

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The August 16, 2010, Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:35 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

Jennifer Oiler (*Absent*)

Charles Porter

Eric Stahley

Paul Starr (*Absent*)

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; Joseph Shirvinski, Roger Nunkester, James Becker, Brenda Monick, 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.) He noted that Pathline would be making value engineering recommendations by the end of the month, and they would be attending the Facilities meeting on September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

2.) He distributed a summary of the Corrective Action Plan concerning the state audit upon which the Board would be voting later during the meeting.

3.) He announced that in-service days would be held for teachers the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the first student day would be Thursday, August 26th.

4.) He introduced Mr. Otto, who was present to inform the Board that at his former high school in Ohio, they installed field turf and other athletic facilities through donations from the community. Mr. Otto stated that his former high school has an excellent booster organization to support all of their sports. President Yeager noted that 2012 would mark fifty years of football at Southern Columbia. Mr. Becker stated that they are beginning to organize something to commemorate the event.

5.) The Policy Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office conference room to discuss a policy dealing with field trips. The Band Boosters would be invited to attend as well as any other groups that normally take overnight trips.

6.) Mr. Becker stated that the legislation regarding Automated Defibrillators is only a bill at this time. He noted that if the bill is passed, the district would be in pretty good shape; however some additional training might be needed.

7.) Tim George thanked the student maintenance/custodial workers for all of the work they did throughout the summer. The student workers were Alex Witcoski, Alex Carawan, Janessa

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Nichols, Vicki Hairston, Josh Wells, Tyrell Thomas and Jeremy Oshman. He also thanked the entire custodial/maintenance staff for all of their hard work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology – John Yocum, Chairperson, reported that the committee had two meetings since his last report. On August 3rd they had a special meeting to discuss the possible changes coming to physical education the next few years. Mrs. Monick reported that Earth Science would be taught in 8th grade and only classroom textbooks would be needed. She reported that she will be meeting with Mr. Nunkester to determine what can be done to improve the 5th grade reading scores. Twenty-four Epson BrightLink interactive projectors have been purchased. They have been purchased instead of additional whiteboards, as they are less expensive and easier to install. Mrs. Monick also gave a LFS Toolbox demonstration regarding how it is being used to transform the curriculum process and align the curriculum. Changes have been made to the content of the 9th grade Computer Applications by updating the skills required and exposing all 9th graders to more current applications and Web 2.0 tools.

Mrs. Monick reported that the BrightLinks are easier to install because there is only a projector to install. Composite video cables were also purchased, which will allow teachers to project large screen or any size video presentations directly on a wall. The cables will eventually replace the television monitors throughout the district.

Finance – Eric Stahley, Chairperson, reported that the committee met August 2nd. They discussed the physician service agreement with Geisinger in regard to an amendment. Geisinger wanted an additional \$30 for DOT physicals, but the agreement will remain as is. The lease agreement for the building in Numidia was discussed. A surplus sale will be held on campus August 20th. An executive session was held for personnel.

Negotiations & Personnel - Charlie Porter, Chairperson, reported that the last negotiating session was held June 29th. At that time, they did reach a tentative agreement. The teachers will vote on the tentative agreement on August 24th. The Board will then vote on the agreement at the first meeting in September.

Transportation Services – Tim Vought, Chairperson, reported that the committee discussed the bus routing system. The mailers went out on time. Some glitches will be corrected. The new buses are on the way and the construction projects are still ongoing. Mr. Porter asked if some bus routes would be eliminated. Mr. Rodgers stated that one run was eliminated and an additional run may be eliminated. Mr. Porter asked if there would be one less run than last year. Mr. Rodgers stated that the amount of runs will probably remain the same because of the way the non-public and out of district students are being transported. Mr. Rodgers stated that the goal for the beginning of the year was to get the mailers out on time. As the year goes on, additional work will be done to make the runs and the department more efficient.

PSBA Liaison - Rick Steele stated that he had nothing new to report. They continue to focus on retirement issues.

Vo-Tech – Eric Stahley reported that they met July 20th. They discussed vacancies. The Perkins Grant was accepted in the amount of \$173,361. A majority of the meeting dealt with filling the Director's position, which mostly took place in executive session.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

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MINUTES AND INVOICES

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

- A. Minutes of July 19, 2010.
- B. General Fund invoices in the amount of \$340,806.69, Capital Reserve Fund invoices in the amount of \$27,826.44 and Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$7,018.48.

Prior to voting, Mr. Porter asked about the invoices from Bloom Carpet which totaled \$8,000. Mr. Rodgers stated that they were for different jobs. Mr. Porter asked if quotes were obtained. Mr. Porter stated that in the future, he would like to see these types of jobs quoted. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – FISCAL

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

On a motion by Vought and second by Stellfox, to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the Audit Observation and recommendations set forth in the Auditor General's Audit Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 and 2008 (**Per Exhibit A**), was presented for approval. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

ITEMS – PERSONNEL

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

- A. Activities Advisors, Department Lead Teachers, Building Lead Teachers, Support Teachers and Tech Lead Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (**per Exhibit B**).
- B. The 2010-2011 Substitute List (pending completion of all employment requirements) (**per Exhibit C**).
- C. To accept the resignation of Darlene Semerod from the position of 3-Hour Cafeteria Worker (Elementary) effective August 12, 2010. Ms. Semerod had been with the district since November 2004.
- D. *(Item D was removed from the block vote.)*
- E. To accept the resignation of Kimberly Delbo from the shared position of Head Cheerleading Coach for Wrestling effective December 14, 2009.
- F. To acknowledge that Megan Habowski has performed all of the duties of Head Cheerleading Coach for Wrestling for the 2009-2010 school year in lieu of a shared

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position (with Kimberly Delbo) and to change her employment status for the same position accordingly for the 2010-2011 school year at an annual salary of \$1,451.

- G. To accept the resignation of Lindsay Reed from the position of Half-time Paraprofessional effective August 16, 2010. Ms. Reed had been in the position since April 2010.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

On a motion by Yocum and second by Porter, an adjustment to the salary of Brenda J. Monick, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology to \$80,000 effective July 1, 2010, was presented for approval. Prior to voting, Mr. Stahley stated that he would be voting no because it was his policy not to vote for any pay increase over three percent. Mr. Porter stated that Mrs. Monick received a very high evaluation and based the evaluation, he would be voting in favor of the increase. By roll call vote the, motion carried; 7-Yes, 1-No (Stahley voted No).

ITEMS – POLICY AND PROGRAMS

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

- A. The second reading and adoption of revised Policy 008 Organizational Chart (per Exhibit D).
- B. List of Frequently Used Assessments (Per Exhibit E).

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Stahley asked if the revision to Plan Con D had to be Board approved. Mr. Reh replied that he specifically asked that question, and he was advised by PDE that it did not need Board approval.

Mr. Porter stated that at the last Finance meeting, it was a recommendation to go along with Berwick in requesting an audit of CSIU as long as there would be no cost to the district. President Yeager stated that Berwick's request is so open-ended; there are no specifications as to years or areas to be covered by the audit. It was the consensus of the Board to get more information from the Berwick School District before they respond to their request.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

President Yeager thanked Mr. Otto for presenting his information to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Yocum and second by Stellfox, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch, Board Secretary