

**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
High School Board Room
January 8, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Agenda**



I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary*
- C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 4, 2006.

III. VISITORS

Business by visitor(s) will be presented for Board consideration as to agenda placement.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are marked with an asterisk throughout the regular agenda and summarized on a separate sheet.

V. CURRICULUM/STUDENTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

A. *Student/Staff Activities*

High School..... Dr. Donahue

Middle School..... Mrs. Turner

Elementary Schools Mrs. Lewis

B. *Independent Study*

The Administration recommends approval of Independent Study for the following student: (V, B)

Jordan Mellinger, *Ceramics*, which involves further knowledge of ceramic technique for the seriously interested student.

C. *School Trip*

The Administration recommends approval of the request from the *Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to attend the Barkley Forum Tournament at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia from Thursday, January 25, 2007 through Monday, January 29, 2007. (V, C)

D. *Completion of School Year*

The Administration recommends approval of the request from the parent of student #10087 to complete the 2006-2007 school year at Southern Lehigh High School. This request and recommendation follows District Policy #202.

VI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. *Accounts Payable*

***The Administration recommends approval of the bills to be paid as of January 8, 2007. (VI, A)**

B. *Treasurer's Report*

***The Administration recommends approval of the Treasurer's Report. (VI, B)**

C. *Bayada Nursing Services*

The Administration recommends approval of the contract with Bayada Nurses, Inc. to provide nursing services for a student with special needs. (VI, C)

D. *Allegheny Intermediate Unit Mini-Grant Agreement*

The Administration recommends approval of the agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit in regards to the Inclusive Practices Mini-Grant. (VI, D)

E. *Investment of Funds*

The Administration recommends approval of the enclosed Investment of Funds for the General Fund and Construction Account. (VI, E)

F. *Request for Abatement of Penalty Charges on Late Payment of Real Estate Taxes*

The Administration recommends denying the request of Mr. Charles J. Rizzo for abatement of penalty charges in connection with the payment of real estate taxes during the penalty period. (VI, F)

G. *Approval of Financial Advisors Agreements*

The Administration recommends approving the proposed agreements with Concord Public Finance and Ferris Baker Watts (formerly Arthurs Lestrangle) for financial advisory services in connection with the recent refunding of a portion of the 2002 Series A General Obligation Bonds. (VI, G)

VII. SUPPORT SERVICES

A. *Award of Bid*

The Administration recommends award of the plow truck bid in the amount of \$28,602 to Bob Weaver Chevrolet Company, 22nd and Market Streets, Pottsville, PA 17901, for a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD ¾-ton Duramax Diesel. (VII, A)

B. *Liberty Bell Elementary School Addition Project Change Order*

The Administration recommends approval of Change Order #1 to Nimaris Construction L.P. in the amount of \$3,434.93 for extra 4" block for additional depth to existing footing not shown on existing wall at Liberty Bell School Addition Project.

C. *Chevron Energy Solutions Payment*

For your information, the Administration has approved payment #12 of Chevron Energy Solutions Company and release of \$21,729 from Citi Capital North America, Inc. This payment application also includes a 55% reduction in the retainage of work completed and stored to date.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. *Certificated Staff*

1. *Student Teacher*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following student teacher placements: (VIII, A-1)

Deanna Hamman, Elementary Education, Cedar Crest College with *Heather Freed*, Hopewell Elementary School from March 14, 2007 through May 4, 2007.

Chad Searfass, Elementary Education, DeSales University with *Maria Ramunni*, Hopewell Elementary School from January 16, 2007 through March 2, 2007.

Lynn Unger, Elementary Education, Cedar Crest College with *Rebecca DeLong*, Hopewell Elementary School from March 14, 2007 through May 4, 2007.

2. *Substitute Teachers*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following substitute teachers: (VIII, A-2)

Marla Moyer, Elementary

3. *Child Rearing Leave*

*The Administration recommends approval of child rearing leave for Keri Haas, Psychologist, Lower Milford Elementary School, from December 8, 2006 through the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

B. *Noncertificated Staff.*

1. *Unpaid Leave*

*The Administration recommends approval of unpaid leave of absence for the following staff:

Lisa Annunziato, Part-time Cafeteria worker, Hopewell Elementary School, on Friday, January 26, 2007, Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

2. *FMLA Leave*

*The Administration recommends approval of FMLA leave for the following staff:

Barbara Reifinger, Part-time Cafeteria worker, Middle School, beginning Thursday, December 28, 2006.

3. *Resignation*

*The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of the following staff:

Catherine Flanley, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, effective December 22, 2006.

Alejandra Nestler, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective January 2, 2007.

4. *Appointments*

*The Administration recommends approval of the following support staff: (VIII, B-4)

Robert Werley, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$13.65, effective January 9, 2007. Mr. Werley will fill the position created with the resignation of Alejandra Nestler.

Marla Moyer, Instructional Assistant (Class Size Reduction, 4th grade), Liberty Bell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$13.65, effective January 9, 2007. This is a new position created by the increased class size.

Kenneth Becker, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective January 8, 2007.

Erik Billig, Carpenter/Maintenance Technician, at an hourly rate of \$19.79, effective January 9, 2007. Mr. Billig will fill the position created by the retirement of John Conneen.

Jason Boden, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective January 9, 2007.

Joan Decker, Full-time Temporary Custodian, High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.13 effective December 18, 2006. Ms. Decker will fill the position created by the long-term disability of John Keyser.

Marilyn Frank, 3-hour Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$10.74, effective December 18, 2006. Ms. Frank will fill the position created with the promotion of Linda Romeo.

Lindsay Miller, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective December 22, 2006.

Michael DeSieno, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective January 9, 2007.

5. *Transfer*

*The Administration recommends the transfer of the following support staff: (VIII, B-5)

Susan Covey, 4 ¼ hour Part-time Cafeteria worker to Assistant Kitchen Manager, High School, at an hourly rate of \$12.43, effective January 3, 2007.

C. *Extra-Compensatory Positions*

1. *Resignations*

*The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of the following:

Erin Mullen, Broadway Musical Director, High School, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Michelle Klinedinst, Business/Computers Subject Leader 9-12, effective January 24, 2007.

2. *Appointments*

a. *The Administration recommends approval of the following extra-compensatory positions:

Matthew Wehr, Broadway Musical Director, High School, for the 2006-2007 school year, at a stipend of \$2,588.

Jennifer Zander, Business/Computers Subject Leader 9-12, effective January 24, 2007 at a stipend of \$858, for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

b. *The Administration recommends approval of the following volunteer coaches for the 2006-2007 school year: (VIII, C-2b)

John Bolesta Swimming/Diving, High School

Kenneth Wied Football, High School

Shanon Wilson Diving, High School

3. *Mentor*

*The Administration recommends the approval of Thomas Beaupre as a mentor for Amanda Dimivitz. (Mr. Beaupre was the mentor for *Dezzarae Bossert*, who resigned effective November 13, 2006.)

4. *Appointment Rescinded*

*The Administration recommends rescinding the August 28, 2006 appointment of Mercedes Rios, Indoor Colorguard Advisor, for the 2006-2007 school year due to inadequate student interest.

D. *Administrative Staff*

1. *Superintendent Salary*

The School Board to approve the salary of Joseph Liberati, Superintendent, in the amount of \$125,747 for 2006-2007, effective July 1, 2006.

2. *Appointment*

The Administration recommends approval of Leah Christman, Director of Technology, at an annual (pro-rated) salary of \$90,000. Ms. Christman will fill the open position created with the resignation of Marti Mamrak. (VIII, D-2)

IX. REPORTS

A. **Committee Reports**

The minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting of November 20, 2006 are included in the Board materials. (IX, A)

B. **Superintendent's Report... .. Mr. Liberati**

C. **Facilities Report.....Mr. Liberati**

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Administration recommends approval of the proposed Board Meeting dates for September, 2007 through December, 2007. (XI)

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Administration recommends the approval of a partnership with Lower Milford Township, allowing the township to utilize Lower Milford Elementary School as a temporary shelter in the event of an emergency.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Board are included in the Board materials as they are received in the district.

XIV. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A. Conference Request

The requests for professional conferences are listed in the Board materials by name, conference, location, dates of absence, and cost. (XIV, A)

B. Graduate Study Pre-approval

The requests for graduate study are listed in the Board materials by name, course/program, institution, reimbursement eligibility and pre-approval date. (XIV, B)

XV. VISITORS' COMMENTS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT