



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 26, 2012

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:35 p.m. on the above date (March 26, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: McLoughlin

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Buchman, Knoll, Jordan, Covelle, Davidson, Farris, Mickley, Kutzer (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call), Petty (Express Times), and approximately 10 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mr. Dimmig 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 March 12, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin

VISITORS

Dr. Eric Wilson addressed the Board regarding a previous request for consideration of corporate sponsors to fund a turf field. There was Board discussion and it was determined that current policy #918 Community: *Commercial Activities* does not prevent proposals to come to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Kevin Deely, Easton School District educator and District resident addressed the Board regarding his concerns over future budgetary needs.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the total bills paid in the amount of \$48,042.22 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,435,134.71 for a total amount of \$1,483,176.93 for the General Fund as of March 26, 2012;

Approve childrearing leave of the following staff-

Jessica Dimmig, Librarian, Hopewell Elementary School, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year-

Drew Reinhard, Elementary Education

Irene Tyson, Elementary Education, ML Math

Nancy Amici, Family Consumer Science

Kristen Bruck, Social Studies, Reading Specialist

Rosemary Lamparella, Special Education, K-12

Erin Weller, Elementary Education

Andrew Vassillo, Social Studies, 7-12;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Jane Dunbar, 3 hour Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for April 25, 26, and 27, 2012

Heidi Kelly, Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, for May 25, 2012 and August 16, 2012 through August 24, 2012;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2011-2012 school year-

Rosemary Lamparella, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Anastasia Benner, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Kristen Bruck, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Anastasia Benner, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$14.14

Raymond Jameson, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$13.61;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2012-2013 school year-

Nancy Filler, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.06

Marie Eisenhart, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.06;

Approve the following new volunteer coaches for the 2011-2012 school year-

Brendan Dunne Football

Steven Repyneck Baseball;

Approve the following returning volunteer coach for the 2011-2012 school year-

Elizabeth Tomlinson-Boyle MS Girls' Club Lacrosse;

Approve Erin Jividen as Middle School Spring Musical Director, at a stipend of \$900 for the 2011-2012 school year;

Approve Melinda Watkins as a Homebound Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$38.82 for the 2011-2012 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: McLoughlin

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Covelle, Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Mickley reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and the elementary schools.

High School report –

- PSSA testing went well at the High School –positive feedback received about the effectiveness of the boot camp preparation.
- Student Advisory Council met on 3/15 to discuss upcoming High School initiatives.
- The High School hosted about 25 Japanese foreign exchange students for the morning of 3/21 to tour our building and observe some courses.
- On 3/21 members of the High School mock trial group delivered daffodils to local senators and congress members to raise awareness about cancer research through the American Cancer Society.
- Spring Sports have begun.
- 2012-2013 Scheduling has begun.

Middle School report –

Academic

- PSSA preparation and administration has taken up a majority of the Middle School schedule since the last meeting.
 - Reading and Math 3/13-3/16
 - Writing 4/16-4/20
 - Science 4/23-4/27
- 3/27 - Course Selection Evening –for parents of incoming 7th graders at 7:00PM in the Middle School Auditorium.
- 3/30 - Report cards will be issued.

Events

- The Middle School conducted opening auditions for a modified version of *Annie* which will take place on 5/4 and 5/5.
- Congratulations to Naomi L. who will be advancing on to the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. The spelling bee will be broadcasted on ESPN on 5/30 and 5/31. Good Luck, Naomi!
- Lauren W., an 8th grade student at Southern Lehigh Middle School has earned national recognition in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2012, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. This student has been identified by panels of professional artists and writers as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year, 200,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1,500 were recognized at the national level. These students have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on 6/1 and to participate in a number of showcase events at The New School for Design in New York City. The Middle School is proud to have this student represent our school district in this year's National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Intermediate School report –

- Students at the Intermediate School have been taking PSSA tests. Reading and math are completed. Next up are the PSSA writing tests, which will begin on April 16 and end on 4/19, to be followed by the PSSA science test which will be administered on 4/24 and 4/25.

- Students in on-level grade 6 mathematics who are interested in the possibility of acceleration are testing currently with the PSI 2.
- Parent conference reminder notices have been prepared and sent. Parent conferences begin on 4/4, and then resume 4/10 through 4/13. Students will be dismissed at 12:50PM on these days.
- Students at the Intermediate School have been making movies of the Spartan Rs (our school wide positive behavior and citizenship ideals). These movies run every morning during homerooms period. Some of our teachers play small parts and get in on the action as well.

Elementary schools –

- Elementary school faculties recently participated in fundraising for cancer research and awareness through the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Liberty Bell raised over \$1600, with their effort led by teacher Miss Ann Greenzweig.
- 3/30 - Liberty Bell will hold their 3rd Quarter "Pride of Liberty Bell Celebration" as part of their School-Wide Positive Behavior System.
- 3/30 - Hopewell Students are looking forward to a CARES celebration. The PTA has arranged for the Weller Center to come in and present their Kids in Motion Assembly to all students. Parent information and activities for home are available on the Hopewell website.
- Hopewell PTA sponsored a spring social with almost 250 students and parents in attendance.
- 4/3 - Lower Milford's Spring Concert for grades 2 and 3 will be held.
- 3/30 - K-3 grade level teams will be meeting to work on their goals and review student data as we head into the 4th quarter.
- 4/6, 4/10-13 - Parent Conferences will be held.
- 4/10-12 - Kindergarten Registration will be held.
- Third graders recently completed their first PSSA tests and put forth an awesome effort!

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the Letter of Agreement dated March 8, 2012 between Southern Lehigh School District and Lehigh Career & Technical Institute clarifying duties and 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: McLoughlin

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the proposal from SSM Group, Inc., 1047 N. Park Road, Reading, PA 19610 for the management of the Asbestos Management Plan. The total three year cost of \$10,400 includes yearly training of staff, the AHERA 3-year inspection and 6 month inspections for 10 buildings.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve Hess Corporation, One Hess Plaza, Woodbridge, NY 07095 as the Demand Response provider under the Costars cooperative contract. The term of the contract is June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2015 with a total of \$51,929 as the first year reimbursement from the program.

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

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to accept the retirement of Robert Voron, Applied Technology Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, effective the last teacher day of the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Voron has been an employee of the district for 35 ½ years-

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

REPORTS

Education Committee

The Committee met prior to the Board meeting and Mr. Hayes reported the following:

- Format for 2012 Assessment Report discussed.
- Update on the Technology presentation planned for the April 10th Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- A reminder that the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation is holding its 6th annual Ladies Night Out on March 28th from 7-9PM. Tickets are still available.
- Administrators met with Penn State Lehigh Valley to discuss strengthening our partnership with PSU. Dual enrollment, scholars and honor programs, possible future faculty collaboration and other ideas were discussed.
- LCTI has developed a data warehouse that will allow HS counselors and principals, along with others who need data access to SLHS/LCTI student data.
- Mrs. Christman and Mrs. Gunkle attended a Legislative meeting at East Penn on 3/16. Representatives (Superintendents, Board members, Business Managers) from surrounding districts were invited to meet with area legislators to discuss issues of concern for public education. The concerns that received the most attention were the proposed Governor's budget.
- There has been some concern in the media over beef products, lean finely textured beef (LFTB) options, served in schools. The district received communication from the USDA indicating that schools will have the ability to avoid use of these products (through the commodity program) starting next school year.

- So far, kindergarten registrations are lower than usual, with 125 registered to date as compared to 140 from last year at the same time.

OLD BUSINESS

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

#201.1 Pupils: Admission of Students in First Grade Spanish Immersion

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary