



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

March 9, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:40 p.m. on the above date (March 9, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** McLoughlin, Parsons, Gunkle, Dimmig, Hayes, Lindsay, Lycett, Merkle, Quigley

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Christman, Melber, Millman, Lewis, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Donahue, Takacs, Sinkler (SLEA), Malinchak (MCall) and 21 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.

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

### **VISITORS**

Dr. McLoughlin recognized visitors who signed in to discuss the Spanish Immersion policy and deferred their comments until later in the agenda under "Old Business".

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

(Mr. Dimmig requested that his email dated February 19, 2015 be included in the approved minutes.)

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows –

Approve the bills list dated March 9, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,819.17 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$526,810.69 for a total amount of \$528,629.86 for the General Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$126,352.13 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the Treasurer’s Report and Investment Report for the months of December, 2014 and January, 2015;

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year-

Ned Comeaux, Health & Physical Education (K-12), Library Science (K-12);

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2014-2015 school year-

Caitlin Rice, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.62;

Approve the following staff-

Darlene Geissler, Instructional Assistant (4 hour/day), an hourly rate of \$17.81, effective February 23, 2015. Ms. Geissler will fill the position due to the resignation of Cameron Spencer;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Cathleen Hendrzak, Instructional Assistant (5.75 hour/day), Southern Lehigh High School, February 18 through 20, 2015

Heidi Kelly, Cleaning Person, Southern Lehigh High School, July 1 through 3; July 6 through 10, 2015

Nicole Landis, Central Accounts Secretary, Southern Lehigh High School, April 2, 2015;

Approve intermittent FMLA of the following staff-

Jana Brown, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning February 20, 2015 through February 20, 2016, not to exceed 12 weeks

Wendy Krupa, Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning March 9, 2015 through March 9, 2016, not to exceed 12 weeks;

Approve the following STEM Camp Instructors, anticipated to be held in the summer of 2015, an hourly rate of \$42.28-

Richard Colelli

Robert Gaugler

John McDonald

Kari Bennett;

Approve the following coach for the 2014-2015 school year-

Terry Johnson Asst. Baseball \$3458.25\*\*

*\*\*75% of the total stipend to be shared with Alexander David.*

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year-

Eric Boyer Baseball

James Oleskewitz Boys Lacrosse;

Accept the resignation of Samantha Filler, Middle School Head Field Hockey Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

## **CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Edward Donahue, Southern Lehigh Middle School Principal, provided a video clip featuring the team of Middle School students who received the Outstanding Program award for their submission in the *What's Cool About Manufacturing* competition, featuring Crayola. The video contest is sponsored by Pennsylvania Dream It. Do It., a manufacturing career awareness partnership. The Board recognized the following students for this achievement: Sana G., Zach H., Caleb M., Lizzie K., and Kassie D.

A Board Award was also presented to Middle School student, Morgan D., who received the Baum School of Art Scholarship for her painting, *Muhlenberg Library*.

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve four 1-week long **STEM summer camp** for Southern Lehigh District students, grades 4 through 9, with dates to be determined.

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

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve **new science and English textbook** recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year. Textbooks will be on display in the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the March 23, 2015 Board meeting.

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

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the following **student trip requests:**

***Southern Lehigh High School Wrestling Team*** to participate in PIAA Championship Competition, Hershey, PA, from March 4 through March 7, 2015.

***Southern Lehigh Girls Swim and Dive Team*** to participate in the PIAA Championship Competition, Bucknell, PA, from March 11 through March 13, 2015.

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

## **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the Lot Line Adjustment Plan Agreement for the New Elementary School and Curly Horse Park with Upper Saucon Township. The Lot Line Adjustment will have zero impact on total acreage belonging to the Township and School District as presented at the February 23, 2015 Board meeting.

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

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Merkle to approve (*pending solicitor’s review*) of the New Elementary School Abatement Indoor Air Quality Professional Agreement with Element Environmental Solutions, Inc., 61 Willow Street, Adamstown, PA 19501, in the amount not to exceed \$31,400. Element Environmental will test air quality in both the New Elementary School and Hopewell Elementary School, establishing baselines with ongoing monitoring for asbestos, radon, lead, PCB, bacteria and fungus.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**REPORTS**

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Mr. Hayes reported that the budget for 2015-2016 passed.

Policy Committee

Mr. Lycett reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and reviewed several policies.

Private Funding of Sports Facilities Committee

Mr. Lycett reported that the committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7PM, High School Board room.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- The Comprehensive Plan was officially approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Planning for the new elementary building has been a priority with weekly meetings involving administrators, architects and engineers
- Many noteworthy accomplishments by students and staff members throughout the district
- The entire Superintendent’s Report is available on the district’s website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Parsons to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policies-

#200.1 Pupils: Admission of Students to Spanish Immersion Program

**ROLL CALL VOTE: “YES” – McLoughlin, Gunkle, Hayes, Lycett, Parsons – Motion Carried**  
**“NO” – Dimmig, Lindsay, Merkle, Quigley**  
**ABSENT: None**

Mr. Robert Curzi and Mr. Adam Paul spoke to the board with their concerns regarding sibling preference which is included in the revised policy presented on the agenda for a second and final reading.

Board members held discussion and made comments regarding their opinion on the policy prior to the roll call vote.

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Parsons to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policies-

#916 Community: School Volunteers

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **VISITORS**

Mrs. Emily Gehman addressed the board regarding clarification on the existence of the Spanish Immersion Parent Group.

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>nd</sup> BY** Gunkle to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:** Diana S. Millman Board Secretary