

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

The December 8, 2010, special Board Meeting of the Southern Columbia Area School District Board of Directors convened in the High School Library at 7:13 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 (*Absent*)  
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; Joseph Shirvinski, Administrator; and a member of the media.

**AGENDA HEARING PERIOD**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Reh's report included the following topics:

- 1.) He received official notification that PlanCon F was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- 2.) The bond issue will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 3.) The Senior Citizens Dinner will be held Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.) Representative elect Kurt Masser will be meeting representatives from local school districts on December 15<sup>th</sup> in the High School Library.
- 5.) The Twelve-Twenty four concert will be held December 17<sup>th</sup> to support the Senior Citizen Dinner.
- 6.) He announced that Mr. Nunkester was attending the Middle School concert, Mr. Becker had a vacation day, Mrs. Monick was attending a conference and Mr. Mehalick had a dental appointment; therefore they were not present at the meeting.
- 7.) There would be no Friday Letter for the current week.
- 8.) The Wellness Committee will meet January 10, 2011, during common planning time beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- 9.) Mr. Shirvinski reported that there was 97 percent participation in parent/teacher conferences in grades K-4.
- 10.) Mr. Reh wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Yocum asked about a new Bill and how it would affect the bond issue. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Bill is one of the reasons Brian Bradley is recommending that the district wait until January to do the bond issue. If the bond issue was initiated at the current meeting, the bond wouldn't actually be sold until January, so Mr. Bradley felt that it would be wise to wait and do

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the bond issue in January and sell the bond in February. One of the reasons for his proposal is partly due to the Bill. He noted that there is a clause with Build America Bonds that refers to bank qualified bonds. Bank qualified bonds maximum amounts were increased from \$10 to \$30 million under the ARRA program, which will expire on December 31, 2010. The above mentioned bill is proposing to extend the expiration date and therefore would benefit the district. Mr. Bradley feels that our bonds would be more attractive and a better rate could possibly be attained.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities - Paul Starr, Chairperson, reported that the committee met with the Fall coaches. Everyone reported good seasons. The biggest complaint was the condition of the fields. They agreed that there were improvements. Mr. Steele stated that there are concerns whether the maintenance schedules are being followed.

Curriculum, Instruction & Technology - No meeting was held.

Facilities & Services - No meeting was held.

Finance - No meeting was held.

Negotiations & Personnel - No meeting was held.

Policy - Rick Steele, Chairperson, reported that there are some policies that are still being reviewed. They would like to set up a schedule to review the entire Policy Manual.

Transportation Services - No meeting was held.

PSBA Liaison - Rick Steele reiterated that at the urging of PSBA for districts to reach out to Kurt Masser to establish a baseline, a meeting has been scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

CSIU - Mike Yeager reported that Dr. Witten's retirement will take place when the new person is hired. All nine Board members from each of the districts in the CSIU will be invited to a meeting to discuss the CSIU budget. That type of budget meeting hasn't been held since the early 1970s. Five or six districts have their representatives up for election.

Vo-Tech - Eric Stahley requested to delay his report until January. He referred to the Fiscal Condition Report, which was included in the Friday Letter. The individual representatives were asked to go back to their Boards to get some ideas as to how the undesignated funds should be designated, distributed or spent. He asked Board members to give he or President Yeager any input regarding the issue.

### ITEMS – TREASURER'S REPORTS

### ITEMS – MINUTES/INVOICES

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

- A. Minutes - November 8 and 15, 2010.
- B. General Fund invoices in the amount of \$483,892.09 and Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$9,180.79.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

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### ITEMS – FISCAL

### ITEMS – PERSONNEL

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

- A. The addition of the following individual to the 2010-2011 Substitute List effective as listed (pending completion of all employment requirements):
- Danielle Jacukowicz (Elementary/English 7-9) - Eff. November 12, 2010
  - Lindsay Maturo (Early Childhood) - Effective December 9, 2010
  - Colleen Logue (Elementary) - Effective December 9, 2010
  - Kristina Bolick (Elementary K-6) - Effective December 9, 2010
- B. Employment of Trevor Knoebel as an Elementary Wrestling Coach for the 2010-2011 school year (pending completion of all employment requirements) at a rate of \$7.70 per hour/70 hours maximum.
- C. Motion to approve William Miner as an Elementary Wrestling Coach for the 2010-2011 school year (pending completion of all employment requirements) at a rate of \$7.70 per hour/70 hours maximum.
- D. Motion to approve Joseph Rose as a Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach for the 2010-2011 school year (pending receipt of favorable clearances and a negative Tuberculin test).
- E. Motion to approve Kirk Miller as a Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach for the 2010-2011 school year (pending receipt of favorable clearances and a negative Tuberculin test).
- F. Motion to approve Catarina Scicchitano as a Full-time Paraprofessional working under the direction of the Behavioral Specialist effective December 20, 2010 (pending completion of all employment requirements); salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. *(This is a new position due to a student moving into the district.)*
- G. Motion to approve employment of the following staff as Tutors for the After School Acceleration and Previewing (ASAP) program (Grades 3-8) effective December 7, 2010, at a rate of \$23 per hour per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:
- Grades 3 and 4
- Cathy Casey
  - Suzanne Harder
  - Susan Stone
  - Bethany Varano
  - Michael Venna
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Grades 5 through 8

- Margaret Barbarito
- Nicholas Bender
- Jessica Jones
- Kelly Konyar
- Ian McCoog
- Brandon Traugh
- Kristen Wasileski
- Cheyenne Wilson

H. To acknowledge tenure for Ian McCoog effective June 7, 2010.

The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

**ITEMS - POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Starr and second by Yocum, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tresa J. Britch  
Board Secretary