



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

October 26, 2009

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:36 p.m. on the above date (October 26, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Hayes, Miracle, Quigley, Schubert

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Lewis, Engler, Bergey, Zuk, Davidson, McGinty, Hafner, Harakal, Organski, Martin (Morning Call), and approximately 2 other members of the community.

### OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. Stelts led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
10/12/09

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

### VISITORS

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated October 26, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$53,800.59 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$650,527.21 for a total amount of \$704,327.80 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$72,884.71 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$45,083.95 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the Investment of Funds for the General Budget;

Approve  
Investment  
of Funds

Approve Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of September, 2009;

Approve  
Treasurer's  
Report &  
Investment  
Report

Approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year -

<u>Paige Harris</u>	Elementary
<u>Krista Laverty</u>	Art K-12
<u>Michele Lynch</u>	Music K-12
<u>Emily Powers</u>	Elementary
<u>Linda Wentling</u>	Elementary
<u>Thomas Wilde</u>	English;

Approve  
substitute  
teachers for  
the 2009-  
2010 school  
year-Harris,  
Laverty,  
Lynch,  
Powers,  
Wentling,  
Wilde

Approve a salary step adjustment for the following staff, effective September 1, 2009 -

Louis Skrapits, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, Bachelor's +15 to Bachelor's +30;

Approve  
salary step  
adjustment,  
effective  
9/1/09-  
Skrapits

Approve substitute support staff for the 2009-2010 school year-Lynch, Wentling, Groner

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2009-2010 school year -

- Michele Lynch, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Linda Wentling, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Brian Groner, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.63;

Approve support staff-Kiriposki

Approve the following support staff -

Pamela Kiriposki, Part-time Cafeteria Employee, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$12.17, with an anticipated start date of October 27, 2009. Ms. Kiriposki will fill a vacancy created with the resignation of *Margaret Ruth*;

Approve unpaid leave-Covey, Dunbar, Elsner, Burke

Approve unpaid leave for the following staff -

- Susan Covey, Assistant Kitchen Manager, High School, on Monday, November 23, 2009 through Wednesday, November 25, 2009
- Jane Dunbar, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, on Monday, February 8, 2010 through Thursday, February 11, 2010
- Barbara Elsner, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 and Wednesday, December 2, 2009
- Katherine Burke, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, 1/2 day on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 and Thursday, December 10, 2009, and a full day on Friday, December 11, 2009;

Approve volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year-Blum

Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year -

Ricky Blum Ice Hockey;

Approve coaches for the 2009-2010 school year-Gaugler, Souerwine, Stampf

Approve the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year -

<u>Robert Gaugler</u>	Assistant Rifle	\$2,005.00
<u>Brian Souerwine</u>	Winter Track	\$3,342.00
<u>Jenna Stampf</u>	MS Assistant Girls' Basketball	\$2,094.00;

Accept resignation as the Business Department Subject Area Leader & K-12 Department Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year-Kindt

Accept the resignation of Jennifer Taylor Kindt as the Business Department Subject Area Leader and K-12 Department Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Zuk, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McGinty and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

Mr. Zuk reported the following –

- Homecoming festivities were well attended and our students showed their school spirit.
- Our athletic teams participated in and won Colonial League championships.
- Three chorus members were selected for the 2009 PMEA District 10 Chorus. The annual festival and concert will take place the last weekend of January at Nazareth HS with Dr. Peggy Detweiler of Mansfield University conducting.

Mr. Davidson reported the following –

Academic

- Mini 1 ending tomorrow 10/27; 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ends 11/6.
- LCTI presentation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade trips to LCTI on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- November 17-20<sup>th</sup> – MS parent conferences.

**Building Events**

- Red Ribbon Week – this week celebrating Safe and Drug Free Schools.
- Fall pep rally – last Friday sponsored by STUCO; teams and groups were introduced, students participated in contests, but the highlight was the faculty dance off.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – MS Fall/Holiday Craft Show from 9-3.

Mr. McGinty reported on the following –

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade has completed its annual field trip to Hawk Mt. According to Mr. Shaffer, last Tuesday was the most active day he has ever seen. A few bird watchers at the mountain agreed. Mr. Miller mentioned that the students also seemed to really know what they were talking about during their time on the north lookout.
- SLIS hosted its first family fun night on Friday evening October 16. Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Farris, and Mr. McGinty all took pies to the face to help raise funds for the Parent Teacher Group. SLIS also hosted PPL for an energy themed science assembly this past Monday.
- Students raised over \$450 during the district wide “pink-out” day. Students voted for the favorite “pinked-out” teacher by placing money in milk containers with the teacher’s pictures. Congratulations go out to Mrs. Hower who was responsible for over \$200 of the total amount raised. The funds were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Gaugler and the casual for a cause committee for organizing this event.

Mr. Hafner reported on the following –

- Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Liberty Bell PTA held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival. The night was a huge success as many students and families came out to participate. PTA felt it was a strong fundraiser as well.
- Halloween parades this Friday.

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the following student trip request -

*Southern Lehigh Future Business Leaders of America* to attend the State Leadership Workshop in State College, Pennsylvania, from November 1, 2009 through November 2, 2009.

Approve student trip- SLFBLA, State College, PA

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

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed Investment Consulting Services Agreement with Lawlace Consulting LLC at the cost of \$3,700 for the period November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Approve Investment Consulting Services Agreement with Lawlace Consulting LLC

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**PERSONNEL**

The Board recognized the following staff for having attained tenure -

- Benjamin Becker
- Wendy Davidson
- Karen Fairclough
- Gretchen Hoff
- Cotie Strong

Board recognized staff for having attained tenure- Becker, Davidson, Fairclough, Hoff, Strong

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve extending employment of Robert Clark as Assistant to the Director of Athletics and Facilities Usage from November 21, 2009 to a date to be determined in January, 2010, at a rate of \$39.68 per day (current 09-10 rate structure).

Approve extending employment as Assistant to the Director of Athletics & Facilities Usage-Clark

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

**REPORTS**

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit

Mr. Schubert reported that Bob Keegan, CLIU Executive Director is retiring, and a search has started for his replacement. School Board candidate, Patti Mohr, has agreed to replace John Schubert as the District's representative on the CLIU Board. Mr. Schubert will be retiring from the School Board in December.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Miracle reported on the following –

- All that remains to be done by the contractor at the Intermediate School is site work cleanup.
- There was a public open house yesterday at the Intermediate School. Hundreds of people attended the 2-hour event.
- Modular classrooms at Lower Milford and Liberty Bell elementary schools are in the process of being removed.
- The baseball field will be rehabbed for the spring.

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Dimmig announced that the next committee meeting will be November 17 at 7:00 pm in Central Office.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati informed the Board that an educational trip to Europe will happen June 27, 2011 to July 11, 2011. Students will visit England, France, Germany and Italy. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting. He also reported that the exchange students from Ecuador will be taking a sight-seeing trip to Washington, D.C. in November.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The following items are for information only and were omitted from the November 10, 2008 board minutes –

Acknowledge attainment of tenure of the following staff -

- Brooke Ruch
- Nancy Smillie
- Tara Walter
- Dianne Riegel
- Bethene Graf
- Jessica Kohler
- Nicole Solley
- Anita Benedix
- Anne Cooper
- Laura Gonzalez
- Devon Hagy
- Colleen Pachence
- Francisco Rodriguez
- Katie (Steffens) Quartuch

*For Information Only -*

Joseph Breisch, Technology Coach, High School, will complete the Internship necessary for his Master's Degree and Certificate in Instructional Technology from Kutztown University at Southern Lehigh High School. The activities associated with this completion will in no way interfere with or infringe upon his regular duties as Technology Coach.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed employment contract with Superintendent Joseph P. Liberati for the term July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

Information omitted from the 11/10/08 board minutes-  
 (1) Acknowledge attainment of tenure-Ruch, Smillie, Walter, Riegel, Graf, Kohler, Solley, Benedix, Cooper, Gonzalez, Hagy, Pachence, Rodriguez, (Steffens) Quartuch  
 (2) J. Breisch, Technology Coach, will complete Internship necessary for his Master's Degree & Certificate in Instructional Technology from Kutztown University at SLHS

Approve enclosed employment contract with Superintendent for term 7/1/10 to 6/30/13-Liberati

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

**VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOVED BY** Hayes and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Pending Approval