

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
June 23, 2008**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Conference Room on Monday, June 23, 2008. Mr. Behre called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, and Mrs. Wahlgren.

Member absent: Mrs. O'Brien

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

The Board held an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Mr. Behre also announced that an executive session will also be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 to discuss personnel and legal issues.

### **Board Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mrs. Malamis, with Mr. Dozbaba abstaining, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

### **Comment on Minutes**

Ms. Marilyn Koblan questioned the June 2, 2008 minutes in regards to public discussion during the action on the budget.

### **Special Presentation**

Mr. William Scandone made a presentation on the Education Fund. He listed the grants that were awarded, which are attached to the minute book.

### **Old Business**

#### **Budget Reports**

Communications Committee: Mrs. Wahlgren reported that Comcast was donating two minutes on every loop for live presentation. She also reported that Dr. Boccuti would be leading a question and answer session. She reported that a student would be asked to be on the Committee. She reported that PSSA days should be more productive.

Facilities Committee: Mrs. Elefante discussed the status of the wrestling mats. She reported on new members and the status of the water hook-up. She reported that Mr. Dozbaba would chair a sub-committee on donations and sponsorships. The committee would meet the last week in August on five year plan.

Finance Committee: Mr. Nally reported that three students have volunteered to join the Finance Committee.

Student Activities Committee: Mr. Dozbaba reported on a recommendation on guidelines for a cross-gender participation. The Board discussed this topic and agreed to add it as a discussion item for the July Board meeting. Mr. Harrington reported on the status of a girls' lacrosse team. Dr. Boccuti reported that a subcommittee would work on a recommendation for the due date for new EDR recommendations.

## **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Boccuti introduced Dr. Young, who recognized Dawn Ferber and Marissa Lucifero, student, who were awarded the Walsworth Yearbook Gallery of Excellence award.

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

## **New Business**

### **Discussion/Information Items**

Mr. Hansel and Mr. Hogg reported on a recommendation to renew the contract with First Student.

Mr. Radaszkiewicz presented the on-line calendar.

### **Public Discussion on Agenda Items**

Mrs. Thran - question on the cross-gender participation discussion.

### **Finance**

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

- Treasurer's Report and Financial Report for April, 2008
- List of bills totaling \$806,022.86

2007-2008 Capital Reserve Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 1001090 to 1001091  
Totaling - \$26,422.36

2007-2008 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification  
Check Number – 10022420  
Totaling - \$10,000.00

2008-2009 Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 10022566 to 10022577  
Totaling - \$439,567.09

2007-2008 Checks for Approval  
Check Numbers – 10022421 to 10022565  
Totaling - \$330,033.41

- Budgets for the 2008-2009 fiscal year:
  - Fund 22      Capital Reserve Fund
  - Fund 29      Athletic Fund
  - Fund 50      Food Service Fund
  
- Agreements for special education services:
  - Crefeld School in the amount of \$26,100 for the 2008-2009 school year.
  - CZ and Associates in the amount of \$5,400 for the period July 1, 2008 through August 12, 2008.
  - Mercer County Special Services School District in the amount of \$7,115 for the period of July 8, 2008 through August 14, 2008
  - CTC Center, LLC, in the amount of \$7,749 for the period July 9, 20089 through August 22, 2008
  
- Three-year agreement with Performance Rehabilitation/Velocity Sports Performance for athletic training services at the following rates:

2008-2009	\$44,000.00
2009-2010	\$45,000.00
2010-2011	\$47,000.00
  
- The 403(b) Plan Document in order to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations:
  - Resolution for 403(b) Plan Document
  - Adoption Agreement
  - Kadis Margolis Agreement
  - Employee Administration Services, Inc. Agreement
  
- The attached budgetary transfers for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and that they be made part of the permanent minute book.

- The transportation agreement with Plumstead Christian School for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate of \$6.24 per student per day.
- Award the bid for copier services to IKON and authorize administration to enter into a contract for four years with the input of the solicitor.

**Personnel**

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

**Child-Rearing Leave**

Katherine Copeland Walsh to extend her child rearing leave through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

**Resignation**

Robert Allen, Custodian, effective June 17, 2008.

**Appointments**

Contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Employee Replaced/Reason</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
Vincent A. Forcino	Custodian LTS to Permanent	Resignation – Allen	6/17/08	\$13.95/hour 0 years	Yes
Dawn E. Aschenbrenner	Custodian Temporary	Summer Help – as needed	6/19/08 – 8/19/08	\$13.95/hour	No
Lisa D. Collins	Social Studies Teacher High School Long-Term Substitute	Leave – Anderson	8/26/08 – 1/23/09	\$47,339 (prorated) Masters, Step 0	Yes
Ira (B.J.) Levine	Custodian Long-Term Substitute	Leave – McConnell	6/23/08	\$13.95/hour	Yes

**EDR 2007/2008 School Year**

Suzy Belmont, Intramural Girls Lacrosse, \$693.25

**Employment Agreements**

Act 93 Agreement; Director of Business & Finance; Director of Human Resources; Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Administrative Assistant for Payroll.

## **Policy and Program**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board voted to approve an overnight trip for student yearbook editors to attend a Walsworth Workshop to be held in New York City from August 28 -30, 2008.

## **Plant & Equipment**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mrs. Wahlgren, the Board voted to approve to authorize the administration to proceed with replacing wrestling mats and hoist system.

## **Board Discussion**

Mr. Fieber asked about the status of the deliberations with the Office of Civil Rights on the Title IX complaint.

Mr. Fieber thanked Dr. Boccuti, administration, and the teachers for a successful school year.

Mr. Heath suggested a motion to add girls lacrosse to the 2009/2010 budget.

Dr. Boccuti thanked the Board for approving the contracts/agreements for non-union staff.

Mr. Heath complimented the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Fieber stated that specific groups should not be pinpointed for savings on transportation.

Mr. Nally commented that the budget process is starting earlier and asked for budget concerns to be presented to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Dozbaba requested that the board draft a letter thanking New Hope Community church for its offer.

## **Liaisons**

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

## **Board Action**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mrs. Elefante, the Board unanimously voted to include the girls' lacrosse into 2009/2010 budget.

## **Public Discussion**

- Marilyn Koblan - thanked the Board for the motion on girls' lacrosse.  
- question on intramural coach for girls' lacrosse.
- Josh Thran, student - question on why, based on the cross-gender participation guidelines, he cannot be on the volleyball team.
- Patrice Ockenhouse - statement that as a referee, boys' volleyball games are tougher than girls' volleyball games.
- Melvin Band - statements on issues of cross-gendered teams on safety and competition; also statement on class sizes.
- Mr. Reilly - thanked Mr. Hogg for getting information on the cost of guidance counselor travel.

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Elefante, seconded by Mr. Fieber, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Hogg, Director of Business & Finance  
Board Secretary