



SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Highlights

June 13, 2007

➤ Educational Highlights/Student Representative

The Board presented **Buddy Godschall** with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service and dedication to the Southern Regional School District as a Board Member.

Amanda Timlin, the student representative to the board, announced that the Girls Track Team won the NJ State Group IV Championship. This was a first for Southern in its 50 year history. She stated that the student council officers along with class officers were installed in an informal ceremony and noted that Senior Service Day and the Senior Prom were a success. She reminded everyone graduation was on Tuesday, June 19, at 6 p.m. In concluding, she said that Student Council officers along with their advisor, Marilyn Dougherty, would be attending the National Student Council Convention in Kansas City this summer.

➤ Public Comments

Several **parents of music students along with several students and alumni** spoke about **the rumor of the restructuring of the music program at Southern** and presented the Board with a petition. They expressed their disappointment and disbelief in the reassignments and stated they would like to see this valuable program continue with the teachers in their current positions. They asked the Board to reconsider their decision to shift these teachers around and keep them in their area of expertise noting Southern's reputation in music throughout the state. They felt it would be a waste of the teachers' talent as well as their student musicians and noted that the district would lose some outstanding music teachers over this. They praised the program and the instructors. They were in awe over the quality of instruction. They said the instructors encourage and challenge their students which promotes growth and leadership, helps formulate goals, and aids in career choices. Several referred to their college scholarships and career choices as a direct result of the program. They summed up their feelings by hoping the Board would make the decision that would continue the "tradition of excellence" the district is so well-known for. Both **Dr. Kerfoot** and **Chris Taylor**, Board president, explained that they have not finalized anything yet and that no decision was being made tonight. They would take another look at the situation and discuss it further. They would have an answer for them at the July meeting. **Dr. Kerfoot** and **Board members** thanked everyone for coming and complimented the students for expressing their feelings so articulately and respectfully. In conclusion, **Dr. Kerfoot** said he was proud to be their superintendent.

➤ **Finance**

The Board of Education approved the following Finance Committee issues:

- **warrants** for the month of April 2007
- **budget transfers** for the month of April 2007
- the **Treasurers Report** for the months of April 2007
- the **Board Secretary Report** for the months of April 2007
- the **Board Secretary Certification** for the months of April 2007
- the **memorandum of agreement** between the Southern Regional Board of Education and the Southern Regional Education Association
- a resolution approving the **maximum travel expenditure** amount for the 2007-2008 school year at \$29,200 in accordance with A-5
- a contract for **summer school services** between the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission and the Southern Regional School District for summer 2007
- the **donation from Skodi Construction** Corporation for a 2000 Pace American Cargo Trailer
- **payment** to **Brian Majoros** (Indoor Percussion) and **John Davis** (Indoor Guard) for their work in designing, writing and teaching the shows for their respective groups
- the **bid to Clean Air Company** for the 9-10 High School Welding Shop New Fume Welding Exhaust System and for the 9-10 High School Auto Shop Overhead Vehicle Fume Exhaust
- the **bid** for Refinishing Gym Floors to **Classic Sports Floors**
- the **bid** for Phase II Plumbing Fixture Upgrade to **Atlantic Plumbing**
- the **revised fee schedule** for the Adult Enrichment Courses, instructors, and an area fee comparison
- the proposal from **Energy Education, Inc.** for an Energy Management Program
- the **Confidential Professional Assistants' salaries**

➤ **Instruction/Personnel/Extra-Curricular**

The Board of Education approved 14-16 **buses to transport students to the Fun Plex** on the night of graduation, June 19, 2007 and the morning after for Project Graduation as well as the three year local school district/charter school technology plan for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 (a copy is available in Dr. Kerfoot's Office).

The Board approved the **disposal of surplus equipment in the audio-visual department** as it is obsolete, cannot be repaired, and is no longer used.

The Board approved **fundraising requests** for the 2007-2008 school year, the list of Homebound Instructors and students, the Special Education Tuition Contracts for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years, and the extended school year out of district placements for the 2007-2008 school year.

The following **textbook and/or instructional material** was approved by the Board:
Hardball by Chris Matthews.

➤ **Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation**

The Board approved the **Central Administration contracts** for Craig Henry (Superintendent) effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012, and Lynn E. Shugars (Business Administrator) and Dan MacPhee (Assistant Superintendent) effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

The **Administration Contract Renewals** for the 2007-2008 school year for Principals, Assistant Principals, Director, and Supervisors were approved by the Board.

The Board approved the **Maintenance contract renewals** for the custodial foreman (Dean Adams) and the assistant facilities director (Christopher Brown) along with those of the maintenance, custodial, and grounds employees.

Transportation Contract Renewals for the 2007-2008 School Year for bus drivers, bus aides, bus mechanics, transportation dispatcher, and transportation dispatcher (PM) were approved by the Board.

The Board also approved the **support staff department managers' contract renewals**.

The Board approved the following **resignations**: Colin Moulton as a full-time custodian, effective May 19, 2007; Kathleen McNinney as Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective May 7, 2007; Robert Gillece as a member of the Board of Education, effective May 2, 2007.

The Board approved Eileen O'Neill for the position of **sign language interpreter** at the middle school; Cheryl Conley for the position of **part year English teacher** in the high school, effective May 4 through June 6, 2007; Christine Beadle for the position of **Family and Consumer Science teacher** in the middle school, at a per diem rate of pay through the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year; and **Andrew Essinger's** contract renewal for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved **Dan MacPhee** as **Assistant Superintendent**, effective July 1, 2007 through -----.

The **School Physician Job Description** was approved by the Board.

The Board approved the staff for the **Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Program**. The program will run from July 2, 2007 through August 13, 2007 from 7:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. with July 4 off.

Congratulations to the following tenured, certified staff members who were approved for **advancement on the salary guide**: **Elaine Konzelmann**, Bachelors + 30; **Elizabeth Stratman**, Masters.

The following **positions** were approved by the Board:

- the **marching band staff** who will work throughout the summer and next school year
- the **AFJROTC Summer Leadership** School Instructor and stipend

- Jen Hodgson as **ensemble director** for the 2006-2007 school year and the stipend
- the **summer music and drama instructors**
- **Summer Intramural Positions** and the stipends -- Dennis Pidgeon as intramural summer weight training during the day and Michael Jinks as intramural summer weight training at night
- Jim McCabe as the **high school head girls golf coach** for the 2007-2008 school year
- the **Twilight School instructional positions** for the proposed Twilight School. The Twilight School is scheduled to open in September and will run during the second half of the regular school day (12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). This program is part of our district's ongoing effort to provide comprehensive educational services to our special needs students in-district. All costs associated with the implementation of this program will be covered by the savings that will result in not having to pay tuition for out-of-district placements
- John Davis, Jennifer Hodgson and Brian Majoros for the position of **Assistant Marching Band Director**
- Sal Rainone and Christine Ryder as the **Freshman Class Advisors** for the 2007-2008 school year and the stipend amount
- Ruth Tummey as the **National Honor Society Advisor** for the 2007-2008 school year
- Heather Clarey for the **SNN Magazine** position for the 2007-2008 school year
- the revised 2007 summer camps, directors, and staff along with additional summer camps and revised information

The Board approved the following **leaves**:

- an unpaid leave of absence for **Greg Phillips** for the 2007-2008 school year
- a maternity leave for **Tracey Adams**, effective September 4 through December 17, 2007
- a leave of absence without pay for **Rita Ryan** to care for an immediate family member from May 18, 2007 through June 28, 2007. This leave without pay will be charged against her Family Medical Leave Act Entitlement.
- a leave of absence without pay for **Amy Justice** for the birth of her child from September 1, 2007 through October 1, 2007. This leave without pay will be charged against her Family Medical Leave Act Entitlement

The **night events** for the 2007 school year were approved by the Board.

The Board approved Nicholas Krupinski, Amanda Bradley, and Alicia Barbieri for **intern and/or field placement for the fall, 2007**. Krupinski from Georgian Court University will be in the high school with Pete Weiss, school psychologist; Bradley from Georgian Court University will be in the high school with the Guidance Department; and Barbieri from Monmouth University will be in the high school with Barbara Crystal in English.

The Board approved **Justin DiDomenico, M.S.Ed., Board Certified Behavioral Analyst**, to provide ABA training and behavioral consultation services to staff and

families of special education students as per their Individual Education Programs from July 1 through August 30, 2007.

They also approved the establishment of a **Behavioral Disabilities program** for students classified for Special Education and Related Services.

The following **returning hourly Applied Behavior Analysts (ABA) Home Instructor/Aides** were approved by the Board to work with IEP identified Southern Regional School District autistic students at the rate of \$16.50 per hour; Susan Cassaro, Diana Corrigan, Denise Curcio, Melissa Domalewski, Kimberly Dringus, Judith Fulcher, Vivian Lombardo, Candice Thorne, and Sharon Weiss.

The Board approved the following **substitutes** for the 2006/2007 School Year: ABA instructors, bus drivers, bus aides, cafeteria aides, custodians, grounds, homebound, instructional aides, interpreters, nurses, summer help, teachers (new and returning), retirees/substitute status, professional assistants, and security aides.

➤ **Information**

Latin is not dead. It is alive and well, and thriving at Southern Regional High School. It is one of the many languages available for students to learn in the World Languages Department at Southern. In May, teacher Steven Schaffer recognized the achievements of his Latin students on the **National Latin Exam** at an **awards ceremony**. Eighty-five students from SRHS participated in the National Latin Exam (N.L.E.). Fifteens earned certificates of achievement along with four who earned silver medals for high scores on the 40 question, multiple choice exam. Earning silver medals were Alexis Patrick, Neha Sahay, Katherine Snyder, and Ashley Stefko. Those winning certificates include Sarah Burns, Ashley Feith, Nathan Hem, Andrew Intelli, Matthew Little, Peter Lodato, Jordan McGuigan, Shalynn Ridsen, Steven Russell, Julie Scully, and Kevin Tallon. The N.L.E. is offered under the joint sponsorship of the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. In 2007, over 149,000 students from all 50 states and over 13 foreign countries participated. The N.L.E. also awards scholarships for college and for attendance at the annual American Classical League Institute.

➤ **Reports**

The Board of Education received the **facility use applications** and the **MS and HS May discipline reports**.

➤ **Public Comments**

Dr. Kerfoot and the Board congratulated Dan MacPhee on his appointment as Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Kerfoot thanked the SREA and Alice Bent, president, for the positive relationship he has had with them as Superintendent during his time in the district. He noted the especially smooth negotiations that occurred this year and felt her leadership instilled the trust and confidence needed by the membership.

Board president **Chris Taylor** presented Dr. Kerfoot with a plaque from the Board thanking him for his service and dedication to the district.

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