

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
February 23, 2009**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Conference Room on Monday, February 23, 2009. Mrs. Malamis, President, called the meeting to order, 6:30 p.m. Mr. Nally led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Malamis then asked the Secretary to call roll.

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

Members absent: Mrs. O'Brien

Administrators present: Mr. Hogg, Ms. Katauskas, Dr. Young

Mrs. O'Brien joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

### **Board Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

### **Student Report**

Elizabeth Rowland presented the student representatives' report.

### **Reports**

Dr. Young and Mr. Reilly reported on NHS Cares. This is an organization of concerned citizens trying to prevent drug and alcohol use by students.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board voted to move the BCIU Presentation up on the agenda.

Dr. Barry Galasso, Wendy MacCauley, and Mike Masko presented the BCIU budget for 2009-2010. They reported on BCIU programs and their organizational philosophy.

### **Old Business**

#### **Board Committee Reports**

Communications Committee: Mrs. Wahlgren reported on the status of the community newsletter which was mailed on February 17, 2009.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Behre reported that there may be funds in the stimulus package for construction projects.

Finance Committee: Mr. Nally reported that the Finance Committee will meet on March 4, 2009 to discuss the High School and Middle School budgets. He reported the basis swap had been priced last Thursday.

Mr. Hogg presented an update on the 2009-2010 budget.

Policy Committee: Mrs. O'Brien reported that the next meeting will be held on March 26, 2009.

Student Activities Committee: Mr. Dozbaba reported that the next meeting will be on March 6, 2009.

### **Board Follow-up**

Mrs. Elefante reported on the Board follow-up.

### **New Business**

Ms. Katauskas presented a report on the Digital Curriculum Mapping Initiative K-12.

### **Public Discussion/Agenda Items**

None

### **Finance**

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

- Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$1,155,135.74. -

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification

Check Numbers – 10011210 to 10011211

Totaling - \$70,467.33

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Fund Checks for Approval

Check Number – 1001122

Totaling - \$5,000.00

2008-2009 Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 10024306 to 10024413  
Totaling - \$1,079,668.41

- Approve the attached budgetary transfers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.

- Approve the Bucks County Intermediate Unit No. 22 Programs & Services Budget, which calls for expenditures of \$1,932,000 of which \$10,796 is New Hope-Solebury School District's contribution for the 2009-2010 school year. (Contribution for 2008-2009 was \$10,525.)

### **Personnel**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board voted to:

- Appoint the following individuals as per diem substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year, contingent upon satisfying all requirements of law and district policy:

#### **Certified Teachers**

Lisa Collins  
Jennifer Maretta  
Laura Riley  
Gretel Braverman  
Theresa Goodwin

#### **Guest Teachers**

Courtney Nash  
Kristine Laswell  
Valerie Davis  
Alison Zemanek

- Approve the following EDR contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Diana DeCecco	Coed Varsity Track and Field	\$3344
Bill Thomas	Coed JV Track and Field	\$2128
Christine Procaccino	Coed MS Track and Field	\$1607
Patrick Ryan	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	\$3344
Sean Gracey	Boys JV Lacrosse	\$2128
Lisa Adelberger	Boys Varsity Tennis	\$2953
Diane Roeser	Boys JV Tennis	\$2128
Chris Shank	Girls Soccer	\$3344
Andrea Sass	Girls JV Soccer	\$2128
Kim Klicka	Girls Blue Soccer	\$1520
Staci Shade	Girls Varsity Softball	\$3344
Betty O'Hanian	Girls JV Softball	\$2128

Denise Jaeger	Girls Blue Softball	\$1607
Matt Schram	Varsity Baseball	\$3344
Russ Lyons	JV Baseball	\$2128

### **Plant & Equipment**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to:

- Approve the following change orders to the High School Project:

#21 - Work in Existing Central Courtyard	\$2,008
#22 - Drywall Repairs in Room 105	\$ 690
#23 - Infill Existing Louver in Room 308	\$ 483
#24 - Close Out-Electrical Line Location Excavation	\$1,205
Inv. - Close Out-Grass & Grading Work	\$3,000

- Accept a proposal from Schiller and Hersh dated February 6, 2009 for engineering services in the amount of \$7,460.00 and authorize the administration to enter into a contract.

### **Board Discussion**

Mr. Fieber asked for a report on how the one room school house was being used in relation to curriculum.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mrs. Elefante, the Board voted to request Dr. Boccuti to prepare a report on the use of the one room school house and integration of curriculum and the timeline for using it.

Mrs. Malamis asked for feedback on changing the school board meeting agenda to move all public discussion to the section where public discussion on agenda items is currently located.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Heath reported on activities at the BCIU.

Mr. Fieber reported on the Education Foundation.

Mrs. Malamis reported on the Special Education Committee.

### **Public Discussion**

Elizabeth Bowman - Question on use of the one room school house.

Greg Smith - Read a statement from Middle Bucks Education Association about the status of negotiations

- Statement about the fact finding report.

Mr. Behre left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

- Mr. Sandstrom, MBEA - Thanked the Board for allowing them to speak.
- Mr. Danaher - Statement that Winterfest was a success.  
- Statement that theater is not in good shape.  
Volunteered to help in theater  
- Statement that Mike Kephart was great to work with.
- Melvin Band - Statement on expiration of teacher contract.  
- Question on law about re-opening the teacher contract.  
- Statement that there are too many study halls.  
Statement that students should be taken out of study halls and put in classes.  
- Statement on scores for PSSAs.
- Laurie Skoroda - Statement about money that had been budgeted for sound system.  
- Statement that money should be put towards theater.  
- Question on budget for signage.

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nally, seconded by Mrs. Malamis, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Hogg  
Board Secretary