

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2008**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Conference Room on Monday, October 13, 2008. Mr. Behre, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Behre led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nally, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Hansel as Secretary Pro-Tem for this meeting.

Mr. Behre then asked the Secretary Pro-Tem to call roll.

Members present: Mr. Behre, Mr. Dozbaba, Mrs. Elefante, Mr. Fieber, Mr. Heath, Mrs. Malamis, Mr. Nally, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Wahlgren.

Administrators present: Dr. Boccuti, Mr. Hansel, Ms. Katauskas, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Mrs. Trioli, Mr. Harrington, Ms. Mangano, Mr. Silver, and Dr. Young.

Board Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Wahlgren, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Board Discussion

Mrs. Elefante made a statement that there was redundancy in having three background checks done.

Old Business

Board Committee Reports

Communications Committee: Mrs. Wahlgren stated that the next meeting would occur on October 14, 2008.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Behre thanked Mrs. Elefante for her leadership in chairing the committee. He reported that this Committee worked through an issue with POP Warner football and the Solebury neighbors. Mr. Behre and Dr. Boccuti met with the Solebury Township commissioners last week. They would also meet with the New Hope Commissioners next week concerning

Athletic field space and usage. Mr. Behre would bring the Finance Committee in to work on funding the 5-year plan.

Finance Committee: Mr. Nally reported that their Finance Committee recent meeting was centered on transportation, ridership, and after-school bus service. They discussed their mission statement. They looked at trends from previous years.

Policy Committee: Mrs. O'Brien reported on the Policy Committee reviews of Policy 324, 424, and 524. They also reviewed Policy 122 and 814.

Student Activity Committee: Mr. Dozbaba reported that the Student Activity Committee discussed EDR, gave feedback on the SRO position that is needed from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm and discussed School Spirit.

Board Follow-up

Mrs. Elefante reported on the Board follow-up.

Cooperative Ed Program Update

Dr. Young and Betty Ohanian, teacher, made a presentation on the program.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Boccuti presented the Superintendent's report which will be a part of the permanent minute book.

Public Discussion / Agenda Items

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| Mrs. Flynn | - comment on having both a JV and Varsity Football program and the district needs to accept ownership of another varsity sport. |
| Bill Reilly | - statement on Miss Tara Derenick listed twice for an EDR as a mentor and at the same time as a new teacher. |

New Business

Finance

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malamis, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to approve and ratify the following:

- List of bills totaling \$970,936.42

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Number – 1001110
Totaling - \$55,889.10

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 1001111 to 1001112
Totaling - \$35,856.97

2008-2009 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10023169 to 10023188
Totaling - \$34,810.82

2008-2009 Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10023189 to 10023438
Totaling - \$844,379.53

- The attached budgetary transfers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.
- Accept the PDE Accountability Block Grant in Science and Technology for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$37,650
- Authorize administration to contract with a transportation consultant at a fee not to exceed \$14,000 to assist the district in reviewing current costs and contract strategy.

Mrs. O'Brien left the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nally, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board voted to table the following, with Mr. Dozbaba, Mr. Heath, and Mrs. Wahlgren voting no and Mr. Behre, Mrs. Elefante, Mr. Fieber, Mrs. Malamis, and Mr. Nally voting yes:

- Lease agreement with Apple Inc. for the period of October 2008 through October 2010 and authorize the administration to sign the contract.

Personnel

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Wahlgren, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to approve the following:

Resignation

Frank DeVries, Custodian, effective September 15, 2008.
William McConnell, Custodian, effective September 24, 2008.
Colleen Larkin, French Teacher, effective September 23, 2008.
Mattie Turner, Instructional Assistant, effective October 17, 2008.

Child-Rearing Leave

Kristin Vath, High School French Teacher, to extend her child rearing leave through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Kerilyn Walker, High School Health/Physical Education Teacher, for child rearing leave beginning approximately December 5, 2008 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Uncompensated Leave

As provided for in Article 14 – Uncompensated Leave in the Local 180 collective bargaining unit agreement, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of School Directors approve an uncompensated leave request from Bernadette McHugh beginning November 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. It is further understood that this recommendation shall not establish a past practice or precedent, as well as being understood that there will be no recommendation to extend this leave beyond May 31, 2009.

Appointment

Contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

Name	Classification	Employee Replaced/Reason	Effective Date	Salary	Benefits
Melissa Gonzales	Elementary Teacher, 2 nd Grade, LES	Rita Rotton – Retirement	9/22/08	\$50,771, M, Step 1 (prorated)	Yes
Maria Tzemintimpi	.5 French Teacher, – Middle School	Resignation – Larkin	TBD	\$52,945, M+24, Step 1 (prorated)	Yes
Ira Levine	Custodian LTS to Permanent	Resignation – DeVries	9/29/08	\$14.36/hour Year 0	Yes
Donna Garcia	4 Hour Instructional Assistant, LES	New Position	10/06/08 – 6/17/08	\$8,964; Year 0 (prorated)	No
Eileen Kulikowski	4-Hour Instructional Assistant, LES	New Position	10/06/08 – 6/17/08	\$8,964; Year 0 (prorated)	No
Margaret Park	4-Hour Non-Instructional Assistant, UES	New Position	9/18/08	\$8,942; Year 0 (prorated)	No
Ligia Lopez-Pratdesaba	4-Hour Non-Instructional Assistant, UES	New Position	10/06/08	\$8,942; Year 0 (prorated)	No
Howard Strickland-Peters	Café Worker	Rescind Resignation	9/22/08	\$9.38/hour Year 0	No

Per Diem Substitutes 2008/2009 School Year

Certified Teachers: Kimberly Gallagher Carolyn Bierlin Angela Hughes

Substitute Custodian: Robert Allen

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nally, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to approve the following:

EDR Contracts 2008/2009 School Year

<u>Mentors</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Tara Derenick	Vanessa Yeomans	\$615
Scott Seiple	Maria Barnett	\$615
Andrea Huffman	Jenna Ellsworth	\$615
Tara Derenick	Betty Ohlanian	\$615
Glenn Preiss	Terry Sphar	\$615
David Bachart	Paul DiRenzo	\$615
Christine St. John	Maria Tzemintimpi	\$615
Odile Ogonowski	Denise Jaeger	\$615
Chris Cortellessa	Christyn Golden	\$615
Karen Silberman	Jennifer Pavlick	\$615
Jennifer Wind	Katherine Kuehne	\$615
Craig Smith	Elizabeth Halsey	\$615
Lori Soriano	Tara Derenick	\$615

<u>Curriculum Liaisons</u>		
William Snyder	LES	\$1933
Stephanie Marone	UES	\$1933
Christina Cortellessa	Special Areas	\$1933
Kimberly Smith	MS Lang Arts/SS	\$1933
Thomas McLaughlin	Technology	\$1933

<u>Technology Support</u>		
Thomas Marrone	LES	\$1645
Jennifer Johnston	UES	\$1645
Craig Smith	MS	\$1645
Drew Giorgi	HS	\$1645

<u>Webmasters</u>		
Thomas Marrone	LES	\$1650
Mark Mannion	UES	\$1650
Craig Smith	MS	\$1650
Thomas McLaughlin	HS	\$1650

<u>Title I Coordinator</u>		
Nancy Rachlin	LES	\$2303

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Mike Kephart	MS Stage Manager	\$578
Betsy Halsey	MS Odyssey of the Mind	\$1062
Monika Stern	MS 1:1 Assistant/Track&Field	\$11.43/hour

Policy and Program

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to table the establishment of an Animal Rights Club at the high school on a probationary basis. The purpose of the club is to educate members and others on the issues surrounding animal rights. The club will be open to all interested students and will be monitored by a faculty advisor.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malamis, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board voted to adopt the following:

- The acceptance of a gift of \$2000 from Mr. & Mrs. John High and his employer, Chubb and Son, and that the funds be expended as per the attached letter request.
- The new/revised policies:
 - 324 – Personnel Files (revised)
 - 424 – Personnel Files (revised)
 - 524 – Personnel Files (revised)
 - 814 – Copyright Material (new)
- The Varsity competition for the football club beginning the 2009-2010 school year
- The attached request which proposes using available funds for EDRs not currently running in the Middle and High Schools (\$5113), and utilizing those funds to run several new EDRs (UES Peer Mediation; MS TAG and Art Club - \$2777) for the 2008-2009 school year only. This will not increase the amount of the EDR budget and the SAC Committee will make recommendations prior to finalizing next year's budget on prioritizing MS EDR choices.

Board Action

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dozbaba, seconded by Mrs. Malamis, the Board voted to recognize Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) as an approved School Board district committee. The details were to be worked out by Dr. Boccuti and SEPAC officers.

Public Discussion

- Ben Reilly
- comment on the building security during after school activities
 - question on Business Cooperative teacher and how was she using her time effectively.
 - comment on student activity coaches.

- Laurie Skoroda
- statement on where we rank on Jump Rope for Heart nationwide.

Board Discussion

- Mr. Nally - comment on the football program.
- Mr. Fieber - comment on One Room Schoolhouse in cooperation with Solebury township and education of student.
- comment on how to do more with less funds.
- move focus toward higher academic standards.
- Mrs. Elefante - comment on adding a mandatory requirement for fluency in a foreign language.

Public Discussion

- Melvan Band - comment on class size guidelines.
- Mrs. Flynn - comment about members who voted on the football issue.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hansel, Director of Operations
Pro-Tem Board Secretary