



## Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

March 29, 2016

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 (March 29, 2016) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Parsons, McLoughlin, Gehman, Gunkle, Lycett, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith

ABSENT: Dimmig

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Lewis, Bergey, Takacs, Donahue, Farris, Butz, Sinkler (SLEA), Malinchak (Morning Call), and 13 other members of the community.

### **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Mrs. Parsons 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** McLoughlin to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**ABSENT: Dimmig**

### **VISITORS**

Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, Coopersburg resident, provided the Board with an update on the proposed *Saucon Creek YMCA* project.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the bills list dated March 29, 2016 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,573.29 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$402,228.20 for a total amount of \$403,801.49 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$21,692.75

for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund, and bills paid in the amount of \$1,209.38 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$7,942.00 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the bills to be paid list as of March 29, 2016;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of January, 2016;

Approve the unpaid leave of Tara Collins, Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, March 24, 2016;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Laura De Mars, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, May 3-6, 2016;

Approve increased hours of Sara Kimble, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from 4.5 hours to 5.75 hours per day.

Approve the appointment of the following staff-

Terry Leonard, Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, an hourly rate of \$20.24, effective March 30, 2016. Mr. Leonard will fill the position due to the resignation of *Greggory Padamonsky*.

Daniel Drabick, Temporary Custodian, an hourly rate of \$20.24, effective March 30, 2016 through the end of August, 2016. Mr. Drabick will fill the position due to hire of *Terry Leonard*.

Amy Angelone, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, an hourly rate of \$15.71, effective March 30, 2016. Ms. Angelone will fill the position due to the resignation of *Pamela Kiriposki*.

Christina Rinaldi, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, an hourly rate of \$15.71, effective March 30, 2016. Ms. Rinaldi will fill the position due to the retirement of *Susan Covey*;

Approve the following staff to assist with evening Kindergarten Registration, an hourly rate of \$43.44-

Melissa Greenawald

Nancy Smilie

Carol Horvath

Brooke Ruch;

Approve the following Athletic Event workers-

Erin Everett

Kelly Greene

Kimberly Halloran

Christopher Strobl

Eric Miller

Spencer Cameron

John McDonald

Brian Hines

Tara McGinniss

Patricia Anderson

Kari Bennett

Diana Riegel;

Approve the appointment of Donald West, Jr., Assistant to the Interim Coordinator of Athletics (spring), a stipend of \$3416.66 for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. West will fill the position due to the resignation of *Thomas Seidenberger*.

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

Jarrod Bulger Boys Lacrosse

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Dimmig**

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School Update

Mrs. Mary Farris, Principal and Mrs. Donna Gaugler, Grade 6 Teacher, provided a presentation on "You Be the Chemist" program. The regional competition was held this past Saturday and 5 students participated. Two will move on to the final competition at Penn State. Jeremy S. shared his experience with the board.

(Mrs. Sisselberger left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.)

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

***Southern Lehigh High School World Language students enrolled in Spanish 3 or above to participate in an educational tour of Spain, April 5 through April 15, 2017,***

***Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament, Sacramento, CA, May 27 through May 30, 2016.***

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Dimmig**

## **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** McLoughlin to approve the Letter of Agreement dated March 9, 2016 between Southern Lehigh School District and Lehigh Career & Technical Institute clarifying responsibilities in connection with the National School Lunch program for our students who attend Lehigh Career & Technical Institute.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Dimmig**

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **PERSONNEL**

### **REPORTS**

#### Education Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported the committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the following-

- Mrs. Bauer, RtII teacher provided an update on the MS program
- Dr. Christman provided an update on All Day Intervention Kindergarten program
- Sex Education Curriculum Survey is pending revisions

#### Finance Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school faculty dining room to discuss the fiscal year budget.

#### Facilities Committee

Mr. Merkle shared an update from D’Huy Engineering on the Hopewell Elementary School project- Windows installed, Interior walls complete, 128 geothermal wells have been drilled. Options for Lower Milford discussed and appraisal of property is \$250,000.

#### LCTI

Dr. Smith reported the JOC met on March 23, 2016 and discussed the S.T.E.M Learning Walks

#### Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- State budget approved
- Congratulations include-
  - Music Program for being named 2016 Best Communities for Music Education (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year)

- Coach Matt Cooper and the Girls' Basketball team for being named Morning Call's basketball coach and team of the year
- HS Musical, "Carousel" scheduled April 7-10
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>nd</sup> BY** Smith to make an exception for siblings of students enrolled in the Spanish Immersion program to extend the deadline from March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 due to errors in communication.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Dimmig**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Parsons acknowledged that correspondence was received and distributed to all board members.

**VISITORS**

Mrs. Mary deCastro, Center Valley resident, addressed the board regarding the Coaches Code of Conduct and provided the board secretary with a copy of a letter read at the March 14, 2016 board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Dimmig**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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