



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

January 14, 2013

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:35 p.m. on the above date (January 14, 2013) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Dimmig, Gunkle, McLoughlin, Stelts, Hayes, Lindsay, Lycett, Mohr, Quigley

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Schlegel, Kennedy, Lewis, Siegfried, Davidson, Farris, Hafner, Takacs, Buchman, Bergey, Rich (PATCH), Peterson (Morning Call), and approximately 4 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mr. Dimmig led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

VISITORS

Mr. James Reilly questioned the Board about a recent Morning Call newspaper article that reported an "\$18 million dollar windfall" in the district's fund balance. The Board clarified the inaccuracies in the article.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated January 14, 2013 showing paid bills in the amount of \$18,904.13 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$788,085.20 for a total amount of \$806,989.33 for the General Fund and bills paid in the amount of \$13,150.00 for the Construction Fund;

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

Approve the following student teacher placements-

Zachary Carson, Music Education, Moravian College, with *Benjamin Becker*, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from January 15, 2013 to March 1, 2013.

Addison Rymar, Instrumental Music, Moravian College, with *Nancy Beitler*, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from March 11, 2013 to April 26, 2013.

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year:

Caitlin Worrich, Music K-12;

Approve a salary step adjustment for the following staff, effective February 1, 2013-

Ian Beitler, Gifted Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from Masters +15 to *Masters +30*

Brenton Ditchcreek, Physical Education Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from Masters to *Masters +15*

Erika Filbert, Reading Specialist/Read 180 Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from Masters to *Masters +15*

Donna Gaugler, Gifted Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from Bachelors +15 to *Masters Equivalency*

Michele Krippe, Nurse, Liberty Bell Elementary and Southern Lehigh Middle Schools, Bachelors +30 to *Masters*

Cynthia Romero, Grade 4 and 5 Spanish Immersion Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati School, Bachelors +15 to *Bachelors +30*

Edward Williams, Grade 8 Learning Support Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, Bachelors +15 to *Masters*;

Approve childrearing leave of the following staff-

Tara Collins, Grade 3 Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective December 20, 2012 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Erin Bromfield, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, on April 1, 2013;

Accept the resignation of the following certificated staff-

Susan Melso, Nurse, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective no more than 60 days after January 11, 2013;

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2012-2013 school year-

Scott Beck, Substitute Technology Facilitator, an hourly rate of \$17.66;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Denise Lounsberry, Instructional Assistant (3 hour), Lower Milford Elementary School, on February 5, 2013 through February 8, 2013;

Approve the following staff as SAT Prep Course instructors for the 2012-2013 school year, at an hourly rate of \$40.09-

Justina Viola

Thomas Wilde;

Approve Donna Gaugler as a mentor for *Kari Bennett*, STEM Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at a stipend of \$700 (*pro-rated*), effective January 14, 2013;

Approve the following activity advisors for the 2012-2013 school year-

<u>Amy Bausher</u>	Freshman Class Advisor	\$1008
<u>Stephanie Lynn**</u>	HS Yearbook Advisor	\$3380 (<i>pro-rated</i>)

***Effective October 22, 2012;*

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

<u>Brian Boorse</u>	Head Boys Lacrosse	\$5789
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VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Siegfried, Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Farris and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and the elementary schools.

High School report –

- Mid-term testing and Keystone testing underway.
- 1/11 - Parent Advisory Council meeting was held.
- 1/18 – Pep Rally
- 1/23 – Class assemblies will be held on sexting and the new laws.

Middle School report –

- Exams
 - 1/7 Language Arts
 - 1/9 Reading/World Languages
 - 1/10 Keystone Module 1
 - 1/11 Social Studies
 - 1/14 Science
 - 1/15 Keystone (Module 2)
 - 1/16 Mathematics
- 1/28 Teacher In-service (1/2 day) – Mid-Term Data Analysis
- 1/29 HS Course Selection Night (8th grade parents)
- 2/8 Dance

Intermediate School report –

- December ended with a flurry of activity. Most notable were the Instrumental and Chorus concerts which occurred on December 13 & 14. Much credit is due to Mr. Becker, Ms. Marston and Mr. Bolasky for preparing our students well for their performances.
- Students at the IS are back in the normal swing of school after our nice long holiday break.
- Benchmark testing using DIBELS and AIMSweb was conducted last week. Make-ups are being completed this week, along with scoring.
- Mr. McGinty attended a conference on bullying.

- Mrs. Gaugler, Mrs. Filbert and Mrs. Heurich attended a workshop session at CLIU21 aimed to help us prepare to more fully implement the Common Core State Standards.
- 5th grade student artwork on display at the Crayola Factory, January 11-21, 2013, as part of the Wheels of Friendship exhibit. The art was created by Miss Sara Miller and her classmates in cooperation with the organization known as Mikayla's Voice.

Elementary schools –

- The 2nd marking period ends this week on Thursday, January 17th with report cards going home on the 25th.
- Mid-year assessments are being administered right now at all three buildings. This includes Reading and Math Dibels, as well as Leveled Reading assessments.
- 1/21 - Hopewell students will be rewarded with a CARES assembly called Bully Proofed 4Life. The objective is to teach children to remain strong in the face of conflict.
- Hopewell students made snowflakes for the students of Sandy Hook Elementary to help decorate their new school.
- 1/27 - Lower Milford PTA will sponsor a Family Movie Night at the Grand Theater in East Greenville.
- The Liberty Bell PTA has finalized a blueprint and design for our new playground to bring to the facilities committee next week. Related to this, the Liberty Bell staff that participated in the faculty musical last month raised over \$1500 to help out with this project.
- All three buildings have been collecting money to purchase gift cards to Giant and Wal-Mart for the Coopersburg family who recently lost their home to a fire.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the following student school trip requests-

Southern Lehigh High School Competition Cheerleaders to participate in the UCA National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida on February 8, 2013 through February 11, 2013 and;

Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team to participate in the Falcon Invitational Tournament in Fairless Hills, PA on February 1 and 2, 2013; the Harvard University Invitational in Boston, MA on February 15 through 18, 2013 and the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Championships in Selinsgrove, PA on March 22 and 23, 2013.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

Mrs. Christman presented achievement awards to the building principals in attendance that were received from Pennsylvania Department of Education for Adequate Yearly Progress at the Southern Lehigh Middle School, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, Hopewell Elementary, Liberty Bell Elementary and Lower Milford Elementary School for two consecutive years, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the proposed changes to the High School Program of Studies booklet for the 2013-2014 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to issue school property tax refunds for-

- Randall and Tara Steiner, Parcel ID# 22 642422425990 1, \$351.45
- Michael and Carolyn Lendvay, Parcel ID# 13 549165240412 1, \$2,163.94
- Trinity Great Swamp Ref Church, Parcel ID# 13 640174559538 1, \$2,865.69
- Brian K. Scheetz ET AL, Parcel ID# 22 643442152391 1, \$913.09
- Aaron and Dana Landis, Parcel ID# 22 642469965685 1, \$1,885.75
- CAMRRA LLC, Parcel ID# 22 642303979014 1, \$3,914.97
- Joey and Mary Selman, Parcel ID# 22 643404824484 1, \$444.52
- Cityline-Hamilton Builders, Parcel ID# 22 641468868613 1, \$848.43
- LUP4 LLC, Parcel ID# 22 641570334543 1, \$203.08
- LUP4 LLC, Parcel ID# 22 641599343192 1, \$205.34
- LUP4 LLC, Parcel ID# 22 642537100356 1, \$9.03
- Old Saucon Investment LP, Parcel ID# 22 642548134563 1, \$85.74

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

Bond Refinancing

Mr. Jeremy Melber and Mr. Chris Gibbons explained that since the last board meeting, interest rates have begun to rise. Mr. Melber felt that the interest rate risk is too high to wait to gain the savings under Option 4, so he strongly recommended going with Option 3 and reissuing the bond AA Series of 2006 and Series of 2008 now and lock in a net present value savings of \$2,569,396. There was Board discussion.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve Option 3 for the refinancing of bonds, Series AA of 2006 and Series of 2008 in January 2013 as long as interest savings don't fall below 6%.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

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

Dale Beltzner, Grade 6 Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, effective the end of business day on February 1, 2013. Mr. Beltzner has been a district employee for 17 ½ years.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Dr. Stelts reported the Facilities Committee will now meet at 4PM on the following dates: January 23, 2013 (changed from noon), February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19, 2013.

Budget and Finance Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported the Budget and Finance Committee plans to present to the Board the 2013-14 budget with no anticipated increase in taxes or cuts to student programs.

Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the purchase of a certified used 2010 Honda Civic from Lehigh Valley Honda for the driver education program at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP. for technology legal services consultation at a pro-rated sum of \$2500 for the 2012-2013 school year and then \$5000 annually each subsequent year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a moment of silence in observance of the one month anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy.

MOVED by Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary