



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

April 22, 2013

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 (April 22, 2013) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, McLoughlin, Hayes, Lindsay, Mohr, Stelts

ABSENT: Dimmig, Lycett, Quigley

OTHERS: Christman, Lewis, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Schlegel, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Jordan, Takacs, Donahue, McGinty, Mickley, Marangos (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call), Petty (Express Times) and approximately 40 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mrs. Gunkle 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 five Middle School students and twenty-three High School students for their participation in organizing a book drive for the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program. Students also distributed books to the students of Roosevelt Elementary School in the Allentown School District. Mrs. Beverly Bradley, President of Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program, Mrs. Gunkle and Dr. McLoughlin presented each student with a certificate of accomplishment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Lycett, Quigley

VISITORS

Mrs. Mary Ann Vought questioned the use of Common Core Standards. Mrs. Christman suggested she follow up with Mrs. Takacs, Director of Secondary Education and Mr. Jordan, Director of Elementary Education and Instructional Technology for specific information on the district's implementation of Common Core Standards.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Lycett, Quigley

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Dr. Donahue, Mr. McGinty and Mrs. Mickley reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and the elementary schools.

High School report –

Mr. Covelle unable to attend, but submitted the following report:

- End of year activities include-
 - 4/25 - Graduation projects for all 10th grade students to share the results of their career exploration.
 - Working on spring Keystone testing scheduling
 - Course selection is complete and currently working on building the master schedule.
 - Tickets are on sale for the prom, which will be held at a new venue this year, SteelStacks, in Bethlehem.

Middle School report –

Academic

- 4/11 - Course Selection Night: for incoming 7th graders
- 4/23, 24 - PSSA (Science)
- 5/8 - Choir & Orchestra Concert
- 5/9, 10 - Constitution Center Trip
- 5/14 - National Junior Honor Society
- 5/15 - Band and Jazz Concert, 7PM

Events

- 4/19 - Dance
- 4/25 - Parent Presentation, *Current Drug Trends*
- 4/26 - Wacky Hair Day
- 5/3, 4, 5 - Middle School Musical, *High School Musical Jr.*
- 5/24 - Field Day
- 5/31 - Luau
- 6/3 - Parent Presentation, *Transition to Middle School*

Intermediate School report –

- 4/13 - The team representing JPLIS placed 3rd in the state Odyssey of the Mind competition.
- Math and Reading assessments ended 4/16 and make-ups will end this week.
- 4th grade Science PSSA testing begins tomorrow 4/23.
- 5/2 - 4th grade will visit Harrisburg.
- 5/6 - 3rd grade visitation is scheduled.
- Math placement testing for the 2013- 2014 school year will begin 4/29 for 6th grade and 5/3 for 5th grade students.

Elementary schools –

- Liberty Bell is hosting its annual “Passport to the World” Tuesday afternoon. Parents, teachers, and community members come in and set up tables based upon their ethnicity and culture. Each class gets an opportunity to walk through the gymnasium during this and interact with the presenters.
- Spanish Immersion sign-ups are this week. Ticket distribution is Tuesday evening beginning at 5:00 PM and registration is Wednesday morning at Liberty Bell beginning at 7:30 AM.
- 5/2 - Lower Milford will hold its annual Earth Day. Environmental experts from several agencies join teachers and parent volunteers to provide an outstanding day of environmental education.
- 4/30 - Lower Milford’s Spring Concert will be held at 7 PM.
- 4/23 - Hopewell third grade music and instrumental program is scheduled at 7 PM and all are invited to attend.
- PSSA testing for 3rd grade is complete. Three third grade classes participated in the online version for the first time. Buildings encountered several interruptions and delays with the system, but worked through them.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to approve the final adoption of new science textbooks recommended for the 2013-2014 school year. Textbooks have been on display at the Curriculum and Technology Building for two weeks.

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to approve the attached Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 2013-2014 Facilities Plan Committee Report and School Board Resolution.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to maintain the current contribution of \$64,000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2013-2014 budget.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Facilities Report

The Facilities Committee met on April 17, 2013 and Dr. Stelts reported the following:

- Demographic and life cost analysis to be reviewed.
- Carpet work at Middle School and Liberty Bell.
- Middle School Chiller to be completed as an Act 129 project.
- Bleacher work to be done at stadium.

Education Committee

The Committee met prior to the Board meeting and Mrs. Mohr reported the following:

- 2013-2014 Science Textbook Recommendations discussed.
- Updates to the 2013-2014 Middle School Handbook discussed.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Congratulations to Mr. Colelli and the Technology Student Association students for qualifying for national competition.
- Notification received from PenSPRA that the district website has won an Award of Honor
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

Strategic Plan/Middle States Report

The report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** McLoughlin approved a first reading of the following revised policies-

#113 Programs: *Special Education*

#114 Programs: *Gifted Students*

#223 Pupils: *Operation of Motor Vehicles by Students*

#224 Pupils: *Care of School Property*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** McLoughlin approved a first reading of the following new policies-

#113.1 Programs: *Child Find*

#113.3 Programs: *Special Education Evaluations and Requests for Independent Educational Evaluations*

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the proposed School Board Meeting dates for September, 2013 through August, 2014.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary