

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2008**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Conference Room on Monday, November 17, 2008. Mr. Behre, President, 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, Mr. Heath, Mrs. Malamis, Mr. Nally, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Wahlgren.

Administrators present: Dr. Boccuti, Mr. Hansel, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Ms. Mangano, and Mr. Silver.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel and legal matters.

Board Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dozbaba, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Old Business

Student Report

Elizabeth Rowland, student representative, reported on activities in the schools.

Board Committee Reports

Communications Committee: Mrs. Wahlgren reported the following information. The Committee met last Tuesday evening, November 11th. First on the agenda was a discussion of Policy 913.1, District Approved Distribution of Written or Electronically Transmitted Information. The Policy Committee, at its last meeting, felt that the Communications Committee could be instrumental in publicizing opportunities for non-profits who sponsor events directly benefiting students of New Hope Borough and Solebury Township. The group also suggested that the Cable Television Policy 902.1 might be incorporated in an overall approval of transmission of information.

Next, with direction from Justin O'Donoghue, Esq., a request from a committee member that we look at our board minutes with an eye to possibly making them more comprehensive was explained. He referred us to District Policy 006,

Section 9, and said that as long as the basic information set down was included in the minutes, it is purely a Board decision on how much detail the Board wants to include. Perhaps we could put that discussion on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Committee also took up the need for consistent student directories K-12.

Two sub-committees shared their suggestions with Dr. Boccuti for his informational forums and a survey which will ensue.

The next meeting will be December 9 at 7:30 PM and the public is welcome.

The Board discussed ways to better utilize the Comcast channel and add more content.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Behre reported on the Facilities Committee. He reported that they reviewed the new wrestling mats. They also had a report and discussion on an artificial turf field. There was discussion on which sports could use a turf field. He reported that they would have to find ways to fund it outside of the school district budget.

Finance Committee: Mr. Nally reported that the Finance Committee had met twice since the last Board meeting. He reported on the Apple lease that had been tabled at the last Board meeting. The Committee agreed on tax collector salaries for the next term. The Committee reviewed a draft of the budget for 2009-2010. Mr. Nally reported that revenue is either flat or declining and reported on the increases in fixed costs.

Policy Committee: Mrs. O'Brien reported on the Policy Committee. The Committee approved the recommendations of the policies for Listserv, Bullying, Records Management and Public Records. She reported on the policy for Taping of IEP meetings. The November 20 meeting has been rescheduled to December 4.

Student Activity Committee: Mr. Dozbaba reported that the Student Activity Committee discussed the security officer. He reported that there may be enough students for a ninth grade basketball team. He reported on EDR discussions.

Board Follow-up

Mrs. Elefante reported on the Board follow-up.

Superintendent Report

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

Dr. Boccuti recognized parent volunteers who participated in "Kids Voting 2008."

Dr. Boccuti presented the 2008 Keystone Achievement Awards for the High, Middle and Upper Elementary Schools.

Public Discussion / Agenda Items

Mr. Preiss - Question on Policy 124. Question on Policy 800.

New Business

Finance

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

- Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports for July through September, 2008.
- List of bills totaling \$1,204,601.45.

2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 1001113 to 1001115
Totaling - \$90,354.63

2008-2009 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10023439 to 10023527
Totaling - \$382,462.16

2008-2009 Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10023528 to 10023734
Totaling - \$731,784.66

- Attached budgetary transfers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.
- Lease agreement with Apple Inc. for the period of October 2008 through October 2010 and authorize the administration to sign the contract.
- Authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to execute an agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit to purchase the Comprehensive Data Analysis (CDA) data warehouse for data analysis.

Personnel

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

Resignations/Retirements

Kristin Shovlin, Instructional Assistant, resignation effective November 12, 2008.

Dr. Demaris Foote, Director of Pupil Services, retirement effective January 31, 2009, per agreement.

Child-Rearing Leaves

Katherine Copeland Walsh, extend child rearing leave through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Appointments

Contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

Name	Classification	Employee Replaced/Reason	Effective Date	Salary	Benefits
Elizabeth May	French Teacher Middle School Long-term Substitute	Resignation – Larkin	10/20/08 – 12/2/08	\$47,280 B+24, Step 0 (prorated)	Yes
Patricia Chen	Non-Instructional Assistant – 4 Hour Lower Elementary School	Transfer – Bereck	10/20/08	\$8,942 Year 0 (prorated)	No
Mary Platt	Instructional Assistant – 7.5 Hour Lower Elementary School	Resignation – Turner	10/20/08	\$17,721 Year 0 (prorated)	Yes
Rosemary Ferro	Instructional Assistant – 8 Hour Middle School	Resignation – Weber	11/3/08	\$18,902 Year 0 (prorated)	Yes
Pamela Chamberlain	District Staff Secretary Long-term Substitute	Leave – McHugh	11/17/08- 5/29/09	\$36,073 Year 0 (prorated)	Yes
Mark Stanbery	Custodian	Resignation – McConnell	11/4/08	\$14.36/hour Year 0	Yes
Kimberly Gallagher	.5 Learning Support Teacher Middle School Long-term Substitute	Leave – Morrash	11/5/08 – 12/1/08	\$45,925 B, Step 1 (prorated)	No
Michelle Del Prior	Substitute (rehire) Cafeteria Worker	N/A	As needed.	\$11.25/hour Year 5	No
Matthew Hammerstone	Custodian Long-term Substitute	Leave – Snycer	11/20/08	\$14.36/hour Year 0	Yes

Per Diem Substitutes 2008/2009 School Year

Certified Teachers:

Glenn Slater
Katherine West
Jessica Adams
Jennifer Dilapi

Guest Teachers:

James Albert
Sabrina Agnoli
Angela Barry
Thomas Crilley
Tracy Jackson-Benson
Kaitlin Wilson
Karen Miehle
William Denton
Diana Hughes
Rosemary Sawyer
Gargi Seshadri

EDR Contracts 2008/2009 School Year

NAME	EDR	STIPEND
Rick Fedele	Boys Varsity Basketball	\$5211
Glen Ockenhouse	Boys JV Basketball	\$3821
Carl Corino	Boys Freshman Basketball	\$1652
Yona Rose	Boys Blue Basketball	\$1607
Larry Scott	Girls Varsity Basketball	\$5211
Meg Thompson	Girls JV Basketball	\$3821
Yona Rose	Girls Blue Basketball	\$1607
Patrice Ockenhouse	Girls Gold Basketball	\$1107
Gary Ockenhouse	Girls Gold Basketball	\$1107
Irv Miller	Varsity Wrestling	\$5211
Stefan King	JV Wrestling	\$3821
Chad Block	MS Wrestling	\$1607
Jennifer Hellman	Varsity Cheerleading	\$2215
Stacy Shade	HS Spirit Club	\$316
Kim Klicka	MS Math/Science Curriculum Liaison	\$1933

Policy and Program

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malamis, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, with Mr. Fieber voting no as to the Break Dancing Club, the Board voted to:

- Approve the establishment of an Animal Rights Club and a Break Dancing Club at the high school on a probationary basis.

- Adopt the following new/revised board policies:

- No. 124 – Courses Outside of the District Instructional Program (new)
- No. 133.4 – Audio Recording of Meetings of IEP Teams (new)
- No. 249 – Bullying (new)
- No. 800 – Records Management (new)
- No. 801 – Public Records (revised)
- No. 913.1 - District Approved Distribution of Information (revised)

Plant and Equipment

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

- Accept donated office furniture as listed on the attachment from New Hope-based company, Global Lead.
- Approve the following change orders: *

High School Project		
- GC-11	Paving Cost Change Order	\$8,004
Domestic Water Project		
- CO#1	S&H Out of Sequence Work	\$6,229

Board Discussion

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| Mr. Heath | - Commented on the letter from Mr. Funk, Class of 1963.
- Commented that a New Hope-Solebury alumni was on the animal channel. |
| Mr. Behre | - Thanked the groups that helped with the courtyards. |
| Mrs. Malamis | - Thanked the group that brought treats for the Board. |
| Mr. Fieber | - Requested an update on the status of the websites for January. |
| Mr. Nally | - Requested data on instructional assistants for the next Finance Committee meeting. |
| Mrs. O'Brien | - Reported that her school district was able to spend less on the data management due to savings from getting less data from testing companies. |

Liaison

Mr. Heath reported on BCIU.

Mr. Fieber reported on the MBIT.

Mr. Fieber reported on the Education Fund and thanked Glenn Preiss for his work with them.

Public Discussion

Melvin Band

- Statements on class size reports for the High School
- Question on math expectations for students.

Mrs. Skoroda

- Statement that recognition should be given to the parent groups for all of the work they do for students.
- Statement on EDRs and request for information on what is available for kids after school.
- Question on whether the public can have input into teacher contract negotiations. Statement that parents should have input into teacher performance evaluations.

Mr. Panzica

- Question on how to register teacher complaints.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Nally, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Hogg
Board Secretary