



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

October 8, 2012

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:41 p.m. on the above date (October 8, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Millman, Bartholomew, Schlegel, Kennedy, Buchman, Jordan, Bergey, Siegfried, Donahue, McGinty, Mickley, Peterson (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call), and approximately 5 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** Quigley to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills paid in the amount of \$125,253.73 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$742,735.30 for a total amount of \$867,989.03 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$118,435.50 for the Construction Fund as of October 8, 2012;

Approve childrearing leave of the following staff-

Rebecca Segovis, Grade 1 Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective September 24, 2012 through the remainder of the 2012-13 school year;

Approve the correction of the resignation date for Scott Killino, Tech Education and STEM Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from October 25, 2012 to October 5, 2012;

Approve the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Lynn Lanari, Secretary, Southern Lehigh High School, at an annual salary of \$32,000 (pro-rated), with an anticipated start date in October, 2012. Ms. Lanari will fill the position due to the retirement of *Phylis Ontrop*;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2012-13 school year-

Charise Grube, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$14.13.

Charise Grube, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.06.

Wendy Kline, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.06.

Melissa Pugh, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.06;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Patricia Hayes, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Middle School, beginning September 24, 2012 and not to extend beyond the beginning of the second semester;

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

Jessica Swartz Ecology Club Advisor \$1276**

Jessica Gordon Yearbook Advisor \$3273**

***The stipend listed is for the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 stipend will be determined after the 2012-2013 school year begins;*

Accept the resignation of Donna Atkinson, Health Services Leader, effective September 24, 2012;

Approve Merrilyn Pysher as Health Services Leader, for the 2012-13 school year, at a stipend of \$2371 (*pro-rated*)**;

***The stipend listed is for the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 stipend will be determined after the 2012-2013 school year begins.*

Accept the resignations of the following coaches-

Christana Crivellaro, MS Girls Basketball, effective September 5, 2012.

Christana Crivellaro, Assistant Softball, effective September 5, 2012.

Matthew Goldsmith, Assistant Swimming Coach, effective September 26, 2012.

Lee Zeisloff, Assistant Girls Basketball, effective May 8, 2012.

Reik Foust, Assistant Swimming Coach, effective October 1, 2012;

Approve the following returning coaches for the 2012-13 school year-

Michael Feifel Asst. to the Coord. of Athletic Svs. \$1666.66**^

Thomas Seidenberger Asst. to the Coord. of Athletic Svs. \$1666.66**^

^Shared position 50%-50% and stipend.

Colleen Iannetta Head Cheerleading \$1989**

Kara Kernick Assistant Cheerleading \$1193**

<u>Colleen Iannetta</u>	Competition Cheerleading	\$1245.67**^
<u>Kara Kernick</u>	Competition Cheerleading	\$622.83**^
<i>^ Shared position 66.67%-33.33% and stipend.</i>		
<u>Megan Herstine</u>	MS Cheerleading	\$1193**
<u>Robert Shaffer</u>	Head Boys Basketball HS	\$8214**
<u>Bradley Huebner</u>	Asst. Boys Basketball HS	\$4928**
<u>James Snyder</u>	Asst. Boys Basketball HS	\$2464**^
<u>Kurtis Zellner</u>	Asst. Boys Basketball HS	\$2464**^
<i>^Shared position 50%-50% and stipend.</i>		
<u>Christopher Bonsall</u>	Jr. High Boys Basketball	\$4518**
<u>Shawn Sommons</u>	MS Head Basketball - Boys	\$3696**
<u>Matthew Swartz</u>	MS Asst. Basketball - Boys	\$2464**
<u>Megan Dellegrotti</u>	Head Girls Basketball HS	\$8214**
<u>Justin Kocis</u>	Asst. Girls Basketball HS	\$4928**
<u>Jenna Stampf</u>	Jr. High Girls Basketball	\$4518**
<u>Carl Crouse</u>	Rifle	\$3672**
<u>Robert Gaugler</u>	Assistant Rifle	\$2203**
<u>John Neumann</u>	Head Swimming	\$7054**
<u>Brian Souerwine</u>	Winter Track	\$3672**
<u>Jessica Swartz</u>	Dance Team	\$2756**
<u>Ian Beitler</u>	Head Wrestling	\$8214**
<u>Matthew Miller</u>	Assistant Wrestling	\$4928**
<u>Brenton Ditchcreek</u>	Jr. High Wrestling	\$4518**
<u>Kenneth Ziegler</u>	Jr. High Asst. Wrestling	\$3696**

Approve the following returning volunteer coaches for the 2012-13 school year-

<u>Troy Repyneck</u>	Girls Basketball
<u>Anthony Curto</u>	Boys Basketball
<u>Joseph Deutsch</u>	Boys Basketball
<u>Todd Miller</u>	Boys Basketball
<u>Charles Pinto</u>	Boys Basketball
<u>Stanley Swartz</u>	Boys Basketball
<u>David Loew</u>	Track and Field
<u>Brian McLaughlin</u>	Track and Field
<u>Matthew Murray</u>	Track and Field

Frank Rochon Track and Field
Michelle Schumaker Track and Field
James Weedling Track and Field;

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

Matthew Cooper Asst. Girls Basketball HS \$4928**

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Siegfried, 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 –

- Homecoming festivities the week of 9/28 were well attended and staff proud of students' behavior and demonstration of school spirit.
- Staff discussing how best to prepare students for the Keystone Exams in January and determining a test schedule that will accommodate the large number of students to be tested.
- HS teachers and instructional assistants spent the day with Dr. Mike Rettig on teaching strategies for engaging learners in preparation for the new 2013-2014 schedule.

Middle School report –

- Peer Tutoring Available– Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:10-7:40 a.m. and Wednesday 2:40-3:15 p.m.
- Putt U – Mon. 10/1/12 and Wed. 10/3/12
- 10/5 - Back to School Dance
- 10/6 - Tri-a-biathlon
- 9/24 - Code Red Drill
- Newsletter- Fall edition available
- PEAK Activities-
 - Sept. 25, 27 – Outdoor Soccer
 - Oct. 1 - Nail Painting (Candy Corn design)
 - 10/10 - Bowling
 - 10/18 - Corn Maze
 - 10/23 - Pumpkin Painting

Intermediate School report –

- 10/3 - Teachers and administrators attended webinar training for the web- based PSSA option.

- 10/5 - The data team attended PVAAS training. PVAAS data shows the 3 year average at JPLIS having either significant or moderate evidence that the school exceeded the standard for PA Academic Growth in math, reading, writing, and science.
- Students were able to trade- in “Sparkens” for the first time this year at the school store. Thanks again to the JPLIS PTG for donating over \$600 scholastic dollars to replenish the school store.
- After 3 weather related cancelations, the first 6th grade group visited Hawk Mountain on Friday, 5 October. The remaining two groups are scheduled to visit this week, weather permitting.
- 11/2 - Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School naming dedication scheduled.

Elementary schools –

- K-3 teachers participated in an in-service program today. The morning was devoted to a workshop by the Reading Specialists on the Literacy Common Cores; in the afternoon, teachers collaborated on the new science program implementation.
- Fire Prevention programs will be presented to students this month. The schools are appreciative of the efforts by the fire departments of Coopersburg, Lower Milford and Upper Saucon for partnering with the elementary schools to present important safety lessons to our students.
- 10/16 - Math teacher representatives will attend a Content Area Networking Group for K-6 teachers at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit.
- 10/19 - Liberty Bell will have a PTA sponsored Fall Festival from 6:00-7:30 P.M.
- School pictures are underway.
- Hopewell kindergarten recently took a field trip to a pumpkin patch for science.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the proposed student field trips for the 2012-2013 school year-

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

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

Southern Lehigh High School Future Business Leaders to attend the 2012 State Leadership Workshop, State College, PA on Sunday, November 4 and Monday, November 5, 2012.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED Stelts and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the installation of security cameras in the cafeteria of the high school. Administration will request Board approval for any future installation of cameras.

There was Board discussion.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Motion Carried
"NO" – Dimmig
ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts approve to extend the assignment of the following certificated staff for the second semester of the 2012-13 school year-

Lisa Dex, Long-Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher (Category E), Liberty Bell Elementary School. Ms. Dex will fill the position due to the childrearing leave of *Rebecca Segovis*.

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

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Mr. Dimmig reported the following from the September 26, 2012 committee meeting:

- Recommendation to install security cameras in the high school cafeteria and review the feasibility and cost to upgrade other district buildings.
- Rain Garden (Camp Meeting Runoff) issues include 18" of water not draining. Recommendations include planting willow trees, install fencing, and review in one year.
- The district received a variance for full occupancy of the tennis courts.
- HS HVAC project extended 6 weeks beyond scheduled date, but complete.
- Discussions on the need for a feasibility plan lead to the consensus that a demographic study should be considered first.
- Future projects under consideration include: Middle School Chillers, HS HVAC replacement, option for booster club requests for sheds near athletic fields.
- Scrubbing Robot working well.
- A special Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the age-restricted housing development/Hopewell Park to be scheduled.

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Mr. Hayes reported the following:

- Negotiations for professional and support staff ongoing.

Superintendent's Report

A detailed report can be found on the website.

Dr. McLoughlin voiced his concern regarding recent Lehigh County Tax Assessments and the impact it may have on some taxpayers. He thanked Mrs. Christman for her goal to develop a district budget with 0% increase in taxes for the 2013-2014 school year.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Policy #005 Local Board Procedures: *Organization*

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary