



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

November 5, 2007

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:38 p.m. on the above date (November 5, 2007) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Miracle, Auteri, Bromwell, Corso, Eddinger, Quigley, Rennie, Schubert, Stelts
ABSENT: None
OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Keister, Metrick, Christman, Knoll, Bergey, Siegfried, Donahue, Farris, Harakal, Organski, and approximately 4 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 Bromwell and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
10/22/07

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

VISITORS

Mr. Miracle acknowledged Mrs. Corinne Gunkle, School Board candidate, who was in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated November 5, 2007 showing paid bills in the amount of \$374,937.72 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$429,905.58 for a total of \$804,843.30 for the General Fund, and paid bills in the amount of \$34,439.30 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$109,699.26 for a total of \$144,138.56 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Katherine Metrick, Director of Secondary Education, effective date to be determined.

Erica Stein, Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, effective date to be determined;

Accept
resignation-
Metrick,
Stein

Approve FMLA leave for the following staff -

Jessica Kohler, Learning Support Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School, from August 28, 2007 to November 19, 2007 (inclusive);

Approve
FMLA
leave-
Kohler

Approve FMLA leave for the following staff -

Judith Lynch, Instructional Assistant, Lower Milford Elementary School, from October 17, 2007 to October 19, 2007;

Approve
FMLA leave-
Lynch

Accept
resignation-
Krause

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Kathleen Krause, Cafeteria Monitor, Hopewell Elementary School, effective October 29, 2007. Ms. Krause will continue as a Substitute Cafeteria Monitor and Substitute Instructional Assistant;

Approve transfer
to MS Head Girls'
Basketball Coach-
Reid

Approve the transfer of Jorrelle Reid from the Middle School Assistant Girls' Basketball coaching position to the Middle School Head Girls' Basketball coaching position for the 2007-2008 school year;

Approve Asst.
Boys' HS
Basketball Coach
for the 2007-2008
school year
(pending
documentation)-
Huebner

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

Brad Huebner Assistant Boys' Basketball, High School;

Approve mentors-
Siesko, Brundage

Approve the following mentors at a stipend of \$700.00 for the year -

Bradley Siesko as mentor for *Nicole Cole*

Molly Brundage as a mentor for *Erika Filbert*.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

Mrs. Siegfried reported that last Wednesday, she, Mr. Zuk, Mrs. Christman and Mr. Breisch had attended a professional development workshop for *Classrooms for the Future*.

Mrs. Farris announced that the marking period ends next week, and the following week there will be parent-teacher conferences at the elementary schools.

Approve
proposed
changes to the
2008-2009 HS
Program of
Studies

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Schubert to approve the proposed changes to the 2008-2009 *High School Program of Studies* as enclosed.

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

Approve student
for Independent
Study-Kohler

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

Joshua Kohler, Creative Writing.

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

Approve request
for student
#165700 and
#184240 to
continue their
enrollment
through 12/23/07

MOVED BY Rennie and **2ND BY** Corso to approve the request from the parents of student #165700 and #184240 to continue their enrollment through December 23, 2007. This request and recommendation follows District Policy #202.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Approve list of
2007-2008 real
estate tax refunds

MOVED BY Rennie and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve the enclosed list of 2007-2008 real estate tax refunds pursuant to correspondence from the Lehigh County Assessment Office (Tax Duplicate Correction notices 9, 10, 11, 13, 51, and 52) –

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07-08	Stabler Land Company	\$ 404.96
07-08	Stabler Land Company	\$ 45.92
07-08	Howard Shelly	\$ 12.52
	Claire Shelly	
07-08	Linda Loranger	\$ 118.98
07-08	Timothy Docherty	\$ 104.37
	Elizabeth Docherty	
07-08	Next Frontier Land Dev, LLC	\$2,198.03

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

MOVED BY Rennie and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the exoneration of Keith Hausman, Tax Collector, from the collection of the 2007-2008 school per capita taxes for the individuals on the enclosed list provided by Mr. Hausman. Previously, the Board was provided with similar lists from the tax collectors for Upper Saucon and Coopersburg and took action to exonerate those collectors, respectively. It is possible that there will be additional per capita exoneration requests throughout the remainder of this year. However, the majority of the exoneration requests should now be identified.

Approve exoneration of Keith Hausman, Tax Collector, from the collection of 2007-2008 school per capita taxes (per the enclosed list)

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

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the Investment of Funds as attached.

Approve Investment of Funds

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Rennie to correct the effective date of increment request for Mark Covelle from *February 1, 2007* to February 1, 2008.

Correct the effective date of increment request from 2/1/07 to 2/1/08 for M. Covelle

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

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle said that the budget was passed at the 10/24/07 meeting, and that the Board will reorganize on 12/16/07.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati presented a Technology Coach proposal from Mrs. Christman. Funding sources are as follows:

- Technology Integration Coach position is included in this year's budget.
- \$55,000 approved in the Accountability Block Grant (ABG) for a MS/HS Technology Integration Coach.
- \$30,000 approved in the Classrooms For the Future Grant (CFF) for a ½ time Technology Integration Coach.

The proposals are:

- Mr. Breisch remains the full time HS Technology Coach utilizing District budgeted funds.
- Hire an additional MS Technology Coach with ABG funds.
- Utilize CFF funds for a Lead Teacher Technology Team, 1 each for 4 core areas covered in the CFF Grant – Math, English, Science and Social Studies.

Mr. Snell reported that he had spoken to the Budget & Finance Committee members regarding adoption of a Board resolution to **not** raise the millage rate above the maximum amount allowed by the state index for fiscal year 2008-2009. The state index of 4.4% would permit a maximum millage increase of 1.87 mills without regard to allowable exemptions. Mr. Snell indicated that favorable results from 2006-2007 have increased the District's fund balance, thus insuring that the District would not need to raise the millage rate by more than 1.87 mills for 2008-2009. If the Board adopts the resolution by January 3, 2008, then the District could follow the pre-Act 1 budget timeline. There was Board consensus to adopt the resolution. He said that Attorney Bartholomew would prepare the resolution for Board adoption at the November 19, 2007 Board meeting.

Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported that Mr. Baker was at the Intermediate School construction site today, and that work continues on the foundations. Fifty percent (50%) of the steel is fabricated and ready to be delivered to the site. He also said that the first steel beam will be signed by the School Board members sometime around the end of November.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Accept
resignation-Altieri

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Auteri to accept the resignation of Daniel P. Altieri as Director of Support Services in accordance with the terms of an agreement discussed during the Executive Session with the School Board.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Quigley

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Quigley to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary