The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton. Freeholder Ware was absent.

Presentation:

Jack Swain and John Boll from the Salem County Vocational and Technical Career School.
Positives-SCVTS (cont.)

- Partnerships with the County: Shared services for lawn service, purchasing salt and fuel, shared office equipment, mobile classrooms for bussing mobile, construction partnered with Habitat for Humanity to complete construction of homes, RTTC: Living Memorial Day and Veterans Day flags and color guard for events, Automotive Tech: Provided oil changes for Meals on Wheels, students volunteered time at Salem County Human Society, Blood Drives for the community blood bank, Wildwood Beautification Project, etc.

Concerns

- Loss of School Based Youth Services within the county.
- Infrastructure of SCVTS
- Funding issues: decreasing state aid
  - 40% maintenance fund
    - Capital reserve is fully encumbered (Expansion Project)
    - SCVTS under funded by $3,200,000 the past 3 years.

Budget Information

- According to the State's Funding Formula, SCVTS District is under funded:
  
  2012-2013: $6,325,397 (yates share $2,154,897 county share $4,160,500)
  2013-2014: $6,297,167 (yates share $4,026,410 county share $2,180,757)
  2014-2015: $5,339,361 (yates share $3,908,932 county share $1,430,429)

The past three years the district has been under funded by: $22,774,063

Out of 581 school districts in NJ, SCVTS is the 4th most under funded school district in the entire state.
Major Cost Reduction Initiatives for SCVTS/SCSSS Districts

- Consolidation of administration-Supervisor, Jat, B.A., Director of Grants, Principal of Adult Education ($450,000)
- Elimination of school based Youth Program ($30,000 per year)
- Discontinuation of Non-Public Services ($25,000 per year)
- CST consolidated their services to be more efficient ($5,000)
- SCVTS-Omniweld Director of Facilities ($80,000), Energy Savings Incentive Program Acts reinforced ($312,000 savings over 13 years)
- Joined National and Regional Cooperatives for Purchasing ($40,000)
- County Shared Services-Lawn Maintenance ($20,000 a year)
- Printer Management System ($30,000 a year)

How can we make up for under funding?

- Reduce/eliminate programs
- Increase class sizes
- Increase tuition rates
- Lower the state health benefit plan (Possibly $100,000)
- Outsource services (Possibly $200,000)

Host Site Academies

They provide a diverse educational experience. Allow students within Salem County the ability to be enrolled in specialized and robust programming that emphasizes interaction with career peers in conjunction with traditional educational experiences.

Salem County Arts, Science and Technology Academy Programs

- SCVTS operates 11 academy programs at five high schools in Salem County.
- Host site partners include the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District, the Pennsville Township School District, the Pittsgrove Township School District and the Woodstown-Pittsgrove Regional School District.
- Career academies prepare students for careers that generally require further education at a college or university level.
- All academy programs minimally offer a career major for at least one block period a day or two standard periods a day.

Host Site Academies

Arthur P. Schalick High School and Appel Farm

One Academy Program
Academy of Creative and Performing Arts: Three Disciplines

Dance: 12.5
Drama: 21.5
Visual Arts: 23

Academy Enrollment @ Schalick High School: 61
Host Site Academies
Penns Grove High School

One Academy Program
Academy of Engineering and Technologies

Academy Enrollment @ Penns Grove High School: 43

Host Site Academies
Pennsville Memorial High School

Two Academy Programs
Academy of Graphic Design and Multimedia Technology - 43
Academy of Creative and Performing Arts: Two Disciplines
- Instrumental Music: 21
- Vocal Music: 14

Academy Enrollment @ Pennsville Memorial High School: 80

Host Site Academies
Woodstown High School

One Academy Program
Academy of Communications Technology

Academy Enrollment @ Woodstown High School: 82

Academy Facts
*90% of the state aid follows the student to the academy. Host site schools can utilize funding unrestricted.

Penns Grove-Chemical Engineering Technology
2013-2014: 35 students enrolled equates to $186,707.57 in revenue.
2014-2015: 43 students enrolled equates to $215,625.38 in revenue.

Pennsville-Multimedia Technology, Instrumental, and Vocal Academies
2013-2014: 109 students enrolled equates to $638,969.72 in revenue.
2014-2015: 96 students enrolled equates to $583,520.99 in revenue.

Woodstown-Pine Grove-Communication Academy
2013-2014: 71 students enrolled equates to $390,509.64 in revenue.
2014-2015: 74 students enrolled equates to $381,480.84 in revenue.

Scolefield-Creative and Performing Arts
2013-2014: 95 students enrolled equates to $513,655.00 in revenue. (We employ the teaching staff and pay for the Appal Farm performing arts management agreement).
2014-2015: 130 students enrolled equates to $574,860.01 in revenue. Out of county students included in this count.
**Tuition SCVTS**

- Prior to 2011, there was no tuition charged to students attending SCVTS.
  - 2011-2012 Tuition Phase In began $1000 per 9th grade student.
  - 2012-2013 Tuition $1000 9th-10th grades
  - 2013-2014 Tuition $1200 9th-11th grades
  - 2014-2015 Tuition $1200 9th-11th grades (1st year for all grades tuition)
  - 2015-2016 Tuition $1200 9th-12th grades ($1000 adjustment made to compensate for enrollment growth due to building expansion of staff plus benefits, furnish classrooms, classroom supplies and textbooks, etc.)

**Adult Education Programs**

- The following Adult Education Programs are offered at Salem Community College:
  - Certified Nurse Aide
  - Long Term Care Specialist
  - Home Maker/Aide
  - Medical Assistant/Multi-Skilled Technician
  - Phlebotomy
  - Electrocardiogram
  - CPR/AED Certification
  - Cosmetology
  - Cosmetology Refresher Course
  - Cosmetology Teacher Instrctor Program
- Other Services provided include:
  - High School Equivalency Preparation and Testing
  - Job Skills

**Alternative Middle/High Schools**

- Salem County Special Services School District
  - 2013-2014

**The Middle School**
- Provides a short-term interim school placement for discipline or other reasons.
- Offers services in a safe, structured environment where students are expected to grow socially, emotionally, and academically to be better equipped to participate and succeed in their home school.
- Provides a long-term placement that will provide an emotionally and physically safe environment for excluded and at-risk middle school students while they work to catch up academically so that they can transition back to their home high school.

**The Alternative High School Program**
- Serves high school students in grades 9-12.
- Provides a small, nurturing, and supportive alternative for students who have not been consistently successful in larger educational settings.
Cumberland Campus

The Cumberland Campus Program serves elementary students with severe disabilities from Salem and Cumberland Counties. Enrollment: 79

STAFF
Our staff consists of fully certified and highly qualified special education teachers and dedicated instructional assistants. Staff receive training in Ohio's Prevention and Intervention, behavior management, autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration, and other areas including augmentative communication and assistive technology as needed.

GOALS
- Promote each child's positive self-image and independence.
- Support the families of our students.
- Curriculum focus: Receptive and expressive communication; Social development; Gross and fine motor skills; Self-help and Cooperation.

Daretown School

The Daretown School provides a highly individualized program consisting of special education, related services, counseling and family involvement in an environment that encourages appropriate social behavior and prepares students for successful return to less restrictive public school settings. Enrollment: 38

The Daretown School serves students in grades K-12 who:
- Have been diagnosed as Seriously Emotionally Disturbed/Behavioral Disorders;
- Are residents of Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester Counties; and
- Have been judged by their sending school districts to have exhausted all in-district, "less restrictive", (LR) educational alternatives.

Early Intervention Program

With a staff of 30, EIP provides services to 162 families with children from birth to two years of age in Atlantic, Camden, Clermont, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Early Intervention Program:
- Promotes collaborative partnerships among the family, their community, service and health care providers, schools and child care programs that strengthen and enhance family competence to develop and use existing networks of natural support.
- Provides a family-centered approach which is based upon the uniqueness of the family and its culture.
- Promotes prompt service and support delivery in settings most natural and comfortable for the child and family and focuses opportunities for the development of peer relationships with children without disabilities.

Salem Campus

The Salem Campus Program serves elementary students with severe disabilities from Salem and Cumberland Counties. It also operates programs in Upper Pittsboro. Enrollment: 66 at the Salem Campus and 18 at Upper Pittsboro.

Highlights of all Programs:
- A low student-to-staff ratio
- Intervention and Assessment in the Core Content Standards Including Art, Math, Health & Music Therapy
- Related Services provided in Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling
- School, Classroom & Individual Behavioral Plans implemented
- Drifting the Reggio Emilia Approach
- Ongoing exposure to the community through connected field trip experiences
- Assistive Technology Informed: iPads, laptops, wheelchairs, projectors, and more.
Child Study Team and Related Services

- 18 Staff provide Child Study Team services for 14 schools in 13 districts throughout a 4 county area.

- 24 Staff provide Speech, OT and PT services in 27 School Districts in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Positives for SCSSSD

- Continued growth (enrollment) across Transitional Career Program (TCP) housed full time at SCVTS.
- Transitional Career Program continued expansion-New partnerships and new employment opportunities for our special needs students.
- Increasing educational opportunities for students-Art programming (Cumberland and Salem Campuses).
- Child Study Team and Related Services relocated to SCVTS (District). Relocation made available three additional classrooms at the Cumberland Campus.
- CTE secured services to Atlantic City Charter School.
- Technology upgrades (Chrome Books and I TVs).
- Facility maintenance/Upgrades-Cumberland roof repair and Daretown Parking lot.

Concerns for SCSSSD

- Early Intervention-Increased services does not equate to increased revenue. State reimbursements do not equal cost of services provided. (2012-2013 lost $151,390)
- Space-Cumberland and Daretown close to capacity.
- Last year the district did not receive $160,000 from Cumberland County. The revenue stream was not formalized and we therefore were not paid the full $200,000 budgeted.

SCSSD Budget Information

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Monique Chadband and Arianne Hegman – United Way of Salem County

Freeholder Laury made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting, seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board

Thank you for your time!

Any Questions?

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