



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 7, 2012

The first 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 (May 7, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Quigley

OTHERS: Christman, Lewis, Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Jordan, Covelle, Donahue, Mickley, Rich (Patch.com), and approximately 7 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 and April 30, 2012 meetings as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Quigley

VISITORS

The Board welcomed Mrs. Sandra Himes, Executive Director, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute who replaced Dr. Clyde Hornberger. Mrs. Himes thanked the Board for their continued support.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the total bills paid in the amount of \$437,516.02 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$597,646.18 for a total amount of \$1,035,062.20 for the General Fund as of May 7, 2012;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of March, 2012;

Approve the appointment of Roxann Fadeley, Part-time (3 hour) Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, at the hourly rate of \$13.19, effective May 8, 2012. Ms. Fadeley will fill the position created with the resignation of *Carol Souillard*;

Approve the unpaid internship for Ina Gulbis, DeSales University. Mrs. Gulbis will be completing requirements for her Instructional Technology Certification under the supervision of Mr. Ken Jordan, Director of Elementary Education and Instructional Technology. Her internship will be from May 14, 2012 through July 2, 2012.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Quigley

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- Holocaust Museum Field Trip Report
- 5/4 - Prom at Bear Creek
- 5/18 - Annual Picnic day and yearbook distribution

Middle School report –

- 5/4 - Cinco de Mayo provided historical, academic and cultural elements of the traditional holiday
- 5/4, 5 - Annie Jr.
- 5/9 National Junior Honor Society, MS auditorium (7PM)
- 5/8, 5/10 - Constitution Center field trip, 8th grade
- Final examinations (5/14/ through 5/25 inclusive)
- 5/25 - Field Day, 8th grade Luau

Intermediate School report –

- Students at the IS have been busy for the past two weeks. All PSSA testing is completed at this point. Students worked incredibly hard and are to be commended.
- The IS Instrumental Music Concert was held 5/3 and it was a spectacular show. Ms. Marston deserves enormous credit for her time and dedication to the music students.
- 5/8 – African Acrobat Assembly
- 5/9 - Day 2 of PSI 2 testing for 5th grade students and 6th grade visits Ellis Island.
- 5/11 – 6th grade Ellis Island Day celebration in school , 4th grade visits Crystal Cave and the IS Spring Chorus Concert at 7:00PM
- 5/15 & 5/16 – 3rd grade students will visit the Intermediate School
- 5/22 – IS Field Day
- 5/25 – 4th Grade Celebrates Earth Day

Elementary schools –

- Ms. Marston, Mr. Bolasky, and Mrs. Yale are conducting Instrumental Music demonstrations for our third graders to introduce them to the instrumental music options available at the Intermediate School.
- Lower Milford's 3rd grade will visit Burnside Plantation and Lower Milford's 1st grade will visit the Lehigh Valley Zoo this week.
- Lower Milford PTA will hold its Spring Festival on Friday, May 18th.
- Liberty Bell has two field trips this week: Kindergarten visited the Wildlands Conservancy today. 3rd Grade will travel to Cedar Crest College's Hydromania on Thursday
- Liberty Bell's Play Day is Friday, May 11.
- Liberty Bell's Lion Olympic Reading Program Closing Ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, May 15th. Mr. Hafner's walk to school is tentatively set for the Monday or Tuesday of the last week of school.

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

Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association advisor and student qualifiers to attend the National TSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on June 21, 2012 through June 25, 2012.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Mohr to preliminary approve new K-5th grade and 6th-9th grade Science Textbooks for the 2012-2013 school year. Textbooks will be on display at the Curriculum and Technology Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the May 21, 2012 Board meeting.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

David Twaddle presented the resolution to approve the refinancing of the Series AA of 2002 General Obligation Bonds and told the board that earlier in the bond there was a competitive bond sale in which seven institutions bid on the bonds. The low bidder was Raymond James in NYC. The bond sale resulted in a present value savings for the district of 8.67%, or \$541,432.12.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to adopt the attached resolution, authorizing the issuance of General Obligations Bonds, Series of 2012, in the amount of \$6,960,000, awarding the bid to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and contracting with US Bank National Association as Paying Agent.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "YES" - McLoughlin Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, Lindsay, Lycett, Mohr, Stelts – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Quigley

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the resolution for the sale of used computers to Computer Wholesalers, Inc., for a purchase price of \$354,000.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to extend the second period of childrearing leave of Jennifer Edwards, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from one semester to the entire 2012-2013 school year per the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors and the Southern Lehigh Education Association.

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to approve changing the duration of assignment for Natalie Deacon, Long-Term Health and Physical Education Substitute Teacher (Category E), Southern Lehigh High School, from the first semester to the entire 2012-2013 school year due to the childrearing leave extension of *Jennifer Edwards* at a salary to be determined. The Bachelors, Step 13 salary for 2011-2012 is \$45,185.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to accept the retirement of the following certificated staff effective the last teacher day of 2011-2012:

Pamela Phillippe, Grades 4-6 Gifted Teacher and Grade 6 Language Arts Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School. Mrs. Phillippe has been an employee of the district for 14 years;

Diane Marmor, Elementary Art Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School. Mrs. Marmor has been an employee of the district for 31 years.

Mrs. Phillippe and Mrs. Marmor were recognized for their years of service and dedication.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve Stacey Kuntzman, Grade 3 Long-Term Substitute Teacher (Category E), Lower Milford Elementary School, at Bachelors, Step 13, for the 2012-2013 school year, at a salary to be determined. The Bachelors, Step 13 salary for 2011-2012 is \$45,185. Ms. Kuntzman will fill the position during the childrearing leave of *Wendy Bonsall*.

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

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Hayes reported that Pat Bader will replace Randy Hensinger as Business Manager.

Facilities Report

Mr. Dimmig reported the following from the April 25, 2012 Facilities Committee meeting:

- Upper Saucon Township provided a presentation on the proposed Curley Horse Park.
- Camp Meeting runoff project was completed the week of April 16, 2012.
- Penn Builders contacted for Intermediate School closeout.
- HS Tennis Court Project-Township inspection identified that the handicap ramp does not meet ADA requirements at this time. Occupancy has been received for SLSD team practices only.
- Brandywine Transportation office is expected to open on May 1, 2012.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Board ballots for LCCC Board of Trustees and CLIU Board members distributed and Board members requested to submit signed ballots to Mrs. Millman
- Board Awards program scheduled for May 7, 2012 in the HS Auditorium.
- Penn State LV campus is offering an Open House/Informational Session to HS juniors and their parents on May 17, 2012 at 7PM to learn about options for Dual Enrollment.
- Ms. Nofal, Arabic teacher was featured in the latest BCIU newsletter. (http://www.slsd.org/files/filesystem/SPRINGissue2012_FINAL.pdf)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

Ms. Inta Gulbeis, DeSales University student, thanked the Board for the opportunity to complete an internship under the direction of Mr. Jordan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary