



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

May 21, 2007

The second monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 6:36 p.m. on the above date (May 21, 2007) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** Miracle, Auteri, Bromwell, Corso [left meeting at 8:45 p.m.], Eddinger, Quigley [left meeting at 8:09 p.m.], Rennie, Schubert, Stelts

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Kennedy, Churm, Metrick, Keister, Christman, Altieri, Bergey, Siegfried, Pope, Lewis, Lee, Madsen (Morning Call), and approximately 5 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** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
5/7/07

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

### **VISITORS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows:

Approve the bills list dated May 21, 2007 showing paid bills in the amount of \$10,236.90 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$504,034.43 for a total of \$514,271.33 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$33,104.00 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund, and paid bills in the amount of \$50,000.00 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$409,342.15 for a total of \$459,342.15 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

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

Approve  
Treasurer's  
Report

Approve the following existing district employees for seasonal employment from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 -

Jessica Bickel  
Kelly Conroy  
William Dorney  
Raymond Hanks  
Janice Kovacs  
Lori Michael  
Shirley Parker  
Lynn Yost;

Approve  
District  
Employees fo  
Seasonal  
Employment  
(2007/2008)-  
Bickel, Conroy,  
Dorney, Hank  
Kovacs,  
Michael,  
Parker, Yost

Approve the following returning seasonal employees from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 -

Jennifer Filko  
Sarah Millman  
Emily Nace  
Samantha Parker  
Douglas Rouland  
Samantha Scholler

Approve  
Returning  
Seasonal  
Employees  
(2007/2008)-  
Filko, Millman  
Nace, Parker,  
Rouland,  
Scholler,  
Yaich, Yost

Robert Yaich  
Christopher Yost;

Approve the following new seasonal employees from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 (pending completion of required paperwork) -

Nathaniel Bell  
Rebecca Bell  
Eric Boyer  
Justin Brunges  
Katelyn Chando  
Kamille Freske  
Ryan Hassick  
Jennifer Krastin  
Brandi Shelly  
Abbie Sneckenburg  
Matthew Urffer;

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Carol Lenhart, Health Paraprofessional, High School, effective June 6, 2007.  
Linda Romeo, Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh Middle School, effective May 8, 2007.  
Diane Stayer, Kitchen Manager, Lower Milford Elementary School, effective May 22, 2007;

Approve the following staff -

Carol Lenhart, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$11.70.  
Carol Lenhart, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$11.70.  
Diane Stayer, Full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.13, effective May 22, 2007. Ms. Stayer will fill the position created by the resignation of Joan Decker;

Approve unpaid leave of absence for the following staff -

Susan Covey, Assistant Kitchen Manager, Southern Lehigh High School, ½ day (p.m.) on Thursday, May 31, 2007, Monday, June 4, 2007 and Tuesday, June 5, 2007.  
Trudy Rothrock, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh Middle School, on Friday, May 25, 2007.  
Linda McGovern, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, ¼ day on Monday, May 14, 2007.  
Beverly Pizsel, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from Tuesday, May 29, 2007 through Friday, June 1, 2007;

Approve Mrs. Brenda Reinhart, Assistant Kitchen Manager, Liberty Bell, to fill the Kitchen Manager position on a temporary basis at Lower Milford at an hourly rate of \$13.75 until a new kitchen manager is hired, due to the transfer of Mrs. Diane Stayer, Kitchen Manager, Lower Milford Elementary School, to a custodian position;

Approve Mrs. Diane Vardaro to fill the Assistant Kitchen Manager position at Liberty Bell on a temporary basis at an hourly rate of \$12.43 while Mrs. Reinhart is at Lower Milford. These positions will take effect on Wednesday, May 16, 2007;

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Erin Mullen, Stage Manager and Fall Drama Director, Southern Lehigh High School, effective May 10, 2007.

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

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

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

Mrs. Siegfried reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade from the Middle School visited the High School on May 16, and S.A.D.D. sponsored an assembly for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades on May 17. She

also reported PBS Channel 39 was in the High School filming use of the Career Gates Program, which is sponsored by a grant from Lehigh Valley Work Investment Board. It will air on the Tempo show on May 29 and June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Corso to approve the appointment of the firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams as special counsel for labor and special education matters for the 2007-2008 school year at the rate specified in the attached correspondence.

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

ward HS tennis  
 court repair to  
 pavement  
 maintenance  
 contractors, Inc.

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to approve the contract between Around the Clock Nursing and the school district regarding the transportation of a student in special education.

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

ward trash  
 collection and  
 recycling bid to  
 Hrin Hauling,  
 Inc.

Mr. Snell continued the Act 50 Property Tax Deferral Program discussion introduced at the May 7, 2007 Board meeting. He presented a summary of program activity through 2006-2007, showing the number of households and the amount of tax deferred since the program started in 2002-2003. This discussion was initiated due to the fact that Act 1 of 2006 raised the household income eligibility limitations set forth in the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act from \$15,000 to \$35,000. The eligibility of claimants for the Act 50 Tax Deferral Program is based upon household income eligibility limitations set forth in the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act. Mr. Snell presented estimates of expected additional households and expected additional taxes deferred for the next five years that would occur because the income limitation was raised from \$15,000 to \$35,000, thus making more households eligible. Estimates were given for 30, 50 and 100 additional households.

ward Hopewell  
 elementary  
 school Roof  
 restoration bid to  
 Sunn Roofing  
 Corporation

The Board felt that the Act 50 Tax Deferral Program was beneficial to lower income taxpayers, and the expected increase in the number of participants would have a negligible effect on the taxes of all taxpayers. There was Board consensus to continue the Act 50 Tax deferral program and advocated public notification of the new income limit of \$35,000. The Board requested another review of the program in two years.

approve staff  
 pending required  
 documentation)-  
 Anderson,  
 Reich,  
 Romfield,  
 Cooper, Walker

Mr. Robert Breslin, project architect, explained that bids for the Intermediate School construction project came in under the Act 34 hearing figures. He explained how alternate bids stimulate competition and help keep prices down. He explained the detail bid tabulation summary and said the new school would be environmentally friendly. Mr. Thomas Busch of Snyder Hoffman explained an \$119,000 lighting system feature that will detect the amount of light coming into classrooms from outside and adjusts each row of lights so that the entire room is lit at the same level.

There was Board discussion on alternate bids, and the fact that the school will not have any windows that open and there are no removable emergency windows in the classrooms that students could use to evacuate the building if they cannot leave through the door. Mr. Breslin said he could get prices on removable emergency windows that would require a change order.

**MOVED BY** Schubert and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to awards bids to Contractors in regard to the construction of the new Southern Lehigh Intermediate School Project, as recommended by the Building Committee with the addition of Alternate A-9 in the amount of \$88,000.

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

**MOVED BY** Schubert and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve Plan Con F attachment C and Plan Con G in connection with the construction of the new Southern Lehigh Intermediate School.

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to award the High School tennis court repair and resurfacing bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Pavement Maintenance Contractors, Inc., Route 512, P.O. Box 56, Bath, PA 18014 in the amount of \$11,860.00.

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

[Mr. Quigley left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.]

**MOVED BY** Bromwell and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to award the trash collection and recycling bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Chrin Hauling, Inc., 635 Industrial Drive, Easton, PA 18042 in the amount of \$39,400.00 for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

**MOVED BY** Corso and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to award the Hopewell Elementary School Roof Restoration bid to Munn Roofing Corporation, 521 W. Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914 in the amount of \$176,800.00.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Bromwell to approve the appointment of the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Kate Anderson, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/Research Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year, at M-Step 5, an annual salary of \$50,735. This is a new position.

Joseph Breisch, Long-term Substitute (full-year) Mathematics Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School for the 2007-2008 school year, at B-Step 3, an annual salary of \$41,884. Mr. Breisch will fill the position created with the leave of absence of Justina Viola.

Erin Bromfield, Mathematics Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School for the 2007-2008 school year, at B-Step 1, an annual salary of \$40,580. Ms. Bromfield will fill the position created with the resignation of Melissa Ulicny.

Matthew Cooper, Social Studies Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School for the 2007-2008 school year, at B+30, Step 11, an annual salary of \$52,748. Mr. Cooper will fill the position created due to the death of incumbent.

Holly Walker, English Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for the 2007-2008 school year, at B-Step 2, an annual salary of \$41,232. This is a new position.

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

**REPORTS**Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle said the JOC would meet on May 23, 2007 to hand out student awards.

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit

Ms. Bromwell and Mr. Miracle reported on the open house at CLIU on May 16, 2007.

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Eddinger said that there would be a budget familiarization meeting on June 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office. All Board members are invited to attend.

Legislative Committee

Mrs. Corso announced she had received a resolution from PSBA supporting a bill sponsored by State Representative Karen Beyer. The bill would require PDE to fund cyber schools. Mrs. Corso will present the resolution for Board consideration at a future meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati said that Mrs. Metrick and Mrs. Christman would be moving their office from the High School to the corner conference room in Central office.

He also reported that the preliminary budget is being refined. There may be a need for an additional special education teacher at Hopewell due to an increase in the number of special needs children.

**MOVED BY** Corso and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Eddinger to have the Administration supply more information on the specific needs of the special education students to determine if an additional special education teacher is needed at Hopewell.

Motion Defeated for Administration to provide more information to determine if an additional special education teacher is needed

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Eddinger, Corso**  
**"NO" – All but Eddinger and Corso – Motion Defeated**  
**ABSENT: Quigley**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve the following new policies for a second and final reading -

Approve policy # 218.3, 248, 348, 448, 548 for a second and final reading

- 218.3 Pupils: Behavior Support
- 248 Pupils: Unlawful Harassment
- 348 Administrative Employees: Unlawful Harassment
- 448 Professional Employees: Unlawful Harassment
- 548 Classified Employees: Unlawful Harassment

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

[Mrs. Corso left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.]

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve a resolution urging Congressman Charles Dent to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill known as No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007.

Approve resolution urging Congressman Charles Dent to fully support & co-sponsor H.R. 648

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

Southern Lehigh Community Pool Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Chris Maron, Southern Lehigh Community Pool Board member, was present to talk about the condition of the swimming pool. The swimming pool is located on property owned by the School District known as the Saucon Valley Living Memorial (a.k.a. Southern Lehigh Living Memorial). He explained the needs of the pool as short term (fix leaks), and long term (major renovations). Mr. Maron is attempting to raise public awareness at the three municipalities and the School District, and is looking for direction and partnerships by having a joint meeting with the municipalities and the School District.

SL Community Pool Discussion

Mr. Miracle volunteered to attend such a meeting on behalf of the School District.

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS' COMMENTS

The Board took a brief recess at 9:00 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 9:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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