

**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
High School Auditorium
January 12, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Agenda**



I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Recording of Attendance by the Secretary*
- C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

II. **ACT 34 PRESENTATION-PUBLIC HEARING – New Elementary School**

A Public Hearing in compliance with Act 34 for planned construction of a New Elementary School is scheduled. The Resolution was adopted by the School Board at the December 2, 2014 School Board Meeting with Notice of Public Hearing being advertised on December 15, 2014. A presentation by the project team will be followed by public comment.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2014**

IV. VISITORS

Business by visitor(s) will be presented for Board consideration as to agenda placement.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are marked with an asterisk throughout the regular agenda and summarized on a separate sheet.

VI. CURRICULUM/STUDENTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

A. *Building Updates*

Hopewell Elementary School.....Ms. Lori Limpar

B. *Student Trip Requests*

The Administration recommends approval of the following student trip requests:

1. ***Southern Lehigh High School Social Studies Department* to participate in an educational trip to the South Pacific: New Zealand, Australia and Fiji, from July 15 through July 25, 2016. (VI, B-1)**
2. ***Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to participate in the Harvard University Invitational Tournament, Boston, MA, from February 13 through February 16, 2015. (VI, B -2)**
3. ***Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to participate in the Falcon Invitational Tournament, Fairless Hills, PA, on January 30 and 31, 2015. (VI, B-3)**
4. ***Southern Lehigh High School Swim Team* to participate in the All American Swim Invitational, Wilkes Barre, PA, on January 16 and 17, 2015. (VI, B-4)**
5. ***Southern Lehigh High School Competition Cheer Club Team* to participate in the 2015 National Cheerleading Competition, Orlando, FL, from February 5 through February 9, 2015. (VI, B-5)**

C. *Liberty Trail Program*

The Administration recommends that the Liberty Trail program be held from June 15, 2015 to July 2, 2015. The program will be held at Lower Milford Elementary School.

D. *Research Project*

The Administration recommends approval for Brook Sawyer, Assistant Professor, College of Education, Lehigh University to conduct a one student survey for a continuation of a research study, *Project RISE: Reading in Special Education*.

E. *Completion of School Year*

The Administration recommends approval of the request for High School student #011501 to complete the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #202.

VII. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. *Accounts Payable*

*The Administration recommends approval of the bills to be paid as of January 12, 2014. (VI, A)

B. *Portnoff Law Associates, LTD.*

The Administration recommends approval of the enclosed resolution to name Portnoff Law Associates, LTD., as the delinquent tax collector and approving collection procedures to adopt interest and schedule of attorney fees and charges to be added to the amount collected as part of unpaid real estate taxes for delinquent accounts, effective January 1, 2015. (VI, B-Agreement) (VI, B-Resolution)

C. *Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau*

The Administration recommends approval of the enclosed resolution directing Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau not to collect delinquent Real Estate Taxes on behalf of the Southern Lehigh School District, effective January 1, 2015. (VI, C)

VIII. SUPPORT SERVICES

IX. PERSONNEL

A. *Certificated Staff*

1. *Substitutes*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year:

Connie Mantz, Emergency 06

2. *Student Teachers*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following student teacher placements:

Melissa Donaldson, Early Childhood Education, Cedar Crest College, with *Mrs. Carol Horvath*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from January 21, 2015 through March 11, 2015.

Natalie Nilon, Early Childhood Education, Cedar Crest College, with *Mrs. Marla Moyer*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from January 21, 2015 through March 11, 2015.

3. *Unpaid Leave*

*The Administration recommends approval of unpaid leave of the following staff:

Tara Collins, Grade 1 Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, June 5, 2015

4. *Resignation*

*The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of the following staff:

Kate Schartel, English Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, effective December 18, 2014

B. *Noncertificated Staff*

1. *Unpaid Leave*

*The Administration recommends approval of unpaid leave of the following staff:

Jane Dunbar, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, January 29, 30; February 2, 2015

Bridget Jurgens, Relief Nurse, February 27 through March 6, 2015

Judith Miller, Licensed Health Room Nurse, February 11 and 12, 2015

2. *Appointment*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following staff:

Rose Poskay, Instructional Assistant (29 hours per week), Southern Lehigh Middle School, an hourly rate of \$17.81, effective date to be determined. Ms. Poskay will fill the position due to the retirement of *Patricia Hayes*.

3. *Retirement*

*The Administration recommends accepting the retirement of the following staff:

Mary Palmer, Head Custodian, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective the end of business day on March 4, 2015. Mrs. Palmer has been a district employee for 24 years.

C. *Extra-Compensatory Positions*

1. *Dance Chaperone*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following dance chaperone, \$47.81 per event, for the 2014-2015 school year:

Alison Bauer

2. *SAT Advisors*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following SAT Advisors for the Winter/Spring Prep Course, an hourly rate of \$42.28, for the 2014-2015 school year:

Ronnette Mays

Heather Krey

3. *Summer Math Lab*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following Summer Math Lab advisors, an hourly rate of \$42.28 for the 2014-2015 school year:

Joseph Breisch

Paul Malik

Erin Bromfield

4. *Mentor*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following mentor, effective January, 2015 to January, 2016:

Michael Bielobrk, mentor for *Mary Prudente*, Special Education Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, a stipend of \$700

5. *Volunteer Coaches*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year:

Matthew Tannous, Basketball

Melvin Derby, Junior High Wrestling

Casey Cooperman, Baseball

6. *Athletic Event Workers*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following athletic event workers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Alexander David

Mark Evans

7. *Coaches*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following coaches for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Caitlyn Rockel</u>	Asst. Girls Basketball	\$2684
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<u>Desiderio Gonzalez</u>	Head Boys Lacrosse	\$6106
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8. *Coach Resignation*

*The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of the following coach:

Terrence Nevill, Head Boys Varsity Soccer, effective January 7, 2015

9. *Externship*

*The Administration recommends approval of an unpaid externship with the Technology Department for the following Lincoln Technical Institute students who are completing a 90 hour requirement for completion of studies, beginning January 13, 2015:

Jarred Andrews

Connor Mackey

Maxwell Bingham

X. REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Revised Policies

**The Administration recommends a first reading of the following revised policies:
(XI, A)**

#217 Pupils: *Graduation*

#405 Professional Employees: *Employment of Substitute Professional Employees*

B. Superintendent's Contract Renewal

The Board President recommends that the District Superintendent, Dr. Leah M. Christman, be notified of the Board's intent to retain her for a further term of three (3) years upon the scheduled expiration of her current contract on June 30, 2015.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Board are included in the Board materials as they are received in the district.

XIV. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A. Conference Request

The requests for professional conferences are listed in the Board materials by name, conference, location, dates of absence, and cost. (XIII, A)

XV. VISITORS' COMMENTS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. OPEN SESSION

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT