



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

October 27, 2008

The second monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:31 p.m. on the above date (October 27, 2008) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** Stelts, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Miracle, Rennie, Schubert

**ABSENT:** Auteri, Quigley

**OTHERS:** Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Engler, Jordan, Keister, Bergey, Andrulevich, Siegfried, Donahue, Lewis, Martin (Morning Call), and approximately 14 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 14, 2008 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
10/14/08

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

### **VISITORS**

Stephen Heitzer expressed concern about children safety and explained that he is against disarming the District contracted security personnel.

Mr. Liberati responded with the following:

- The District goal is student safety.
- The District has a resource officer at the High School who also spends time at the Middle School. The resource officer is an Upper Saucon Township police officer.
- Other Upper Saucon Township police officers, while off duty, attend District sporting events.
- He is bothered by items in the proposed contract with Patriot Security that were not in the previous contract relating to security personnel carrying handguns, stun guns, pepper spray, handcuffs, and collapsible batons.
- All buildings in the District have security systems.
- The District has put many safety protocols in place including, but not limited to, NIMS training (National Incident Management System) for about 80 employees. The employees included administrators, counselors, psychologists, nurses, and a cross section of employees throughout the district.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approved the bills list dated October 27, 2008 showing paid bills in the amount of \$18,278.88 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$696,513.99 for a total amount of \$714,792.87 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,673,569.65 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year –

Melissa Krotowski, Elementary  
Elizabeth Margush, Elementary;

Approve  
substitute  
teachers for  
the 2008-  
2009 school  
year-  
Krotowski,  
Margush

Accept unpaid leave-Dunbar, Tittensor

Accept the unpaid leave of the following staff -

Jane Dunbar, 3-hour Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, from Monday, February 9, 2009 to Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Oksana Tittensor, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, on December 10, 11 and 12, 2008;

Approve FMLA leave-Jann

Approve FMLA leave of the following staff -

Christina Jann, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2008 for a maximum of 12 weeks;

Approve substitute support staff for the 2008-2009 school year-Sunners, Vona, Lounsberry, Mazinski, Kovacs

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2008-2009 school year -

Laura Sunners, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$12.63.

Michael Vona, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.15.

Denise Lounsberry, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$14.74.

Brenda Mazinski, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$14.74.

Pamela Kovacs, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$7.79;

Approve mentors for the 2008-2009 school year-West, Miltenberger

Approve the appointment of the following mentors at a stipend not to exceed \$700.00 for the 2008-2009 school year -

Donald West as a mentor for *Erin Toal*

Janet Miltenberger as a mentor for *Art Feinberg*;

Approve appointment of SLHS Extracurricular Activity Advisors for the 2008-2009 school year-France, Pierce, Peralta, Dow, Beaupre, Long, Sinkler, Organski, Smiley, Kelly, Wehr, Gaugler, Roncolato, Combs, Ruch, Gross, Zeisloft, Gordon, Bolasky, Kern

Approve the appointment of the following Southern Lehigh High School Extracurricular Activity Advisors for the 2008-2009 school year -

<u>Sheree France</u>	Band Front	\$3493
<u>Aimee Pierce</u>	Class Advisor (Class of 2012)	\$ 873
<u>Jo Ann Peralta</u>	Class Advisor (Class of 2009)	\$1803
<u>Brian Dow</u>	Class Advisor (Class of 2010)	\$1572
<u>Thomas Beaupre</u>	Class Advisor (Class of 2011)	\$ 959
<u>David Long</u>	Debate Team	\$2114
<u>Edward Sinkler</u>	Ecology	\$1141
<u>Bonnie Organski</u>	Future Business Leaders of America	\$1412
<u>Patricia Smiley*</u>	National Honor Society	\$ 478
<u>Lynne Kelly*</u>	National Honor Society	\$ 478
<u>Thomas Beaupre</u>	Key Club	\$1856
<u>Matthew Wehr</u>	Musical Director	\$2818
<u>Robert Gaugler</u>	Robotics Club	\$1994
<u>Douglas Roncolato</u>	SADD	\$1330
<u>Patricia Combs</u>	Scholastic Scrimmage	\$1352
<u>Troy Ruch</u>	Student Senate Advisor	\$2114
<u>Linda Gross</u>	Teen Counseling	\$1779
<u>Lee Zeisloft</u>	Varsity Club	\$1550
<u>Jessica Gordon</u>	Yearbook	\$2927
<u>Douglas Bolasky</u>	Band	\$7047
<u>Matthew Wehr</u>	Choral Music	\$3385
<u>Leigh Kern</u>	Newspaper	\$1703
<u>Douglas Bolasky</u>	Orchestra	\$1903;

\*Share position equally.

Approve coach for the 2008-2009 school year-Ditchcreek

Appoint the following coach for the 2008-2009 school year -

Brenton Ditchcreek Assistant Wrestling\* \$2239

\*This position will be split 50/50 with a second Assistant coach.

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

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

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

Mrs. Siegfried reported that she is pleased with how well school has started off this year. She said *Gold Seal Lessons* template was embraced by the staff, and technology integration usage by teachers has vastly improved since inception 3 years ago.

Mrs. Lewis announced that Sam Hafner will start on November 3 as Liberty Bell principal. She also introduced Ken Jordan, newly hired Technology Coordinator, who was in attendance.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve a resolution to not raise District real estate taxes for 2009-2010 beyond the Act 1 index limit of 4.1%.

Approve resolution to not raise District real estate taxes for 2009-2010 beyond the Act 1 index limit of 4.1%

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed resolution and proposed settlement agreement with Penn Sterling Bank regarding the Willow Creek Fuels, Inc. bankruptcy. The District's claim amounts to \$81,834.69. Attorney Bartholomew explained that Willow Creek Fuels has filed for bankruptcy and that the District is not involved in the bankruptcy. The resolution and proposed settlement along with other Districts that were part of the joint purchasing group will be filed with Penn Sterling Bank, the issuer of the letter of credit to Willow Creek Fuels. He said the District will get a share of the \$575,000 letter of credit, but probably will not be made whole.

Approve resolution and proposed settlement agreement with Penn Sterling Bank regarding the Willow Creek Fuels, Inc. bankruptcy

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

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed Investment Consulting Services Agreement with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC.

Approve Investment Consulting Services Agreement with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the award of the Maintenance Van Bid #081022 in the amount of \$37,099 to Sands Brothers Auto Sales Inc., 507 N. West End Blvd., Quakertown, PA 18951, for a 2008 Dodge Sprinter 2500 High Roof Cargo Van.

Approve the award of the Maintenance Van to Sands Brothers Auto Sales Inc., Quakertown, PA

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

**PERSONNEL**

The Board acknowledged attainment of tenure of the following staff -

- Tara Cooke
- Sandra DiSanto
- Vera Marston
- Alison Bertoni
- Megan Dellegrotti
- Stephanie Gregory
- Tara McGinniss
- Molly Brundage
- Melanie DeSanctis
- Kelly Dougherty
- Robert Fluck
- Timothy Jansen
- Dana Kleppinger

Board acknowledged attainment of tenure-Cooke, DiSanto, Marston, Bertoni, Dellegrotti, Gregory, McGinniss, Brundage, DeSanctis, Dougherty, Fluck, Jansen, Kleppinger

Continued -  
Board  
acknowledged  
attainment of  
tenure-Kohler,  
Gilley, Malik,  
Orlando, Ware,  
Mayes, Dow,  
Imms-Geiser,  
Peralta, Hovis

David Kohler  
Gayla Gilley  
Paul Malik  
Mary Orlando  
Theresa Ware  
Margaret Mayes  
Brian Dow  
Joan Imms-Geiser  
Joann Peralta  
Sarah Hovis

Approve  
support staff  
who will share  
one position-  
Posbergh,  
Zamichieli

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the appointment of the following support staff who will share one position -

Lynn Posbergh, Part-time 1:1 Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, at an hourly rate of \$14.74, effective October 20, 2008.

Jane Zamichieli, Part-time 1:1 Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, at an hourly rate of \$14.74, effective October 20, 2008.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Auteri, Quigley**

Approve  
correcting the  
rate of dance  
chaperones  
from \$34.71  
per event to  
\$44.87 for the  
2008-2009  
school year-  
Gordon,  
Pearce, Dow,  
Dellegrotti,  
Yaiser, Ruch

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve correcting the rate of the following dance chaperones from \$34.71 per event to \$44.87 per event for the 2008-2009 school year -

Jessica Gordon  
Aimee Pearce  
Brian Dow  
Megan Dellegrotti  
Jennifer Yaiser  
Troy Ruch

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Auteri, Quigley**

**REPORTS**

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle reported that the JOC met last Wednesday. It is projected that the academic center budget will increase by 4.1% for 2009-2010 (within the state index of 4.1%). He said that Dr. Hornberger is working on an improvement plan for PSSA scoring for students in the academic center. Their scores are no longer part of the sending school district.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Miracle said the Intermediate School construction is going well and that the Board will tour the site on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. A feasibility study will examine the options for the deteriorated visitor’s bleachers in the stadium, and the possibility of putting a soccer field in the stadium.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Liberati announced that the 3 elementary schools and the Middle School have received Keystone Achievement Awards for achieving AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). The High School is in warning status that was caused by the results of scores of a few special education students. He also said that NIMS training (National Incident Management System) for District employees started last Friday.

Mrs. Christman reported that the District adopted NIMS procedures in February and the 8 hour training sessions started on October 24. The District will review and update emergency processes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Stelts announced that there will be a special Board meeting on November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Board meeting room. The purpose of the meeting will be a 2-hour informational session on Sunshine law issues, and the new Right-To-Know law presented by Attorney Michael Levin, and to consider any other school business that may come before it.

**VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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