

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2008**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Conference Room on Monday, July 7, 2008. Mr. Behre called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Wahlgren.

Member absent: Mr. Nally

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

Old Business

Board Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: Mrs. Elefante reported that the next Facilities Committee meeting would be on August 26 to discuss the five year plan. She also reported on the Solebury Township Supervisors' meeting.

Policy Committee: Mrs. O'Brien reported that the main discussion had been the list serve policy. She reported on the changes to the FMLA and the Cable Television policies. She reported that future discussions would include interscholastic activities and special education policies. She reported that the next meeting would be on September 25, 2008.

Board Follow-up

Mrs. Elefante reported on the Board follow-up.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Boccuti presented the Superintendent's report that is attached to the minute book.

New Business

Discussion/Information Item

Mr. Harrington reported on cross-gender participation in sports.

Public Discussion

- Mrs. Thran - question on vote for participation in volleyball.
- Joel Libertore - question on P.I.A.A rules on boy's playing on a girl's sport.

Board Action

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Malamis, seconded by Mr. Fieber, with Mr. Dozbaba opposing, the Board voted to support administrative guidelines for cross-gender sports with the exception that the student currently on the girls' volleyball team may try out for the team again.

Finance

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

- List of bills totaling \$2,647,112.60
 - 2008-2009 Capital Reserve Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 1001092 to 1001093
Totaling - \$8,035.00
 - 2007-2008 Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10022578 to 10022625
Totaling - \$242,972.37
 - 2007-2008 Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10022626 to 10022639
Totaling - \$8,871.61
 - 2008-2009 Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 10022640 to 10022660
Totaling - \$2,387,233.62
- The agreements for special education services:
 - Titusville Academy in the amount of \$36,270 for the 2008/2009 school year (Student #1).
 - Titusville Academy in the amount of \$36,270 for the 2008/2009 school year (Student #2).
 - Confidential settlement agreement for special education services for summer program 2008.

- The Agreement and Schedule of Contracted Costs between the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and New Hope-Solebury School District for Special Education Services for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$825,714.

Personnel

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

Child-Rearing Leave

Margaret Thompson request to extend her child rearing leave through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Craig Balmer request for child rearing leave for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Resignation

Daniel Friel, .50 Music Teacher, Middle School, effective June 18, 2008.

Keri Phelan, English Teacher, High School, effective June 18, 2008.

Appointments

Contingent upon meeting all requirements of law and district policy:

Name	Classification	Employee Replaced/Reason	Effective Date	Salary	Benefits
Peter Ockenhouse	Custodian Temporary	Summer Help – as needed	6/19/08 – 8/19/08	\$13.95/hour	No
Howard Peters-Strickland	Cafeteria Worker	Resignation – Del Prior	8/27/08	\$9.38/hour 0 Years	No
Christine Procaccino	Biology Teacher High School Long-Term Substitute	Leave – Ierubino	8/26/08 – 1/23/09	\$54,203 Masters, Step 2	Yes
Christine Tokugawa	Math Teacher Middle School Long-Term Substitute	Leave – Thompson	8/26/08 – 1/23/09	\$56,428 Masters+24, Step 2	Yes
Christyn Golden	Social Worker Middle School	N/A – new position	8/26/08	\$57,636 Masters, Step 3	Yes

2008/2009 Salary

Administrative personnel for the 2008-2009 school year.

EDR 2008/2009 Contract

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adam Sherman	Weight Training	\$1737
Mike Clarke	Varsity Cross Country	\$3145
Robert Minschwaner	Girls Varsity Volleyball	\$4125
Pat Dialto	Coed Varsity Golf	\$2519
Diane Roeser	Girls JV Tennis	\$2128
Lori Soriano	Girls Varsity Field Hockey	\$4125
David Bachart	Boys JV Soccer	\$2996
Lisa Adelberger	Girls Varsity Tennis	\$2953
Evren Asral	Boys Varsity Soccer	\$4125

Legal Firms Appointment

The following three legal firms for legal services as listed:

Wisler Pearlstein, LLP – General solicitor services and future special education services at the fee structure listed in “Exhibit 3” of the attached proposal.

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP – Negotiations and current special education services at the fee structure listed in the “Budget/Fee Proposal” section of the attached proposal.

Law Offices of M. Kristi Cook – Employee tax related services at the fee structure of \$250.00 per hour.

Policy and Program

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

- An overnight trip for members of the high school band, orchestra and choir to participate in the North American Music Festival in Toronto, Canada, from Wednesday, April 29, 2009, through Sunday, May 3, 2009.
- The following new/revised policies:
 - 902.1 – Cable Television (new)
 - 335 – Family and Medical Leaves (revised)
 - 435 – Family and Medical Leaves (revised)
 - 535 – Family and Medical Leaves (revised)

Plant and Equipment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Heath, the Board voted to address the timeline of the Board of Health, and to complete key construction components prior to the return of students and staff. The Board of School Directors authorized the President, Vice President, Superintendent, Business Administrator, and Director of Operations to review, approve, and award the lowest bids for connecting to the public water system. A report on the awarded bids as well as an update on the project will be presented to the Board at the public meeting scheduled for August 18, 2008.

Liaisons

Mr. Fieber reported on the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

Public Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fieber, seconded by Mr. Dozbaba, the Board of School Directors voted to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Hogg, Director of Business & Finance
Board Secretary