

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2008**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held at the Conference Room on Monday, May 19, 2008. Mr. Behre called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Behre led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Behre then asked the Secretary to call roll.

Members present: Mr. Behre, Mr. Dozbaba, Mrs. Elefante, Mr. Fieber, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Malamis, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Wahlgren. Mrs. O'Brien left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Member absent: Mr. Nally

Administrators present: Dr. Boccuti, Mr. Hansel, Mr. Hogg, Dr. Foote, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Mrs. Trioli, Ms. Mundy, and Dr. Young

The Board held an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Mr. Behre also announced that the Board had held a retreat to discuss Board priorities.

Board Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Elefante seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, with Mr. Heath and Mrs. Elefante abstaining, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Students Report

The student representatives, Yohsuke Araki and Miles Greene, presented their report. The music teachers and Mike Carafa, student, presented the new music department website.

Old Business

Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Wahlgren reported on the Communications Committee. She reported on updates that they would like to make. She reported that the district calendar would be electronic and on-line. She reported that they were planning community day. The committee expressed concerns about the parent portal.

Mrs. Elefante reported on Facilities Committee. She reported on the discussion of the need to replace the wrestling mats because of safety concerns and informed the board that a formal proposal would be presented in June. She reported that the

committee was looking into whether the one-room school house is eligible to be placed on the National Historic Registry. If eligible, the district could apply for grants to repair the building and establish a historic curriculum for students.

Mr. Hogg reported on the Finance Committee. He reported that there had been an update on transportation costs and that administration was working with a neighboring school district to determine the feasibility of combining bus routes. He reported that the committee had reviewed legal fees and found that they were not out of line. He reported that the district currently has an RFP out for legal services. He reported that the school district was doing a joint bid with Council Rock School District and that bids were due May 20, 2008.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on the Policy Committee. She reported that the committee would be recommending Policy 623 on returned checks. She reported on a new policy to reflect the right to know law that takes effect January 1, 2009. She reported that there was a discussion to create a list serve policy. She announced the next meeting would be June 25 to discuss list serve. She requested that the board not act on Policy 902.1 on the cable channel that was on the agenda.

Mr. Dozbaba reported on that the Student Activities Committee had been postponed. He presented a report on how EDR's are created and accounted for.

Budget Report

Mr. Hogg presented an update on the 2008/2009 budget. He also made a presentation on the homestead/farmstead exclusion on real estate tax bids.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Boccuti presented his report which is attached to the minute book.

New Business

Dr. Boccuti, Dr. Foote, and Dr. Young presented a proposal for an alternative program at the High School.

Dr. Boccuti, Dr. Young, and Ms. Mundy presented drug and alcohol testing guidelines.

Public Discussion / Budget Testimony

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| Mrs. Flynn | - question on numbers for lacrosse clinic. - commended board for adding intramural lacrosse but would like to see girls varsity lacrosse added. |
| Larry Panzica | - question on special education budget numbers - comment on drug and alcohol policy. |
| John Warren | - comments regarding a recommendation that the board consider mandatory random drug testing. |

Finance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board of School Directors voted to approve and ratify the following:

- The Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports for March, 2008
- List of bills totaling \$1,151,466.61
 - 2007-2008 Capital Reserve Fund Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 1001087 to 1001089
Totaling - \$46,721.95
 - 2007-2008 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10022194 to 10022200
Totaling - \$36,452.78
 - 2007-2008 Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10022201 to 10022340
Totaling - \$1,068,291.88
- The attached budgetary transfers for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.
- Authorize the administration to execute a contract with Interquest Detection Canines of Eastern Pennsylvania for the 2008-2009 school year.

Personnel

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

Resignations

- Janine Tarapchak, Science Teacher, effective June 18, 2008
- Patricia Lorenz, Special Education Teacher, effective June 18, 2008
- Linda Slack, Cafeteria Worker, effective April 11, 2008.

Appointments

Contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

| Name | Classification | Employee Replaced/Reason | Effective Date | Salary | Benefits |
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| Christina M. Blanco | .2 Spanish Teacher Middle School | Leave – Vath | 5/14/08- 6/18/08 | \$45,045 prorated B+12, Step 0 | No |

School Physician and School Dentist

Dr. Rigney as School Physician for the 2008-2009 school year at annual fee of \$4,000.

Dr. Mary Burns as School Dentist, at no cost to the school district, for the 2008-2009 school year.

EDR 2007-2008 school year

| Name | EDR | Amount |
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| <u>Rescind:</u> | | |
| Christine Procaccino | MS Track&Field Asst. | \$1440.00 |
| <u>Approve:</u> | | |
| Christine Procaccino | MS Track&Field Head | \$1567.00 |
| Thomas McLaughlin | MS Track&Field Asst. | \$1440.00 |
| Lisa Adelberger | Intramural Tennis | \$ 693.25 |
| Patrick Ryan | Intramural Lacrosse | \$ 693.25 |
| Lori Ierubino | Intramural Field Hockey | \$ 693.25 |

Per Diem Substitute 2007-2008 school year

Administrative Assistant - Susan Hipple

Policy and Program

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mrs. Wahlgren, with Mrs. Elefante voting no as to administering flu vaccines to students, the Board voted to approve the following:

- Authorize the administration to administer flu vaccines to students in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, School Health Division, 2008-2009 Influenza Vaccine Initiative.
- Lunch prices for the 2008-2009 school year:

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| Type A Lunch – Elementary Schools | \$2.40 (\$0.05 increase) |
| Type A Lunch – Middle & High Schools | \$2.65 (\$0.05 increase) |
| Half Pint of Milk | \$0.65 (no increase) |

- Middle school student trips:

- Members of the Middle School Student Council (8 students maximum) to attend the PA Association of Student Councils State Conference (3-days) to be hosted by Southwestern High School, Hanover, PA, from Thursday, November 13 to Saturday, November 15, 2008.

- Officers of the Middle School Student Council (7 students maximum) to attend the PA Association of Student Councils 5-day leadership workshop to be held in Grove City College, July 20-24, 2008, and at Camp Conrad Weiser Outdoor Center, Wernersville, PA, June 24-28, 2008. (Students choose which site they would like to attend and are transported by parents.)

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malamis, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board voted to approve to send Policy #902.1, Cable Television, back to Policy Committee.

Plant & Equipment

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

- A change order for the High School Project:

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| GC-8 | Hardware to retrofit Main Entry Door with Existing Card Reader | \$1,283.00 |
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- Accept a donation of a kiln valued at \$5000.00 from Mr. Jeffrey J. Macdonell.
- Accept a bid from Coating Service, Inc, to crack fill, seal coat and line stripe parking lots at the high school, middle school, maintenance building and bus lot, in the amount of \$17,409.00 and authorize the administration to add the loading dock and teacher's parking lot areas in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Board Discussion

Mrs. Elefante commented on her attendance at Central Bucks Cares. She commented on possible grant money for drug testing.

Liaisons

Mr. Heath reported on activities at the Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Fieber and Mrs. Wahlgren reported on activities at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

Mr. Fieber reported on the Education Fund.

Public Discussion

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| Glenn Preiss | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invitation to a graphic arts display. - invitation for shirts that they are printing. |
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Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Hogg, Director of Business & Finance
Board Secretary