



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 11, 2013

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:33 p.m. on the above date (March 11, 2013) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Dimmig, Gunkle, McLoughlin, Stelts, Lindsay, Mohr, Quigley
ABSENT: Hayes, Lycett
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Lewis, Bartholomew, Schlegel, Kennedy, Siegfried, Davidson, Farris, Mickley, Buchman, Bergey, Marangos (PATCH), Rizzo (Morning Call) and approximately 50 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.

The Board recognized thirteen Liberty Bell Elementary School students for their accomplishments at the 1st Annual Liberty Bell Student Art Show. Ms. Lindsay McDonnell, Art Teacher and Mr. Dimmig presented each student with a certificate of accomplishment. This recognition ceremony is a new initiative by Superintendent, Leah Christman to honor students for special accomplishments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Lycett

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated March 11, 2013 showing paid bills in the amount of \$421,576.56 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$531,021.86 for a total amount of \$952,598.42 for the General Fund;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year-

Emily Boretsky, Biology 7-12

Suzanne Kelly, Special Education N-12, Mid-Level Mathematics 7-9

Christopher Kieszek, Mathematics 7-12

Vanessa Weaver, Health, Physical Education K-12;

Approve unpaid leave of the following certificated staff-

Gloria Toner, Long Term Substitute Librarian .6, Liberty Bell Elementary School, on June 6 and 7, 2013;

Approve the transfer of Mara Lambert, Instructional Assistant (3 hour), Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, to Substitute Technology Facilitator, Hopewell Elementary School, with an effective date to be determined through the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Lambert will fill the vacant position created with the resignation of *Sarah Christman*;

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

Frank Donnelly Swimming

Laurence Gray, Jr. MS Track Club

Christi Gray MS Track Club

Roxanne Kylish MS Track Club;

Approve the following new coach and stipend for the 2012-2013 school year-

Daren Albanese Asst. Softball \$4372

Approve Joseph Deutsch as a mentor for *Kevin Killion*, Extended Term (Category D) Substitute Math Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at a stipend not to exceed \$700, effective February 26, 2013 for a period of up to one year;

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

Patricia Schultheis Peak Advisor \$50.14 per session

Donald West, Jr. Peak Advisor \$50.14 per session

Approve Louis Skrapits as a chaperone for MATHCOUNTS for the 2012-2013 school year, at an hourly rate of \$40.09.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes, Lycett

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- Mrs. Gunkle commented that the High School spring musical, "42nd Street", was excellent and quite impressed with the production.
- 1:1 Parent Information Night was well attended.

Middle School report –

- All 18 Algebra II students who took the Algebra I Keystone scored advanced.
- Odyssey of the Mind:
 - Pennsylvania's Odyssey of the Mind South East Regional Tournament was held at Pennridge High School on Saturday, March 9, 2013
 - All 8 Southern Lehigh teams made it to the competition with 5 teams taking home ribbons and 4 teams moving on to the state competition
 - The Middle School team placed “first” in their division under the direction of Mr. Grabusky.
 - 4/13 - The next competition will take place at Pocono Mountain East High School in Swiftwater, PA.
- 3/12-3/14 - PSSA Writing
- 3/14 (AM) - Board visitation
- 3/15 - Dance
- NJHS continues its on-going Canned Goods Collection for Betty Lou's Pantry
- 4/5 - Career Day
- 4/11 - Course Selection Presentation for incoming 6th grade parents

Intermediate School report –

- 2/27 - 5th grade classes went on a field trip to the HS and were treated to a performance of 42nd Street.
- 2/28 - The school celebrated the works of Dr. Seuss by wearing hats of choice to school while also donating hats to contribute to the needy.
- 3/1 – Teacher In-service day with the morning dedicated to continued Common Core Standards work and the afternoon was dedicated to technology literacy.
- Students made green paper shamrock cut outs on which we wrote messages to the incoming Kindergarten students who will be registering in the district next week. Also, 4th and 6th graders created shamrock messages of encouragement for 5th graders taking the PSSA writing test this week.
- Spartan Spirit Day was held on March 8th and faculty and students wore blue, white and black and collected first aide items such as band aides, etc. which will be donated to the Lehigh Valley Educator's Credit Union for the Allentown School District Homeless population.
- 3/15 - St. Patrick's Day celebration
- 3/18-3/22 - Parent Conferences /Spring Book Fair - Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:50 PM next week.
- PSSA testing begins tomorrow and will continue through the end of April.

Elementary schools –

- School Board visitation day was held on March 5th. Thank you to Mrs. Mohr for attending.
- 3/5- All buildings participated in an emergency weather (tornado) drill.
- 3/18-3/22 - Parent Conferences

- 3/15 - Hopewell PTA is sponsoring a Hopewell Family Social, 7- 8:30 PM
- Last Monday, Liberty Bell kicked off its spring reading challenge called 50 Tales for Tails!
- Last Friday, *American Symbols*, the Liberty Bell 3rd Grade musical lead by Mr. Markley held two performances. Fifty-three 3rd grade students participated in months of practice.
- Tomorrow night Liberty Bell will be hosting its 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Information Night in the library from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Wednesday night, Liberty Bell's PTA will be hosting a Liberty Bell Spirit Night at the Chick-Fil-A from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Quakertown location. Mr. Hafner and several faculty members will be on hand to bus tables and entertain. The PTA will receive a portion of the earnings during these three hours.
- 3/15 - Lower Milford will hold a Third Grade Reading Club event.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the Service Level Agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit for real estate tax tracking software and bill printing for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the appointment of Dr. Matt Lang as school dentist for the 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 school years at the rate of \$10.00 per exam. He will be replacing Dr. Anthony Lang who has retired.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the agreement with Provident Consulting, LLC, 107 Chesley Drive, Media, PA 19063 to provide professional services for the Act 129 Middle School chiller project. The fee for the project will be 3% of the total project cost anticipated to be one million dollars. Provident Energy was approved as energy consultant on September 14, 2009 at a rate of 5%.

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

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Superintendent’s Report

- Southern Lehigh School District was recently recognized as one of the Top Lehigh Valley Workplaces in a survey sponsored by The Morning Call and Workplace Dynamics.
- The entire Superintendent’s Report is available on the district’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve a second and final reading of the following new policy-

Policy #709 Property: *Electronic Surveillance*

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policy-

Policy #917 Community: *Parent/Family Involvement*

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

Policy #829 Operations: *Electronic Signatures*

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

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: “YES” - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Lycett

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary