



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

February 9, 2009

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:45 p.m. on the above date (February 9, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Miracle, Rennie, Schubert
ABSENT: Quigley
OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Engler, Lewis, Takacs, Bergey, Siegfried, Farris, Davidson, Hafner, and approximately 3 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 **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
1/26/09

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

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated February 9, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$17,628.49 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$183,434.38 for a total amount of \$201,062.87 for the General Fund, and paid bills in the amount of \$140,335.70 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$36,259.26 for a total amount of \$176,594.96 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$3,716.21 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve the addendum to the bills list dated February 9, 2009 showing bills to be paid in the amount of \$40,697.89 for the General Fund;

Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2009;

Approve
Treasurer's
Report

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

Heather Gossler, Citizenship 7-12, Consumer Science K-12, Mid Level English 7-9

Christopher Shadle, Citizenship 7-12;

Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2008-2009
school year-
Gossler,
Shadle

Approve the following student teacher placements -

Amanda Conner, Art, Moravian College with *Stephanie Gregory*, High School from March 16, 2009 through April 24, 2009.

Daniel Todd, Art, Moravian College with *Anne Sikorski-Schneider*, High School from March 16, 2009 through April 24, 2009;

Approve
student
teacher
placements-
Conner, Todd

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

Dale Beltzner, 5th grade Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School, Bachelor's to Master's Equivalency

Joseph Breisch, Technology Coach, High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's +15

Approve salary
step
adjustment
(effective
2/1/09)-
Beltzner,
Breisch

Cont.
approval of
salary step
adjustment
(effective
2/1/09)-
DeSanctis,
Fluck, Hovis,
Kohler

Melanie DeSanctis, 4th Grade Teacher, Hopewell Elementary, Bachelor's +15 to Bachelor's +30

Robert Fluck, 5th Grade Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary, Bachelor's to Bachelor's +15

Sara Hovis, 1st Grade Teacher, Hopewell Elementary, Bachelor's +15 to Bachelor's +30

Jessica Kohler, Learning Support Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary, Bachelor's to Bachelor's +15;

Approve
substitute
support staff
for the 2008-
2009 school
year-Koziel,
Harris, Miller,
Ragsdale,
Schroy,
Weiss

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

Linda Koziel, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$14.74.

Betty Jo Harris, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$12.63.

David Miller, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$12.63.

Cathleen Ragsdale, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.15.

Lisa Schroy, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$7.79.

Mary Weiss, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$7.79;

Accept
resignation-
Haddad

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Manal Haddad, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, effective February 3, 2009;

Approve
unpaid
leave-
Annunziato

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff -

Lisa Annunziato, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Middle School, on May 13, 2009;

Approve
mentor for
the 2008-
2009 school
year-
Fairclough

Approve the following mentor at a stipend not to exceed \$700 for the 2008-2009 school year -

Karen Fairclough as a mentor for *Jennifer Cudzill*;

Accept
resignation-
Garcia,
Hunsberger

Accept the resignation of the following coaches -

Juan Garcia, Head Wrestling Coach, effective January 29, 2009.

Michael Hunsberger, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective January 29, 2009;

Approve
coach
(effective
1/30/09 -
2/28/09)-
Roncolato

Approve the following coach effective January 30, 2009 through February 28, 2009 -

Douglas Roncolato Head Wrestling Coach \$7,452 (prorated);

Approve
coaches for
the 2008-
2009 school
year-
Stemple,
Bittner

Approve the following coaches for the 2008-2009 school year -

Eric Stemple Assistant Boys' Lacrosse* \$1,414

Shaughn Bittner Assistant Boys' Lacrosse* \$1,414;

*Shared Position

Approve
volunteer
coaches for
the 2008-
2009 school
year-
Scheetz,
Beitler,
Swartz

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2008-2009 school year -

Jill Scheetz Assistant Girls' Lacrosse

Ian Beitler Assistant Wrestling

Matthew Swartz Boys' Basketball.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Siegfried, Mrs. Farris, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Intermediate School, Middle School and the elementary schools.

Mrs. Siegfried reported that the District 11 Skills USA Championships were held Wednesday at LCTI and Southern Lehigh students were part of more than 500 students that competed in 54 skill and leadership competitions. First place winners will advance to state and national competitions. She also reported that last week there was an 8th grade parent meeting at the High School for course selection for next year. Mrs. Siegfried also

attended a PDE presentation at Parkland School District on the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments.

Mr. Davidson announced that on February 11, Middle School held a studies program by the Guidance Department after school, which was followed up by a parent meeting. Many students attended. The Middle School dance will be held next Friday.

Mr. Hafner expressed his gratitude to the Board on their annual elementary school visitation last week.

There were positive Board comments regarding the visitation to the three elementary schools. They were especially impressed with the sound amplification system used by all K-3 elementary teachers.

Mr. Liberati stated that wiring for teacher sound amplification will also be installed in the Intermediate School.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the following school trip -

Southern Lehigh Future Business Leaders of America to attend the *State Leadership Conference and Competition* in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from March 30, 2009 through April 1, 2009.

Approve school trip-SLFBLA-Hershey, PA

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve Investment of Funds for the General Budget.

Approve Investment of Funds for the General Budget

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

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the enclosed agreements with Robert W. Baird & Co. and Concord Public Financial Advisors, Inc. for financial advisory services in connection with the proposed refinancing which would result in the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2009.

Approve agreements with Robert W. Baird & Co., & Concord Public Financial Advisors, Inc.

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

Co-financial advisors, Les Bear and Chris Gibbons, and Bond Counsel, Dick Wood, addressed the Board regarding the proposed parameters resolution that would authorize a bond sale to refund GOB Series 2003 and Series AA of 2004 if the present value savings from the sale is at least 2.5% or more. The bond sale is scheduled for February 11, 2009. Mr. Bear congratulated the District on the recent bond upgrade by Moody's from A1 to Aa3. Southern Lehigh School District is one of only 32 school districts in Pennsylvania with a bond rating of Aa3 or higher. Because of the Aa3 bond rating, bond insurance may not be needed for the sale, and if needed bond insurance costs could be reduced by as much as \$40,000.

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Schubert to approve a parameters resolution which would authorize the sale of approximately \$9,230,000 in Series 2003 and G.O. Bonds, Series 2004. The resolution establishes a minimum level of savings that will be acceptable (2.5%) and provides for the terms and conditions of the sale which is expected to be held within the next week.

Approve a parameters resolution to authorize the sale of approximately \$9,230,000 in Series 2003 and G. O .Bonds, Series 2004

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

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the enclosed telecommunications agreement with Service Electric Cable TV, Inc. to provide network support.

Approve telecommunications agreement with Service Electric Cable TV, Inc.

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

Approve
2009-2010
LCCC
Budget

MOVED BY Schubert and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the 2009-2010 LCCC Budget, which provides for a total contribution from Southern Lehigh School District in the amount of \$349,665, an increase of \$13,451 over the current year's budget.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

Approve
formal
change
orders for
Albarell
Electric

MOVED BY Schubert and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the following formal change orders for Albarell Electric on the Intermediate School project. The Facilities Committee has reviewed and approved these issues at their scheduled meeting.

Change Order E-10: \$2,165.00

"Provide line voltage wiring in lieu of low voltage wiring for Asco gas shut-off system in six science classrooms".

Change Order C-11: \$23,187.00

"Provide HDMI cabling and components at sixty-one classroom locations".

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

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Snell said that two meetings will be scheduled for late February and early March, and Mr. Schubert will chair the committee again. Mr. Snell also invited the committee to watch a PASBO webcast at Central Office on February 26, 2009 that will analyze the Governor's proposed budget for 2009-2010.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati reported on the following –

- He had two meetings with Joe McDermott that included a tour of the Intermediate School. Mr. McDermott's first electronic article will focus on the Intermediate School and will be available by the end of February. Mr. McDermott plans on meeting with all administrators in the near term.
- He is working with CLIU and Scot Engler on housing a partial hospitalization program at Lower Milford Elementary School. The advantages would be access to all CLIU resources since we have available space at the school.
- He and Mr. Snell attended a presentation at PASBO headquarters last week on the Governor's proposed 2009-2010 budget. Some of the highlights were that there will be an increase in Basic Ed funding that will be funded by the federal economic stimulus package, the state will end the current year with a \$2.5 billion deficit, and school district consolidation is being considered.

Mr. Snell presented the following on the proposed Governor's budget –

- Southern Lehigh will receive a 2% increase in Basic Ed funding, which is the lowest increase of any school district in Lehigh County.
- There will be no increase in Special Ed subsidy.
- Federal funds for IDEA subsidy will increase.
- Southern Lehigh will probably not receive any grant money for Classrooms for the Future. The available funds from the state have been reduced and the number of eligible school districts has increased thereby reducing the probability of receiving any CFF grant money.

Mr. Liberati recommended the following Board meeting changes. The Board seminar meeting will be moved to March 7 from February 28. The seminar will focus on the Intermediate School and changes to all the other schools with the opening of the Intermediate School in September 2009. He also recommended moving the March 9 Board meeting to February 23.

Reschedule
the 2/28/09
Board
meeting to
3/7/09 and
the 3/9/09
meeting to
2/23/09

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to reschedule the February 28 Board meeting to March 7, and to reschedule the March 9 Board meeting to February 23.

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

Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported that he had toured the Intermediate School the last two Fridays. He said that the school has a regular size auditorium, but has no scoreboard, and he asked Mr. Bergey to get prices for a scoreboard.

He also reported that the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation will be selling 6” X 9” engraved pavers for the Intermediate School that will be located in a plaza with benches, plantings and a flagpole near the front doors to the school. All proceeds will support educational opportunities for students that are not funded by taxpayer dollars.

There was Board discussion about businesses buying engraved pavers.

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Schubert to deny any business name on an engraved paver.

Motion defeated to deny any business name on an engraved paver

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Schubert, Miracle, Auteri
“NO” – All but Schubert, Miracle, Auteri - Motion Defeated
ABSENT: Quigley

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Rennie to allow businesses to buy an engraved paver with only the business name on it.

Allow businesses to buy an engraved paver with only the business name on the paver

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – All but Auteri
“NO” – Auteri - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Quigley

There was Board discussion regarding the use of District maintenance personnel replacing pavers after March 13, 2009. Prior to March 13, 2009, the construction general contractor is responsible for installing the pavers.

MOVED BY Dimmig and **2ND BY** Rennie to prohibit District maintenance personnel from replacing pavers after March 13, 2009.

Motion defeated to prohibit District maintenance personnel from replacing pavers after 3/13/09. Mr. Miracle volunteered to replace pavers after 3/13/09.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Dimmig
“NO” – All but Dimmig - Motion Defeated
ABSENT: Quigley

Mr. Miracle volunteered to replace the pavers after March 13, 2009 for free.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Schubert to reluctantly accept the resignation of Board member Jody Rennie, effective February 20, 2009.

Accept resignation of Board member- Rennie

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve a second and final reading of the following policy -

Approve second and final reading of policy #815.1

#815.1 Web Site Development

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

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 9:12 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Quigley

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary