



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

March 12, 2007

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:41 p.m. on the above date (March 12, 2007) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** Miracle, Auteri, Bromwell, Eddinger, Quigley [left meeting at 8:40 p.m.], Rennie, Schubert, Stelts

**ABSENT:** Corso

**OTHERS:** Liberati, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Christman, Metrick, Keister, Altieri, Siegfried, Turner, Lewis, Harakal, Atkinson, Hagy, Lee, Popichak (Saucon News), and approximately 6 other members of the community.

### OPENING PROCEDURES

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

The Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
2/26/07

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

### VISITORS

### CONSENT AGENDA

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows, including the Administration investigating the possible reassignment of student teachers at Hopewell Elementary to the other elementary schools:

Approve the bills list dated March 12, 2007 showing paid bills in the amount of \$498.71 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$205,715.77 for a total of \$206,214.48 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2007;

Approve  
Treasurer's  
Report

Accept the retirement of the following staff:

Accept  
retirement-Hari

Ronald Hari, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary, effective June 21, 2007. Mr. Hari has been an employee of Southern Lehigh School District for 33 1/2 years;

Approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher -

Approve  
substitute  
teacher-Offner

James Offner, German;

Approve the appointment of the following student teachers –

Approve  
student  
teachers-  
Crone, DeVito,

Shannin Crone, Elementary Education/Psychology, DeSales University with *Fran Werkheiser*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007.

Alissa DeVito, Elementary Education, DeSales University with *Kenneth Jordan*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007.

Danielle Fusacchia, M.Ed. Special Education, DeSales University with *Sandra DiSanto*, Hopewell Elementary, from January 16, 2007 to April 20, 2007.

Approve  
student  
teachers  
(cont.)-  
Fusacchia,  
Hayes, Nielson,  
Ramunni

Katherine Hayes, Elementary/Special Education, DeSales University with *Jeannie Bleiler*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007;

Nancy Nielson, Elementary/Special Education, DeSales University with *Kim Oakes*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007.

Corinne Ramunni, Elementary Education, DeSales University with *Colleen Smith*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007.

Colleen Wulterkens, Elementary Education/Early Childhood, DeSales University with *Sherry Lesavoy*, Hopewell Elementary, from March 12, 2007 to April 27, 2007;

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Michael DeSieno, Substitute Custodian, Support Services, effective February 28, 2007;

Approve the correction of the retirement date of William Davis from February 7, 2007 to January 30, 2007;

Approve the appointment of the following support staff -

Victoria McCue, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$11.70.

Linda McGovern, 7-hr. Instructional Assistant, High School, at an hourly rate of \$13.65, effective March 13, 2007 (*pending receipt of required documentation*). Ms. McGovern will fill the position created by the resignation of Catie Flanley;

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2006-2007 school year -

<u>Jeffrey Bell</u>	Girls' Lacrosse, Middle School
<u>Edward Risi</u>	Girls' Lacrosse, Middle School
<u>Ronald Barndt</u>	Baseball
<u>Michael Mihalik</u>	Baseball
<u>Samuel Kearns</u>	Boys' Lacrosse (pending receipt of required documentation)
<u>Raymond Butti</u>	Boys' Lacrosse (pending receipt of required documentation)
<u>Joseph Newman</u>	Girls' Soccer
<u>Karen Newman</u>	Track and Field;

Approve the following coach (pending receipt of required documentation) for the 2006-2007 school year -

Shaughn Bittner Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

#### WELLNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Donna Atkinson and Devon Hagy, co-chairpersons, presented an update on the School District Wellness program.

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to grant a waiver to Facility Use Policy 707 to permit commercial use by Weight Watchers program for staff members for a fee as per the proposal presented by Dr. Diane Keister.

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

Mr. Liberati introduced Leah Christman, recently hired Director of Technology, to the School Board.

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

Mrs. Siegfried, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Lewis reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School and the elementary schools respectively.

Mrs. Siegfried reported that the spring musical, "Damn Yankees" opened last weekend and would continue for a second weekend coming up. She also said that PSSA assessments would take place this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Miracle thanked Mrs. Siegfried and Mrs. Turner for hosting the Board visitations last week at the High School and the Middle School.

Mrs. Turner reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Emily Cerciello, had won a regional spelling bee and she would now move on to the state spelling bee competition.

Mrs. Lewis said that PSSA assessments had started today at the elementary schools.

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve the request for the following school trip –

Southern Lehigh High School Gifted Students' Trip to Gymnasium #42, Minsk, Belarus, from Friday, April 13, 2007 through Sunday, April 22, 2007.

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

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve Independent Study for the following student -

Independent Study in Ceramics for Rianne Stowell for further development of knowledge and experience with different ceramic methods.

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

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to approve the IU 21 Facilities Plan Report for the 2007-2008 school year.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the enclosed agreement with the Pennsylvania Trust for Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide actuarial and related services in connection with GASB 45. The Board previously approved the utilization of Conrad Siegel Actuaries for these purposes at a fee not to exceed \$7000.00. That approval led to the generation of the enclosed agreement, which has been reviewed by Attorney James Bartholomew.

The Pennsylvania Trust, a statewide nonprofit trust composed of school entities, solicited proposals from various firms for this work and selected Conrad Siegel Actuaries as the successful vendor. The Pennsylvania Trust is serving as the clearinghouse and coordination point for any school districts that wish to utilize these services.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the continuation of contracted services with URS Corporation, 335 Commerce Drive, Fort Washington, PA, as the District's traffic consultant, for the Intermediate School Project revisions to Traffic Impact Study on the basis of Time and Materials with a not-to-exceed limit of \$11,108.00.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

For information only, the Administration has approved payment of application #14 Revision 1 of Chevron Energy Solutions Company and release of \$79,816 from Citi Capital North America, Inc.

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to ratify the payment of \$7,000 to Donald and Natalie West as consideration for the execution and delivery of a Penn DOT Release

ratify the payment of \$7,000 to Donald and Natalie West as consideration for the execution and delivery of a Penn DOT Release relating to the highway improvements to route 378

authorize stormwater Run-off Easement with . Rauch for a consideration of \$5,000 and reimbursement of attorney's fees and engineering expenses estimated to be less than \$7,500

execute and deliver a Penn DOT access covenant relating to the construction of the driveway to the new Intermediate school from route 378

continue Board discussion on mid-term examinations on the 2/12/07 meeting

relating to the highway improvements to Route 378 with respect to the entrance driveway to the new Intermediate School. The entrance driveway will be located directly across the street from the Wests' property.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley**  
**"NO" – Quigley – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to authorize the execution and delivery by the School Board President and Secretary of a Stormwater Run-Off Easement with Mary Jane Rauch relating to discharge of stormwater run-off from the new Intermediate School from an enlarged stormwater detention pond located on the Middle School campus and flowing under Route 378 and Old Bethlehem Pike onto property owned by Mrs. Rauch for a consideration of \$5,000 and reimbursement of attorney's fees and engineering expenses estimated to be less than \$7,500.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley**  
**"NO" – Quigley – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to execute and deliver a Penn DOT access covenant relating to the construction of the entrance driveway to the new Intermediate School from Route 378.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley**  
**"NO" – Quigley – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso**

[Mr. Quigley left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.]

## **PERSONNEL**

## **REPORTS**

### Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle announced that the Skills USA state competition would be held at LCTI on March 29, 2007.

### Building Committee

Mr. Miracle expressed that the new Intermediate School is out to bid, and when the bids come in, the Board as a whole would examine them.

### Curriculum Committee

Ms. Bromwell reported that she and Mrs. Auteri had attended one meeting. Other Board members are welcome to attend, as is the public. The purpose of the committee is to enhance communication and act as a clearinghouse of ideas.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Schubert and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to continue, from the February 12, 2007 Board meeting, discussion on mid-term examinations.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Bromwell, Miracle**  
**"NO" – Bromwell, Miracle – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

After Board/Administration discussion, Board consensus was to review mid-term assessment results as soon as possible starting with the number of students who scored between 90 and 100, 80 and 90, 70 and 80, 60 and 70, 50 and 60, and below 50. Administration would provide these results two meetings from now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the 2007-2008 Southern Lehigh School District calendar (Option 1). Option 1 would move a ½ Act 80 day from November 21, 2007 to February 14, 2008, making February 14, 2008 a full Act 80 day.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

Mr. Miracle announced that he and Ms. Bromwell would be attending the National School Board Association (NSBA) conference in San Francisco April 14-17, 2007. He said that he would be using a free ticket to the conference that was won by Mrs. Corso last year.

Mr. Miracle reminded the Board of the upcoming Bartell & Bartell Board Retreat scheduled for March 24 and April 28, 2007 at the High School Board room.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the second reading of new policy #207, *Confidential Communications of Students*.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the second reading of new policy #212, *Reporting Student Progress*.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the second reading of new policy #216, *Student Records*.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the second reading of revised policy #217, *Graduation Requirements*.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**VISITORS' COMMENTS**

Donna Atkinson thanked the Board for issuing a facility use waiver to Weight Watchers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to adjourn the meeting.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Corso, Quigley**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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