

**Board of School Directors Meeting  
NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
180 West Bridge Street  
New Hope, Pennsylvania**

**August 18, 2008  
6:30 PM – District Conference Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (\* Denotes Enclosure)**

It is recommended that the Board of School approve the minutes of the June 23, 2008 and July 7, 2008 Regular Meetings of the Board of School Directors. \*

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion/Information Items**

- Board Committee Reports
  - Communications Committee – Mrs. Genevieve Wahlgren
  - Facilities Committee – Mrs. Amanda Elefante
  - Finance Committee – Mr. Christopher Nally
  - Policy Committee – Ms. Megan O'Brien
  - Student Activities Committee – Mr. S. David Dozbaba
  
- Board Follow Up – Mrs. Amanda Elefante

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion/Information Item**

**Public Discussion (Agenda Items Only)**

**Action Items**

**A. Finance**

1. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports for May and June, 2008. \*
2. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling \$2,229,384.95. \*

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks Between Meetings for Ratification  
Check Numbers – 1001094 to 1001097  
Totaling - \$103,222.95

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 1001098 to 1001102  
Totaling - \$96,124.51

2007-2008 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification  
Check Numbers – 10022662 to 10022702  
Totaling - \$207,199.53

2008-2009 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification  
Check Numbers - 10022661, 10022703 to 10022767  
Totaling - \$587,343.81

2007-2008 Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 10022931 to 10022942  
Totaling - \$217,094.11

2008-2009 Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 10022768 to 10022930  
Totaling - \$1,018,400.04

3. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Title Funds for the 2008-2009 school year as follows: \*
 

Title I	\$54,850.00
Title II	\$27,013.00
4. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize the release of 1.5% of the 2008-2009 Title II A Funds (\$419.22) for payment to the BCIU Staff Development Consortium. \*
5. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve an agreement for special education services with Somerset Hills Learning Institute in the amount of \$85,696.00 for the 2008-2009 school year. \*

## B. Personnel

1. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors accept a letter of retirement from Rita N. Rotton, Elementary Teacher, effective September 30, 2008 and approve her request for super maximum payment for unused sick days. \*
2. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Darren Hess, French Teacher, effective July 8, 2008.
3. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following transfers of professional staff members:
  - Tara Derenick from High School Business Education Teacher to High School/Middle School English Teacher (resignations Hess/Phelan).
  - Kimberly Smith from Middle School Grade 6 Teacher to Middle School English 7 Teacher (retirement Mitchell).
4. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors ratify/appoint the following individuals, contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

Name	Classification	Employee Replaced/Reason	Effective Date	Salary	Benefits
Patrick T. O'Leary	Elementary Teacher – Grade 5 Upper Elementary School Long-term Substitute	Leave – Walsh	8/26/08 - 1/23/09	\$45,925 prorated Bachelors, Step 1	Yes
Jennifer A. Pavlick	Special Education Teacher Upper Elementary School Temporary Professional Contract	Resignation – Lorenz	8/26/08	\$49,463 Masters +24, Step 0	Yes
Paul DiRenzo	.5 Music Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Contract	Resignation – Friel	8/26/08	\$44,486 prorated- \$22,243 Bachelors, Step 0	Yes - prorated
Jenna C. Ellsworth	French/Spanish Teacher High School Long-term Substitute	Leave – Vath	8/26/08 – 1/23/09	\$47,365 prorated Bachelors, Step 2	Yes
C. Elizabeth	Elementary Teacher-Grade 6	Transfer – K.	8/26/08	\$52,215	Yes

Halsey	Middle School Temporary Professional Contract	Smith		Bachelors +24, Step 2	
Denise E. Jaeger	English Teacher – Grade 8 Middle School Professional Contract	Retirement – Augenblick	8/26/08	\$62,081 Bachelors +24, Step 6	Yes
Katherine E. Kuehne	Elementary School Counselor Upper Elementary School Temporary Professional Contract	New Position	8/26/08	\$50,771 Masters, Step 1	Yes
Colleen E. Larkin	.5 French Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Contract	Resignation – Hess	8/26/08	\$47,280 prorated- \$23,640 B+24, Step 0	Yes - prorated
Betty A. Ohanian	Cooperative Education/ Business Education Teacher High School Professional Contract	Transfer – Derenick	8/26/08	\$67,933 Masters, Step 6	Yes
Christine Procaccino	Biology Teacher High/Middle Schools Temporary Professional Contract (changed from LTS for Ieurbino)	Resignation – Tarapchak	8/26/08	\$54,203 Masters, Step 2	Yes
Terry L. Sphar	Technology Education Teacher High/Middle Schools Long-term Substitute	Leave – C. Balmer	8/26/08 – 1/23/09	\$46,171 prorated Bachelors +12, Step 0	Yes
Monika Stern	Instructional Assistant – 7.5 Hour Middle School	Promotion – Pavlick	8/27/08	\$19,009 7.5 Hour 2 years	Yes
Mattie Turner	Instructional Assistant – 7.5 Hour Middle School	LTS Assignment – O’Leary	8/27/08 – 1/23/08	\$17,721 7.5 Hour 0 years	Yes

5. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following EDR contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>High School</u></b>		
Dawn Ferber	Art Service	\$1824
Dave Bachart	Band Director	\$2389
Tom Bateman	Chorus Director	\$2388
Melanie Pittner	Director/Musical	\$2953
Dave Bachart	Pit Orchestra/Musical	\$1284
Melanie Pittner	Play Director	\$2172
Tom Bateman	Pianist/Musical	\$626
Nicholas Wehr	Strings	\$1520
Tom Bateman	Vocal Coach/Musical	\$1906
Jon Gonsiewski	Blue/Gold	\$267.50
Adam Sherman	Blue/Gold	\$267.50
Sally Diakon	Blue/Gold	\$267.50
Chris Shank	Class Advisor – Grade 9	\$1155
Tom McLaughlin	Class Advisor – Grade 10	\$1155
Lori Soriano	Class Advisor – Grade 11	\$1245

Andrea Sass	Class Advisor – Grade 11	\$1245
Sarah Pierce	Class Advisor – Grade 11	\$1245
June Gomez	Class Advisor – Grade 12	\$1476.50
Patrice Ockenhouse	Class Advisor – Grade 12	\$1476.50
Brian Loving	Chess Club	\$845
Joann Neufeld	Debate Club	\$513
Jeremy Pfancook	Envirothon	\$562
Andrea Sass	Key Club	\$1530
Sarah Pierce	Key Club	\$1530
Drew Giorgi	Lion’s Tale	\$1737
Brian Loving	Mathletes	\$879
Veronica Wierzbowski	National Honor Society	\$556.50
Carol Guogas	National Honor Society	\$556.50
Mary Schwander	Reading Olympics	\$289
Carol Guogas	Science Olympics	\$241
Kevin Elvey	Ski Club	\$722
Jon Gonsiewski	Ski Club	\$722
Patrice Ockenhouse	EDR Coordinator	\$2387
Jon Gonsiewski	Student Council	\$3040
Dawn Ferber	Yearbook	\$1737
Michael Finley	Graduation Project	\$7382
Kevin Elvey	Environment Club	\$1437
Mary Schwander	Press Coordinator	\$1342
Michael Kephart	Stage Manager	\$2649
 <b><u>Athletics</u></b>		
Ira Lee Riddle	Girls JV Volleyball	\$2996
Patrice Ockenhouse	Equipment Manager	\$5037
Gina Catalanotii	Girls JV Field Hockey	\$2996

### **C. Policy & Program**

1. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve a district Code of Conduct for students K-12. \*
2. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors adopt Middle School Literacy Materials for Grades 6, 7 and 8 and approve expenditure of funds in accordance with the attachment. \*

### **D. Plant & Equipment**

1. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize administration to enter into a Wide Area Network License Agreement with Sunesys, LLC, for Internet connection. \*

2. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors ratify acceptance of the following bids for the domestic water project (connection to public water system): \*

General Contractor: S&H Landscaping      \$114,849.00  
Plumbing Contractor: Integrity Mechanical \$ 39,150.00

3. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors ratify acceptance of the bid for wrestling mats to Sport Supply Group in the amount of \$20,832.00. \*
4. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors award the bid for musical instruments as follows:

The Music Den                      \$ 1,050.00  
Washington Music                 \$18,461.00  
National Education Music        \$ 7,823.00

**IX. BOARD DISCUSSION**

**X. LIAISON**

- A. **Bucks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Robert Heath, Jr.**
- B. **MBIT Report – Mr. Laurence R. Fieber/Mrs. Genevieve F. Wahlgren**
- C. **NHS Education Foundation – Mr. Laurence R. Fieber**

**XI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION (All Topics)**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

<b>Facilities Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 26, 2008 6:00 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Facilities Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 9, 2008 6:00 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Communications Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 9, 2008 7:30 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Monday, September 15, 2008 5:15 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Board of School Directors Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, September 15, 2008 6:30 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Policy Committee</b>	<b>Thursday, September 25, 2008 3:30 PM – District Conference Room</b>
<b>Student Activities Committee</b>	<b>Friday, September 26, 2008 7:00 AM – District Conference Room</b>