

Scranton State School for the Deaf
Scranton, PA
October 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Scranton State School for the Deaf was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Attendances:

Present: Margaret D. Matisko, President
Carole C. Wright, Vice-President
Alphonzo A. Fazio, 2nd Vice-President
Robert Boyce, Secretary
Roy Davis
Susan Mulholland
Dr. Mahmoud H. Fahmy

Excused Absence: Thomas Shaffer

Others: Dr. Monita G. Hara, Superintendent
William O'Neill, Business Manager

Secretary, Robert Boyce took roll.

Mrs. Matisko, asked board member Susan Mulholland to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 14, 2007, were accepted as presented with motion introduced by Dr. Fahmy, seconded by Mr. Fazio and carried unanimously.

Correspondence was mailed to all members prior to meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mrs. Matisko welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that we have guests for tonight's meeting who will give a presentation on the work that will be done in our school. At this time Dr. Hara introduced John Dickinson, architect from Colorado who works for Winter and Company and Mr. Pat Endler from Borton Lawson. They shared with the meeting the master plan for all the major improvements for the school.

Mrs. Matisko commented on how nice the new lighting looks on campus. Dr. Hara wanted to thank Merrill Mayenschein for all his help today. He spent the day walking and touring the entire campus with Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Endler. John Corkill stated

that on October 26th a reception would be held to welcome Dr. Hara. We sent out quite a number of invitations to the community and agencies that we can partner with. The response is going well. Dr. Hara mentioned that she spoke with Donna Keller about our students doing a short entertainment for our guests at the reception. Our guests will see what we offer our students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Report was given to all board members for their review prior to meeting. Dr. Hara wanted to add to report that a Baby Sign Class is in the works and will form in the Spring. She feels this will be one more way that our name will be out there. She would also like to get a 5-year Strategic plan in place and is asking for help from our Board. Mrs. Matisko stated that maybe the Board can work on it as a retreat and dedicate a Saturday to working on it.

Dr. Hara also mentioned that the web page is looking great with all the updates that John Corkill has done on it. Our parents will find it much more user friendly.

Representative Dennis O'Brien will be visiting SSSD on Thursday, October 18. We are looking forward to his visit so he can see what great things go on at SSSD. Also, we interviewed a contracted psychiatrist for 1 day a week with a 5-year contract. We have very positive feedback on candidate.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

Report was given to all board members for their review prior to meeting. Again, Mrs. Hyman-Mehaffey wants to thank staff for stepping up to the plate to provide coverage for schedules.

DORMITORY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Report was given to all board members for their review prior to meeting. Ms. Fudge wanted to add that this year had a more positive start. Children are very happy with the changes in the dorm. She feels that good things are happening in the dorm program.

BUSINESS OFFICE DEPARTMENT REPORT **OCTOBER 16, 2007**

FINANCIAL

The financial information detailed below reflects the available balances as of October 16, 2007.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>ALLOTMENT FUNDING</u>	<u>AVAILABLE BALANCES</u>
General	(125)	8,211,630 1/	5,077,412
IDEA B	(776)	49,660	39,088
School Lunch	(772)	45,000	45,000
Title I	(729)	157,508 2/	157,508
Title II	(787)	24,389 2/	24,389
Title V	(787)	98 2/	98
Drug Free Schools	(729)	2,553 2/	2,553

1/ Determined as follows:

State Funding	7,262,000
Local Augmentations	76,630
Tuition Recovery (est.)	873,000
TOTAL	8,211.630

2/ Pending further approval.

MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

Mr. Bartosiewicz reported that they are busy with normal maintenance activities.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION

EMPLOYEE

POSITION

EFFECTIVE

Ellen Hibbard
Jacqueline Fryburger

Substitute Instructor
Substitute Instructor

6/13/2007
6/13/2007

APPOINTMENT

EMPLOYEE

POSITION

EFFECTIVE

Jennifer Jordan
Jon Konzelman
Elrica Swank
Rhabab Khan
Adam Billings

Substitute Instructor
Instructor
Instructor
Instructor
Instructor

08/27/2007
10/01/2007
10/15/2007
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1/

SABBATICAL

EMPLOYEE

POSITION

EFFECTIVE

Alice Casparro

Instructor

Spring Semester, 2007/2008

SEPARATIONS

EMPLOYEE

POSITION

EFFECTIVE

Jillian Forschner

Instructor

10/16/2007

1 / Subject to further approval

William M. O'Neill
Business Manager


Motion to accept Business Office Report was presented by Mr. Fazio, seconded by Ms. Mulholland and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Just a reminder that the Welcome Reception for our new Superintendent will be held on October 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the O'Donnell building. We are hoping for a great turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was presented by Mr. Fazio, seconded by Dr. Fahmy and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m.


Robert Boyce, Secretary

Transcribed by G. Oliveri

