



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

April 23, 2012

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:31 p.m. on the above date (April 23, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: McLoughlin, Lycett (arrived at 8:07 p.m.)

OTHERS: Christman, Lewis, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Jordan, Covelle, Davidson, Farris, Hafner, Kutzler (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call), Thiel (Channel 69) and approximately 6 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 Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

VISITORS

Donald Vought encouraged the Board to not raise taxes.

Southern Lehigh High School student, Nikos Milios, thanked the Board for their support and approval of student trip requests to the regional and state FBLA Conferences.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the total bills paid in the amount of \$30,970.94 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,007,515.20 for a total amount of \$1,038,486.14 for the General Fund as of April 23, 2012;

Approve FMLA leave of the following certificated staff-

Jennifer Jaen, Spanish teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning March 26, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year;

Approve the following long-term substitute staff for 2012-2013-

Natalie Deacon, Long-Term Health and Physical Education Substitute teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for the first semester of 2012-2013, at Bachelors, Step 13, at a salary to be determined. The Bachelors, Step 13 salary for 2011-2012 is \$45,185. Ms. Deacon will fill the position during the childrearing leave of *Jennifer Edwards*.

Gloria Toner, Long-Term Substitute Librarian .6, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for the 2012-2013 school year at Bachelors, Step 13, at a salary to be determined. The Bachelors, Step 13 salary for 2011-12 is \$45,185 and will be adjusted for the .6 position. Ms. Toner will fill the position during the childrearing leave of *Jessica Dimmig*;

Approve Ryan Haupt as Subject Leader, Mathematics 9-12 for the 2011-2012 school year, effective April 25, 2012 at a stipend of \$3,201 (pro-rated) while *Justina Viola* is on leave;

Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coach for the 2011-2012 school year-

Robert Trexler Softball;

Approve the appointment of the following coaches for the 2011-2012 school year-

Eric Stemple, Head Boys' Lacrosse, at a stipend of \$5605 (pro-rated), effective April 5, 2012. Mr. Stemple will fill the position created with the resignation of *Bernard Matthew Walsh*.

Benjamin Snyder, Assistant Boys' Lacrosse, at the stipend of \$568.74 (represents 50/50 split of the remaining stipend with *Brian Boorse*), effective April 19, 2012. Mr. Snyder will fill the position created with the reassignment of *Eric Stemple*.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- On 4/11/12 a meeting was held with 11th grade Science teachers to put together a mini PSSA boot camp for Science. Testing will take place on 4/24 and 4/25.
- 4/19/12 - 10th grade students presented their Graduation Projects to a two teacher panel. Students did an excellent job and shared valuable experiences of their job shadows.
- The Jamalot Battle for the Bands concert will be held on 4/21/12 to raise money for Camelot. This event is being sponsored by Key Club with various students performing and participating.
- 4/12/12 - National Honor Society Induction
- 4/18/12 – Make-a-Wish fundraiser held by Soccer Team
- Four Technology Student Association students returned home this past Saturday as state champions in their respective technology competitions. Kyle Vogeler and Christian Ricci placed first in the Video Game Design event. Their video game named "Heist at Area 51" beat out 35 other students throughout the state.

Matt Decker defended his 2D Architecture/CAD event by placing 1st overall among 120 other students throughout the state.

Paul Thom placed 1st among 85 other students statewide in the 3D Engineering/CAD event.

All four students qualified for the national TSA conference this June in Nashville, TN.

Middle School report –

Academic

- PSSA testing update:
 - 8th grade Writing completed week of April 16-20.
 - 8th grade Science is being completed this week.
- Final schedule –
 - 5/14 – Languages Arts
 - 5/16 – Reading/World Language
 - 5/18 – Social Studies
 - 5/21- Science
 - 5/23 – Math

Events

- 4/25- Transitions Presentation –7:00 pm
- 4/26- Chorus concert– 7:00 pm
- 5/1- PTG Meeting– 9:30 am
- 5/4, 5- MS Musical “Annie Jr. “ –7:00 pm
- 5/9- NJHS Ceremony –7:00 pm

Intermediate School report –

- Students at the IS have been continuing to plow through PSSA testing. 5th graders finished the writing PSSA last week, and 4th grade students will be participating in the Sci PSSAs tomorrow and Wednesday.
- IS Calendar Update through mid-May:
- The MS band/orchestra and choir will be performing for Intermediate School students on Friday 4/27.
- May 1 & 2 – 5th grade Accelerated Math Testing dates
- May 3 – 6th Grade will visit the MS – Rain or shine
- May 3 – IS Instrumental Music Concert at the HS, 7:00 PM
- My 4 & 11 – 4th grade will visit Crystal Cave
- May 7 & 9 – Continuation of 5th grade Accelerated Math Testing
- May 8 – African Acrobat Assembly
- May 11 – Air Products 5th grade science class demonstration – Liquid Nitrogen

- May 11 - IS Spring Vocal Concert
- May 11 – Ellis Island Day at the IS – Grade 6

Elementary schools –

- Hopewell PTA sponsored their first Race for Education fundraiser on Friday, April 20. Students and their families were invited to walk or run around a designated track to raise funds for the Hopewell PTA. We received an overwhelming amount of support and everyone enjoyed the perfect weather.
- A Kindergarten Parent Workshop will be held on April 26th, at Liberty Bell from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.
- Kindergarten Visitation Day will be held at the three elementary schools on May 3rd. This is an opportunity for incoming kindergarten students to visit a classroom.
- Lower Milford will hold an Earth Day on May 4. Approximately 50 community and parent volunteers work with our teachers to present programs throughout the day, including staff from Nockamixon State Park, the Lehigh Valley Watershed, and the PA Department of Environmental Resources.
- Sign-ups for next year's 1st Grade Spanish Immersion is this Wednesday, April 25th. This will be the first year with the district's revised enrollment policy as we will be handing out tickets tomorrow evening to discourage and prevent parents from sleeping over on school grounds.
- Liberty Bell's Olympic Reading Program is drawing to a close and I am getting ready for my walk. The students are motivated and have been reading at a record pace. Circulation at our library is up 1300 books for the month!
- Our 3rd Graders are visiting Longwood Gardens this Thursday as part of an interactive field trip that supports their units on plants and living things as well as the measurement unit in math.
- Liberty Bell and our PTA will be having a fundraiser at Inside Scoop on Thursday, May 3rd. Some of the teachers and I will be scooping ice cream throughout the evening.
- Finally, Janet Miltenberger, the reading specialist at Liberty Bell, is a semi-finalist for PA Teacher of the Year. She is the only teacher representing Lehigh County.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to attend the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand National Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland on May 25, 2012 through May 28, 2012;

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Future Business Leaders of America advisor and student qualifier to attend the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 27, 2012 through July 3, 2012.

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

ABSENT: McLoughlin, Lycett

A presentation on the 2011 Data Assessment Report was given by Mrs. Kristen Lewis, Assistant to the Superintendent, Mrs. Joan Takacs, Director of Secondary Education, Mr. Ken Jordan, Director of Elementary Education and Instructional Technology, and Mrs. Andria Buchman, Director of Special Education.

(Mr. Lycett arrived at 8:07 p.m.)

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to maintain the current contribution of \$64,000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2012-2013 budget.

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the bid for High School band uniforms to DeMoulin Brothers & Company in the amount of \$31,748.00.

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

Mr. Jeremy Melber, Director of Business Services, provided a presentation of the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget which includes a .5 mil increase.

VOICE VOTE: **“YES” – Gunkle, Hayes, Mohr, Stelts**
“NO” – Dimmig, Lycett, Lindsay, Quigley
ABSENT: McLoughlin
MOTION DEFEATED

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to acknowledge award of the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council Gasoline and Fuel Bid to Isobunkers, LLC of Aston, PA in the amount of \$0.1665 over rack for regular grade gasoline and to Mansfield Oil Co. of Gainesville, Inc., Gainesville, GA in the amount of \$0.1858 over the rack for deliveries under 7,000 gallons and \$0.0017 for deliveries over 7,000 gallons for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel for the period of May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. Participation with the LVCPC Gasoline and Fuel Bid was approved at the March 7, 2009 School Board meeting. .

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

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Education Committee

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

- Textbook proposals for 2012-2013 reviewed.
- Cyberschool option through CLIU#21 discussed.
- Minor changes to Middle School scheduling expected.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Two Board members are needed to help at graduation on June 1, 2012.
- Act 48 Committee member needed to replace William Miracle.
- Reminder that the Board Awards Program is scheduled for May 14, 2012 in the High School Auditorium and the End of Year Assembly will be held June 5, 2012.
- Administration is exploring participation in the Pennsylvania Teacher and Principal Evaluation Project and PA's Race to the Top grant. The teacher evaluation is based upon Charlotte Danielson's work, which aligns with the District's current process. The principal evaluation model has not been disclosed but will align with the current Pennsylvania School Leadership Standards, which included 3 Core and 6 Corollary standards. All Principals complete ongoing training related to these standards. PDE has indicated that all schools will be required to participate by 2013-2014. Participation in the Phase 3 and the RTT grant would secure funding for training that will not be available once the phase-in process is complete. Participation would also allow our teachers and administrators to participate in the decision-making process to determine student data to be used as part of the process. See http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/newsroom/7234/teacher_evaluation/1034646 for additional information.
- Mrs. Christman will be attending an all-day superintendent retreat at LCTI on Thursday and a superintendent meeting with updates from the Education Department at Kutztown University on Friday morning.
- Congratulations to:
 - Mrs. Miltenberger, Liberty Bell Elementary School Reading Specialist, who has been identified as one of 39 semi-finalists for PA Teacher of the Year.
 - Mrs. Organski and the students in FBLA for their excellent representation of SLHS at the FBLA State Competition. One student is eligible to compete at the National FBLA Competition.
 - Mr. Colelli and the Technology Students of America for their excellent representation of SLHS at the TSA State Competition. One student eligible to compete at the National TSA Competition.
- Two High School students are finalists for the new Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce-Young Entrepreneur Award. These students will give a presentation at the Shining Star Award meeting with the local chamber on May 9th.
- The Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce is holding a *Casual for a Cause* event at Putt U on June 14th beginning at 5:00 pm. The recipient of the fundraiser this year is the Southern Lehigh Library and all are encouraged to participate.

Facilities Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Completion of the Camp Meeting Road Runoff project brings closure to the Intermediate School construction project. Penn Builder's contract will be closed out within the next few weeks.
- The Tennis Court project, except for the walkway, final grading and seeding are complete.
- Preparations for next year's transition with Brandywine Transportation are well underway.
- Mr. Todd Bergey, Support Services Director, was elected to a fourth term as President of the Lehigh Valley Facilities Managers Association.
- Intermediate School Lighting continues to be a challenge and ballasts and switches are scheduled to be replaced this summer.
- The High School HVAC project is underway and scheduled for installation this summer.
- Administrators and Attorney Bartholomew met with Upper Saucon Township representatives to discuss the township's proposal for a park near Hopewell Elementary School. The township will present their proposal for consideration and further discussions with the Facilities Committee on April 25, 2012 at noon in the Administration Building conference room.

Strategic Plan/Middle States Report

Mrs. Lewis reported the following:

- K-12 On-Line Conference Academy offering was available this spring.
- AP Statistics students are working on developing a graduate survey.
- Revisions were made this year to provide parents of incoming Kindergarten students and new registrants with registration resources electronically via the district website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the proposed School Board Meeting dates for September, 2012 through August, 2013.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Dimmig and **2ND BY** Quigley to submit a proposal for a Senior Citizen Volunteer Service program in exchange for tax relief to the Policy Committee for review and consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL