, 2009. Mr. Slavinsky has been with the District since September 2003.
- G. FMLA Leave on an intermittent basis for employee #2120CH effective October 5, 2009; not to exceed 12 weeks in the next 12-month period.
- H. To add the following individual to the 2009-2010 Substitute List effective October 20, 2009 (pending completion of all employment requirements):
 - Kimberly Mills (Aide/Clerical)

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – POLICY AND PROGRAMS

BOARD COMMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Shirvinski thanked Mrs. Lazarski for her service to the district and wished her luck at Bucknell University.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Starr and second by Porter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch
Board Secretary