



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

May 9, 2011

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:48 p.m. on the above date (May 9, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** Eddinger, Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, McLoughlin, Miracle, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Bergey, Scherzberg, Hafner, Donahue, Farris, Limpar, Organski, Rich (Patch.com), Wilson (Southern Lehigh Tribune), and approximately 15 other members of the community.

### **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Mr. Eddinger led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **PSBA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS**

Tony Wright from PSBA presented certificates of appreciation to the following Board members –

- Michael Eddinger, 12 years of service
- John Quigley, 12 years of service
- William Miracle, 16 years of service

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
4/26/2011

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

### **VISITORS**

Ed Kozelnicky asked when the budget will be passed. He was told that adoption of the preliminary budget was on the agenda for tonight.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the bills list dated May 9, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$29,922.16 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$516,168.79 for a total amount of \$546,090.95 for the General Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approval of unpaid leave of the following staff -

Katherine Burke, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for May 11, 2011, May 23, 2011 (1/2 day), May 27, 2011 and June 3, 2011 (1/2 day)  
Pamela Kiriposki, Part-time Cafeteria worker, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for June 16 and 17, 2011  
Tammy Terlingo, Part-time Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for June 13 and 14, 2011;

Approve  
unpaid leave-  
Burke,  
Kiriposki,  
Terlingo

Approve the following support staff -

Laura Sunners, 3-hour Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$15.89, effective May 10, 2011. Ms. Sunners will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of *Virginia Howell*;

Approve  
support staff-  
Sunners

Approve  
substitute  
support staff-  
Beltz, Roney

Approval of the following substitute support staff:

Kendra Beltz, Substitute Custodian  
Aimee Roney, Substitute Supplemental Nurse;

Approve  
mentor-  
Walter

Approve Tara Walter as a mentor for the guest Arabic teacher at a stipend not to exceed \$700.00 for the 2011-2012 school year (*pending approval of board agenda item*).

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

### **CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Farris and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

#### Middle School report –

- Choir/Orchestra Concert was held Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Middle School Musical; "School House Rock-Live", Thursday & Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Sixth Grade Visit to MS, Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Pep Rally, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Career Day will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Presentation: *Raising Resilient Youth* will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Eighth grade Luau, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Parent Presentation: *Transitioning Your Child to Middle School*, Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Intermediate School report –

- We are in full swing and busy this month. Last Friday our 5th grade visited the Camden Aquarium. This week students will participate in two assemblies. One assembly will focus on units of study completed in 4th, 5th and 6th grade history and the other will introduce students to Australian animals. On Wednesday, Dr. Jackie McLaughlin, a professor from Penn State, will meet with all of our 4th grade students to give a presentation on Embryology. Our students are readying to incubate and hatch chicks. On Thursday, our 6th grade students will visit the MS for the first time. Also this week, DIBELS benchmark testing gets underway.
- Next week on Tuesday and Thursday, we will showcase our musical talents at the Spring Vocal Concert and Instrumental Music Concert. And on the date of our next board meeting, May 23, our 6th grade students will have just returned from their trip to Ellis Island, and our 4th grade students will have visited Harrisburg.

#### Elementary schools –

- Hopewell Elementary's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade toured the Burnside Plantation last week.
- Hopewell's Kindergarten took their field trip to Flint Hill Farm in Coopersburg last week as well.
- Lower Milford's KDG is visiting the Gehman Farm this coming week.
- Lower Milford's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade is headed to the Elmwood Zoo this week as well.
- Lower Milford's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is also headed to the Burnside Plantation next week.
- Liberty Bell's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is headed to Cedar Crest College this week for their annual Hydromania event. This is an interactive presentation on groundwater and watersheds that ties into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science curriculum.
- Hopewell recently held a school-wide positive behavior celebration with a beach read. Students were able to dress in beach attire and they spent the end of the day reading on beach towels.
- Last week, the primary K-3 Report Card Committee met one last time to finalize the new report cards for K-3 as we transition to the new Sapphire system.
- On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Bell staff members played in a student vs. staff charity soccer game at the middle school. Over \$300 was raised for the relief effort in Japan.
- Liberty Bell's PTA will be hosting their annual Spring Festival this Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 P.M.
- Finally, next Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Bell will be holding its annual Field Day.

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Mohr to approve the following student trip request –

*Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association to attend the National Technology Student Association Conference, Dallas, TX from June 21, 2011 through June 25, 2011.*

Approve SLHS  
Technology  
Student  
Association  
student trip-Dallas,  
TX

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the request for students #112765, #187144, #115450 and #110700 to complete the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #202.

Approve students  
#112765, #187144,  
#115450 and  
#110700 to  
complete 2010-  
2011 school year

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed textbook recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve textbook  
recommendations  
for the 2011-2012  
school year

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Mohr and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Miracle to approve the Critical Language Program grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for a guest Arabic teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve Critical  
Language  
Program grant for  
a guest Arabic  
teacher for the  
2011-2012 school  
year

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

### **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve settling the real estate tax appeal by Saucon Creek Assisted Living by establishing the fair market value/taxable assessed value for the 2010-2011 year at \$5,180,000/\$1,481,500 (28.6% CLR) and for 2011-2012 and forward at \$5,030,000/\$1,619,650 (32.2%).

Approve settling  
the real estate tax  
appeal by Saucon  
Creek Assisted  
Living

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Hayes and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year. Since the Board last saw the 5-year budget, an error had been discovered that overstated revenues by \$1.1million for 2011-12. The error had been fixed in the preliminary general fund budget that was presented for Board approval. There was Board discussion, and **Hayes and Quigley withdrew their motion** to approve the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year. There was Board consensus to add approval of the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year to the agenda of the next Board meeting on May 23, 2011, and to move the start time of the May 23, 2011 Board meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Approve the PDE-  
2028 Preliminary  
General Fund  
Budget for the  
2011-2012 year

*Motion withdrawn  
to approve the  
PDE-2028  
Preliminary  
General Fund  
Budget for the  
2011-2012 year*

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., 85 S. Route 100, Trexlertown, PA 18087, for professional services related to High School HVAC upgrades in the amount of \$12,000. The scope of the work includes mechanical engineering design, structural analysis and contract services for the High School technology area, auxiliary gym and cardio room.

Approve the  
proposal from  
Barry Isett &  
Associates, Inc.  
for professional  
services related to  
HS HVAC  
upgrades

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

### **PERSONNEL**

**REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman asked for 2 Board members to hand out diplomas at graduation in June. She handed out the Spring 2011 Berks County Intermediate Unit "Asian Studies Collaborative" that included an article about Yu Qingchu, Yu Qingchu is a Chinese volunteer teacher in our District from August 2010 to July 2011 as part of the Guest Scholar program arranged through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and the Confucius Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Christman also announced that the Board awards will be June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approve a second and final reading of Board Policies #406, #407, #335, #435, and #535

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve a second and final reading of the following Board Policies –

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
Policy 406	Professional Employees: <i>Summer Program Teachers</i>
Policy 407	Professional Employees: <i>Student Teachers</i>
Policy 335	Administrative Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>
Policy 435	Professional Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>
Policy 535	Classified Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve the 2011-2012 Arabic & Chinese Guest Teacher Program and accompanying Memo of Understanding with SLEA

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the 2011-2012 Arabic & Chinese Guest Teacher Program and accompanying Memo of Understanding with the Southern Lehigh Education Association.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**VISITORS**

The Board took a brief recess at 8:43 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 8:47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to adjourn the meeting.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ Board Secretary