



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 21, 2012

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date (May 21, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Gunkle, Lycett, Mohr, Stelts

ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Bergey, Jordan, Covelle, Davidson, McGinty, Limpar, Buchman, Kutzer (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call) and approximately 7 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. McLoughlin led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills list dated May 21, 2012 showing paid bills in the amount of \$22,754.81 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$778,638.85 for a total amount of \$801,393.66 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$16,382.56 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of April, 2012;

Approve FMLA leave of the following staff-

Patricia Hayes, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Middle School, beginning April 16, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year;

Approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year-

<u>Melissa Ganter</u>	HS Asst. Cheerleading	\$2,386**
<u>Michael Gurdineer</u>	Asst. Football	\$1,546.20**

*** This amount is the appropriate stipend for 2011-2012. The 2012-2013 stipend amount will be determined after the 2012-2013 school year begins;*

Approve the following staff for the summer accelerated geometry course scheduled for June 11, 2012 through July 20, 2012 at the homebound rate of \$38.82 per hour-

Erin Bromfield
Louis Skrapits
Matthew Greenawald;

Approve the following Seasonal Computer Technicians, effective June 10, 2012 at a rate of \$14.43 per hour with an increase to \$14.98 per hour, effective July 1, 2012-

Sarah Schurkamp
Amanda (Stephens) Ruth;

Approve the following new Seasonal Employees for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at a rate of \$7.25 per hour-

Chad Fichter
Matthew Haverhill
Adam Russek;

Approve the following new Seasonal Employees for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at a rate of \$8.18 per hour (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Denis Connelly
Melvin Derby
Ashley Getz
Kyle Green
Matthew Guro
Alexa Marcano
Ryan O'Malley
Kristen Ott
Timothy Senters;

Approve the following returning existing district staff as Seasonal Employees for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at a rate of \$8.18 per hour-

Margie Bachman
Christopher Beamer
Kendra Beltz
Ruth Berghold
Lori Michael
Robert Werley
Lynn Yost;

Approve the following returning Seasonal Employees for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at a rate of \$8.18 per hour:

Ryan Hassick
Christopher McCarthy
Stephen McCarthy
Joseph Privitera
Troy Repyneck
Alyssa Russek

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Covelle, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McGinty and Ms. Limpar reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and the elementary schools.

High School report –

- 5/18 - Special Olympics participants received ribbons for their participation. The Costa Rica travel group is conducting a fundraiser for a school in they will visit in Costa Rica with Mr. Cooper coordinating the efforts.
- David R. has been selected by LCTI as the Outstanding Co-Op student from SLHS and will be recognized at the May 23, 2012 JOC meeting
- 5/24 - Freddy Awards
- The Prom was held at Bear Creek on 5/12 and was a great success. Special thanks to class advisor, Mrs. Stephanie Donald.

Middle School report –

Academic

- Finals
 - 5/14 – Languages Arts
 - 5/16 – Reading/World Language
 - 5/18 – Social Studies
 - 5/21 – Science
 - 5/23 – Math Data collection
- 5/8, 5/10 - 8th Grade Constitution Center Field Trip
- 5/11- Band Adjudication
- Chinese Speech Competition Winners - BCIU
 - Chris S. – 1st place
 - Nolan B. – 2nd place
- 5/29- Math Around the World

Events

- 5/25- 8th Grade Luau, Field Day
- 5/31- Yearbook Distribution

Intermediate School report –

- The IS Spring Chorus Concert was held on May 11th. Mr. Ben Becker and the students put on a wonderful show.
- Instrumental Enrollment nights have been held for students interested in playing an instrument next school year.
- 5/22-Field Day or Wednesday (depending on the weather).
- The PTG has planned ice cream and yearbook signing parties for all grade levels.
- 5/25- 6th grade students will have an opportunity to celebrate the end of their IS career at a 6th grade social & dance held in the evening.
- The end of the 4th marking period is May 29th.
- Report cards will be distributed before our 12:15 dismissal on June 1.

Elementary schools –

- All buildings are completing the usual end of the year assessments.
- 5/15, 5/16 - All Grade 3 students toured the Intermediate School
- 5/18 - Hopewell and Liberty Bell held their annual PTA Festival and a huge thank you goes out to all parent volunteers who made this evening successful.
- 5/29 - Lower Milford students will celebrate meeting their reading goals with several events:
- 5/22 - Special reading assembly
- 5/23 – Play Day
- 5/29 - Wet and Wild Day
- 5/30 - “Cruise Day” for third graders
- 5/15 - LB held their Closing Ceremonies for their Reading Program. The student body earned a total of 1,040 medals. Mr. Hafner will be walking to school from Macungie on Tuesday, May 29th and raising money for “The Water Project”.
- 5/18 - LB had a wonderful music technology assembly with Mr. Brent Daniels
- 5/21 - Liberty Bell is hosting its 2nd Annual Cystic Fibrosis Dance-A-Thon. This is coordinated with the Lehigh Valley Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
- 5/24 - Liberty Bell is holding a breakfast for all the parent volunteers.
- 5/17 - Hopewell held its Play Day and Parent Volunteer Luncheon
- 5/25 - Hopewell staff will be sharing out their end of year data results and OT staff from IU#21` will be provide an in-service for all HW staff on safe classroom setups and student management. There is an increase in students who are diagnosed or presenting tendencies and behaviors that fall under the Autism/Asperger’s spectrum, sensory integration issues, Attention Deficit and Oppositional Defiant tendencies and as class sizes are increasing, staff have been asking for more specialized training.
- 5/30 - HW CARES “Beach Read”
- 5/30 - HW first grade will be going to the Poole Wildlife Sanctuary for a field trip to examine stream life and local wetlands.
- 6/1 - Rob Wetmore from Leading Edge Martial Arts will be joining us for our closing assembly on the last day of school

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Field Hockey Team to attend field hockey camp at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA on July 17, 2012 through July 20, 2012;

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Cheerleading Squad to attend cheerleading camp at Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greeley, PA on August 12, 2012 through August 15, 2012;

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh Middle School Cheerleading Squad to attend cheerleading camp at Kutztown University Cheerleading Camp, Kutztown, PA on June 22, 2012 through June 24, 2012.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Mohr to approve final adoption of new K-5th grade and 6th-9th grade Science Textbooks for the 2012-2013 school year. Textbooks have been on display at the Curriculum and Technology Building for two weeks.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Mohr to approve the Clarity Service Group contract for providing Personal Care Assistance (PCA) to one of our students. Currently, the district uses Clarity to provide behavioral support intervention services to several students within our schools.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

Mr. Ken Jordan, Director of Elementary Education and Instructional Technology presented a summary of the 2011-2012 Mini Grants with a video presentation.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Stelts to approve the attached resolution authorizing the installment option for real estate tax collection to all Southern Lehigh School District tax payers.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Stelts to approve the attached Homestead/Farmstead Resolution.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to authorize the Administration to change the district's main depository institution to Quakertown National Bank, effective July 1, 2012.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to accept the retirement of the following certificated staff-

Ann Greenzweig, Grade 3 Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective September 26, 2012. Ms. Greenzweig has been an employee of the district for 35 years;

Joan Himmelberger, Special Education Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective last teacher day of the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Himmelberger has been an employee of the district for 34 years.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the appointment of the following certificated staff-

Alison Bauer, Reading Specialist, Southern Lehigh Middle School, at Masters, Step 12, at a salary to be determined, effective August 21, 2012. The Masters, Step 12 salary for 2011-2012 is \$54,873. Ms. Bauer will fill the position due to the resignation of Molly Brundage.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

REPORTS

Education Committee

The committee met prior to the Board meeting and Mrs. Gunkle reported the following:

- Iron Pigs Education Day field trip approved for Hopewell students.
- Chinese I students placed 1st and 2nd place at the Berks County Intermediate Unit Education Center.
- The High School is creating a committee to address 1:1 computing and roll out of a new schedule for 2012-2013.

Facilities Report

Mr. Dimmig reported the Facilities Committee meeting is planning to meet prior to the next Board meeting to discuss the proposed Curly Horse Park.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Congratulations to Janet Miltenberger for advancing to the Top 12 Pennsylvania Teachers of the Year!
- Reminder that Mr. Hafner will be making his walk on May 29, 2012 and is also raising funds and awareness for *The Water Project*.
- Immunization update-100% of our students are now in compliance with new regulations. (May 22nd was the deadline)
- Speak Up for Public Education Day-May 23, 2012
- Submitted application to be part of PA's Effective Educator Project.

Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

The Strategic Plan and Middle States report is available on the district's website:

<http://www.slsd.org/files/filesystem/Board%20MS%20Strat%20Plan%20Report.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve a first reading of the following revised policies-

#012 Local Board Procedures: *Relationship of the District Superintendent to the Board of School Directors*

#016 Local Board Procedures: *Communications*

#123.2 Programs: *Adding, Eliminating or Changing the Status of a School District-Sponsored Activity, District-Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sports Team/Program or Club Sport*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve a first reading of the following new policies-

#336.1 Administrative Employees: *Military Duty and Leave*

#436.1 Professional Employees: *Military Duty and Leave*

#536.1 Classified Employees: *Military Duty and Leave*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. McLoughlin received a thank you note from Barbara Smith-Schafer.

VISITORS

Dr. Arland Schantz addressed the Board regarding the status of the preliminary budget. He was informed that preliminary budget information is available on the District's website

and copies are available at the Business Office. The final budget will be presented at the June 4, 2012 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Mohr to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Hayes, Quigley

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary