



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

July 16, 2007

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:42 p.m. on the above date (July 16, 2007) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Miracle, Auteri [left meeting at 11:40 p.m.], Bromwell [left meeting at 10:53 p.m.], Eddinger, Quigley [left meeting at 10:26 p.m.], Schubert, Stelts

ABSENT: Corso, Rennie

OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Metrick, Keister, Christman, Bergey, Zuk, Turner, Lewis, Harakal, Organski, Lee, and approximately 0 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 **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
6/25/07

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows:

Approval of
Bills

Approve the bills list dated July 16, 2007 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,223,144.52 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$585,459.00 for a total of \$1,808,603.52 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$160,050.38 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$405,513.79 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the addendum bills list dated July 16, 2007 showing bills to be paid in the amount of \$783,120.85 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$8,273.70 for the Construction Fund;

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

Approve
Treasurer's
Report

Rescind the appointment of the following staff -

Brittany Motruk, Full year Substitute Teacher, English, appointed at the June 11, 2007 Board meeting.

Rescind
appointment
of staff-
Motruk,
Uholik

Kelley Uholik, Reading Specialist, appointed at the June 25, 2007 Board meeting;

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Viola Lynn Toler, Science Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, effective August 27, 2007;

Accept
resignation-
Toler

Approve anticipated 2007-2008 childrearing leave-Rush
 Approve the anticipated childrearing leave for the 2007-2008 school year for the following staff -
Janelle Dreas Rush, Special Education Facilitator/Learning Support Teacher, High School;

Rescind childrearing leave for 2007-2008 school year-Snyder
 Rescind the childrearing leave of Anne Snyder for the 2007-2008 school year. This action is taken with the understanding that no precedent is being set with this action;

Correct salary approved at the 6/11/07 Board Meeting-Moyer
 Correct the salary approved at the June 11, 2007 Board Meeting for Marla Moyer, 3rd grade Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from Bachelor's, Step 10 (annual salary of \$48,195) to Bachelor's, +15, Step 10, an annual salary of \$49,858. This correction based on the receipt of postgraduate course transcript;

Approve staff (pending required documentation)-
 Approve the appointment of the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Lisa Annunziato, 3½ hour Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh Middle School, at \$11.70 per hour. Ms. Annunziato will fill the position created by the resignation of Linda Romeo.

Rita Balik, Secretary, Support Services, at an annual salary of \$30,000 for the 2007-2008 school year, effective July 30, 2007 (tentatively). Ms. Balik will fill the position created by the promotion of Susan Knoll.

Ann Lamb, Full-Time Health Paraprofessional, Southern Lehigh High School, at \$11.70 per hour. Ms. Lamb will fill the position created by the new part-time position/resignation of Carol Lenhart.

Nicole Landis, Part-Time Bookkeeper, Southern Lehigh High School, at \$14.61 per hour. Ms. Landis will fill the position created by the anticipated resignation of Lisa Rivers.

Sharon Neders, 7-Hour Special Education Instructional Assistant, at the rate per policy. Ms. Neders will fill the position created by the resignation of Jennifer Walbeiser.

Brenda Reinhart, Kitchen Manager, Lower Milford Elementary School, at \$13.75 per hour. Ms. Reinhart will fill the position created by the transfer of Diane Stayer;

Approve coaches for the 2007-2008 school year (pending required documentation)-
 Approve the appointment of the following coaches for the 2007-2008 school year (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Samantha Edwards Assistant Girls' Basketball
Juan Garcia Head Wrestling;

Approve annual renewal of agreement between SLSD and Pottsgrove SD for the purpose of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan
 Approve the annual renewal of the agreement between the Southern Lehigh School District and Pottsgrove School District for the purpose of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the incidents at the Limerick Generating Station.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School: There was Board discussion on the duties of the vacant Assistant High School Principal position.

Mrs. Turner announced that Dr. Donahue has started his new position as Middle School Principal.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the elementary schools are completing their current hirings.

Approve the 2007 - 2008 Elementary Parent Student Handbook (references to "Crossing Guards removed")
MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the 2007-2008 Elementary Parent Student Handbook with references to "Crossing Guards" removed.

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

Mrs. Leah Christman, Director of Technology, gave a Power Point presentation on Laptop Replacement and Expansion Proposal. Her recommendation was to replace 540 classroom Windows 98 PC's with MAC laptop computers with carts to share for 1:1 computing within the classroom, and also provide each teacher with a MAC laptop computer, all at an estimated cost of \$1.1 million. There was Board discussion.

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the purchase of 465 MAC laptop computers (240 for teachers and 225 for carts) to be deployed for the start of school in September, at a cost of \$675,000 , which is the amount that was budgeted for technology purchases in the 2007-2008 General Fund budget.

Approve purchase of 465 MAC laptop computers for the start of school year (9/2007)

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

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the request of the following students for Independent Study -

Approve the following students for Independent Study-Kidd, McMullen, Neumann, Patel, Reiss, Roberts, Wheatley

- Gregory Kidd, CAD Drafting
- Garrett McMullen, Engineering
- Christian Neumann, Engineering
- Neha Patel, Photography
- Kelci Reiss, Portfolio II
- Nicole Roberts, Portfolio II
- Kaitlyn Wheatley, Portfolio II

[Mr. Quigley left the meeting at 10:26 p.m.]

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Stelts to award the bid for Bread and Rolls for the 2007-2008 school year to Butter Krust Baking Company, Inc. as per enclosed summary. The new prices reflect an estimated weighted average increase of 4.3%.

Award bid for Bread & Rolls for the 2007 – 2008 school year-Butter Krust Baking Company, Inc.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the investment of funds as attached.

Approve the investment of funds

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Eddinger to exonerate the 2007-2008 school per capita tax for Shirley E. Horvath and refund the 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007 school per capita taxes paid by George Horvath for his wife, who has been deceased since September 9, 2001. It was only recently discovered that these taxes were paid in error each year.

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VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the resolution to appoint U.S. Bank National Association as custodian of the Series AA of the 2006 Construction fund, thus enabling U.S. Bank to release funds during the Intermediate School construction project upon our authorization.

Approve resolution to appoint U.S. Bank National Association as custodian of the Series AA of the 2006 Construction fund, enabling them to release funds during the Intermediate School construction project upon our authorization

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the following staff -

Tara Collins, 1st grade Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at Master's, Step 5, an annual salary of \$50,735. Ms. Collins will fill the position created by the retirement of Ronald Hari.

Karen Fairclough, Substitute .5 Special Education Facilitator/.5 Special Education Learning Support Teacher, High School, at Master's +15, Step 5, an annual salary of \$52,535; annual stipend of \$5,000 (1/2 of salary to be paid out of IDEA funds). Ms. Fairclough will fill the position created by the anticipated childrearing leave of Janelle Dreas Rush for the 2007-2008 school year.

Lisa Lowry, Long-term Substitute Teacher, 5th Grade, Lower Milford Elementary School, at Bachelor's, Step 2, an annual salary of \$41,232. Ms. Lowry will fill the position created by the childrearing leave of Lisa McGinty for the 2007-2008 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati handed out Peter Schmidt's *Prepare Test Preparation and Tutoring* 2007 fall session SAT Prep Classes in the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Liberati explained that Mr. Schmidt wanted to use our facilities to conduct an SAT prep class, and charge \$549 per student for a total of 36 instructional hours. There was Board discussion.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Schubert to allow Peter Schmidt to use our facilities to conduct an SAT prep class.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Schubert, Stelts
"NO" – All but Schubert and Stelts – Motion Defeated
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported that trees and stumps were being removed at the Intermediate School construction site, and that construction trailers are in place.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

The PSBA Bylaws authorize school districts of the third class to appoint two voting delegates to the 2007 legislative policy council. This year's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 during the School Leadership Conference in Hershey. Last year Mrs. Corso volunteered to be a voting delegate and the Board asked Ms. Bromwell to be the second delegate.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Auteri to appoint Carol Corso and Jennifer Bromwell voting delegates to the 2007 legislative policy council.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS' COMMENTS

The Board took a brief recess at 10:45 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 10:48 p.m.

[Ms. Bromwell left the meeting at 10:53 p.m.]

[Mrs. Auteri left the meeting at 11:40 p.m.]

The meeting reconvened at 11:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Corso, Rennie, Quigley, Bromwell, Auteri

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary