

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, April 27, 2009.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Chair  
Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair  
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary  
Louis Richards  
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.  
Ted Walen

Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Excused: Mark A. R. Cooper

Guests: Jackson Pierre-Louis  
Assistant Director, Support Services

Sally Bondy,  
Board Member of STS Home & School Assoc.

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:04 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

The March 23, 2009 minutes were approved by all trustees via e-mail on March 25, 2009.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Dougherty introduced Mr. Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director of Day and Support Services at STS. Mr. Pierre-Louis stated that in light of the current fiscal situation, the focus in his department is prudent management without significantly impacting on the needs of the facility. Every expenditure request (with the exception of food, medicine, and the basic necessities), along with justification, is submitted to Mr. Pierre-Louis for review. Once he has reviewed, and if he is in agreement, he forwards the request and justification to the West Region Business Office. From there, the request and justification are forwarded to Central Office. Sometimes Central Office must forward the request to the Department of Administrative Services and the Governor's Office for final review and approval.

Support Services covers the following departments at STS: Post Office, Transportation, Dietary Services, Food Services, Building Services, Grounds, Preventative Maintenance & Machine Shop, Power Plant, Telecommunications, Plumbing Shop, Warehouse, Carpentry Shop, Electrical Shop, Automotive Shop, Paint Shop, Adaptive Equipment, HVAC Shop, Day Services, Print Shop and Fire Department & Emergency Services. Mr. Pierre-Louis reviewed each of these areas with the trustees, explaining how efforts are being made to run operations in the most cost effective way, especially where retirements are anticipated to occur.

Funds that were previously approved, and are already in place, for capital projects are not impacted. Capital projects the facility wanted to start and needed funding for have been delayed. As with other state agencies/departments, Southbury was asked to provide a vehicle reduction plan. This resulted in an 8% reduction of vehicles, mostly from Support Services. This is not a significant impact.

Mr. Pierre-Louis added that the state is moving to a new provider to effect a cost savings for state-issued cell phones.

Discussion followed, after which the Board thanked Mr. Pierre-Louis for his presentation.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Mr. Walen distributed copies of the Draft Minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Council on Developmental Services. (The agenda and minutes for this meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS website, clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Development Services.) In summary:

- Alyssa Goduti, CCPA, Pat Johnson, Executive Director of CIB/Oak Hill, and Dr. Steve Becker, Executive Director of HARC, presented private provider concerns to the Council.
- Linda Goodman, Director of the Connecticut Birth to Three Program, provided an overview of the program.
- Christine Pollio reviewed legislative changes since Governor Rell's proposed budget announcement.
- Commissioner O'Meara reviewed the current FY budget and the upcoming FY budget situations.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Messier Case. Two depositions were provided to Atty. Shaw last week, one on placements, and one on portability.

Consent Decree. No new development.

Cottage Closures. The process is complete.

Budget. The Governor's Office requested state agencies to submit a position reduction plan. However, if there is agreement with all the unions on wage and benefit concessions, the governor will agree to no layoffs for two years. Union members are voting on these concessions, and it is hoped they will be in favor of the tentative agreement entered into by Governor Rell and SEBAC.

Summer Workers. Southbury will be getting just over half the positions normally allocated.

A sewer service agreement for Southbury Training School and Heritage Village has been signed by Commissioner O'Meara.

Visit. Mr. Robert Wood, President of VARCA, and Mr. Ted Walen, STS trustee, arranged for Mr. Harvey to tour some people who had concerns about the quality of services in institutional settings. Mr. Harvey stated he felt that although they remained unsupportive of institutional placement, they did leave with a different perspective of Southbury

Legislative Program Review Plan on Aging. Mr. Harvey will try to obtain copies of this report for the trustees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Dougherty asked Dr. Taylor if he had any further information regarding Raised Bill No. 1082. Dr. Taylor replied he did not have an update at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Taylor asked if a Swine Flu preparedness plan had been developed for Southbury. Mr. Harvey replied that Dr. Waters and the Infection Control Committee had distributed an update to STS staff and that Central Office is receiving constant updates from the Department of Health.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be on **Monday, May 18, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Moser Library.** State Trooper John Moreno, Community Resource Officer at STS, will be the guest speaker.

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved the meeting adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Dr. Taylor seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen P. Logan  
Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D.  
Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
April 30, 2009