



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

November 23, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:45 p.m. on the above date (November 23, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons, Gunkle, Dimmig, Hayes, Merkle, Quigley
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Knoll, Buchman, Jordan, Butz, Malinchek (MCall), Sinkler (SLEA), and 42 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.

Dr. McLoughlin recognized and thanked outgoing board members, Mr. John Quigley, Mr. William Hayes and Mr. James Lindsay. Mr. Quigley and Mr. Hayes were presented with an engraved chair for having served over 10 years on the board. Mr. Quigley completed 16 years of service and was the Southern Lehigh representative of Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. Mr. Hayes resigned after 12 years of service, having chaired the Education Committee and served as the Southern Lehigh representative of Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. Mr. Lindsay completed his 4-year term.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

VISITORS

Mr. Michael Anderson, Coopersburg, PA, distributed a letter to the board and is included with board correspondence.

Mrs. Mary Selman, Coopersburg, PA, distributed a letter to the board and addressed the board regarding a swim team issue.

Mrs. Mary deCastro, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board regarding a swim team issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills to be paid list dated November 23, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$11,310.29 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$370,200.12 for a total amount of \$381,510.41 for the General Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$1,336,162.87 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$25,851.56 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year-

Daniel Tannous, Social Studies 7-12, Emergency Permit 06

Linda Peifley, Elementary K-6

Kailey DeOliveira, Elementary K-6**

Heather Wight, Elementary K-6;

***pending receipt of required documentation*

Approve the following substitute staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*) for the 2015-2016 school year-

Trisha Hawk, Substitute Cafeteria Monitor, an hourly rate of \$10.35

Lilian Castillo-Torres, Substitute Cafeteria Monitor, an hourly rate of \$10.35

Lilian Castillo-Torres, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, an hourly rate of \$9.66

Heather Wight, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01

Katherine Pelham-Hambly, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01

Katherine Pelham-Hambley, Substitute Cafeteria Monitor, an hourly rate of \$10.35;

Rescind the appointment of Maria Ault, Cafeteria Worker (3 hour), Lower Milford Elementary School. Ms. Ault was appointed at the August 24, 2015 Board meeting;

Approve the following student teacher placement-

Emilie Miller, Elementary Education, DeSales University, with *Miri Lynn Yoder*, Lower Milford Elementary School, from January 19, 2016 to March 4, 2016;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Darlene Giessler, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, February 17, 2016 (.5 hour)

Judith Miller, Licensed Health Room Nurse, Lower Milford Elementary School, February 11, 12, 2016;

Approve the following coach for the 2015-2016 school year-

Vernon Mobley MS Head Girls Basketball \$4136;

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2015-2016 school year-

Frank Donnelley Swimming/Diving

Geoffrey Geis Swimming/Diving;

Approve Michael Bjelobrck as mentor for *Erica Groendal*, Special Education/Biology Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for one full year with a start date to be determined, a stipend of \$700.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Liberty Bell Elementary School Building Report

Mr. Samuel Hafner, Principal, provided a video presentation highlighting the 4th Annual Race for Education, annual fall parade, Veteran's Day breakfast and Spanish Information Night.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve the student trip request of *Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team* to participate in the Princeton Classic Invitational Tournament, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, from December 4 through 6, 2015.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve Independent Study for student # 111501 for math skills.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve the formation of the Afterschool Learning Lab, a homework club to be held at Southern Lehigh Middle School.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Education Committee

Mr. Hayes reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and the HS Course of Study and on-line courses discussed. Minutes of today’s meeting will be posted on the website.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Merkle reported the last Facilities Committee meeting was cancelled, but an update of the committee will be posted on the website.

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported that a preliminary CLIU operating budget passed at the November 16, 2015 board meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- HS Freshman Academy is sponsoring a district-wide community service project to create a library in Africa
- Congratulations to the Southern Lehigh football team, named the Eastern Football Conference Division III Champions
- The entire Superintendent’s Report is available on the district’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to rescind the following policies-

#200.2 Pupils: *Determination of Resident Status for District-Sponsored College Tuition*

#203 Pupils: *Communicable Diseases and Immunization*

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve a first reading of the following revised policies-

#122 Programs: *Extracurricular Activities*

#206 Pupils: *Assignment Within District*

#208 Pupils: *Withdrawal from School*

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

There was Board discussion regarding Policy #122.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve a first reading of the following new policies-

#912 Community: *Relations with Educational Institutions*

#912.1 Community: *Relations with Community College*

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to accept the resignation of Mr. William Hayes, School Board Director, with an effective date of November 24,2015. Mr. Hayes has served as a school board director for 12 years.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

Mrs. Barb McGlone, Coopersburg, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, Coopersburg, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

Mr. Rick Lyons, Coopersburg, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

Ms. Makena Glemser, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

Mr. Mike deCastro, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board regarding acceptable behavior of coaches.

Mrs. Tina Glemser, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

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The Board took a brief recess at 9:22 p.m.

(Mr. Quigley and Mr. Hayes left the meeting prior to Executive Session)

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley, Hayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Diana S. Millman, Board Secretary