



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 22, 2010

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:37 p.m. on the above date (March 22, 2010) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, Dimmig, Eddinger, Hayes, McLoughlin, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts
ABSENT: Miracle
OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Engler, Jordan, Bergey, Covelle, Donahue, McGinty, Limpar, Impink, Mohr and approximately 3 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mrs. Gunkle led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
3/8/2010

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

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills list dated March 22, 2010 showing paid bills in the amount of \$22,688.96 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$347,938.08 for a total amount of \$370,627.04 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,462.73 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$19,791.00 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of
Bills

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

Ross Duffield, Social Studies 7-12

Arthur Feinberg, School Psychologist

Stacey Lang, Elementary, Spanish

Helen Lavin, Elementary;

Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2009-
2010 school
year-
Duffield,
Feinberg,
Lang, Lavin

Approve childrearing leave of Rochelle Hufgard, Reading Specialist, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, beginning March 10, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year;

Approve
childrearing
leave-
Hufgard

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

Deborah Zweifel, Health Paraprofessional;

Approve
substitute
for the 2009-
2010 school
year-Zweifel

Approve the retirement of James Wheeler, Part-time Custodian, Liberty Bell Elementary School, as of May 14, 2010, after 5 years of service;

Approve
retirement-
Wheeler

Approve unpaid leave-Kelly, Covey

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -

Heidi Kelly, Part-time Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, on June 17, 18, 2010; July 29, 30, 2010; August 2 through August 6, 2010

Susan Covey, Assistant Kitchen Manager, Southern Lehigh High School, for the anticipated dates of April 19 through April 23, 2010 and May 24 through May 28, 2010.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle**

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Covelle, Dr. Donahue, Mr. McGinty and Ms. Limpar reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

High School –

- Blood drive was sponsored by Student Council on 3/9/10
- Broadway musical “Curtains” ran last week, Thursday-Sunday
- Preparing for PSSA’s in April

Middle School –

- Parent-Teacher conferences were held on 3/9/10

Intermediate School –

- The Intermediate School students and staff are currently making preparations for the upcoming PSSA Math and Reading Assessments as well as spring conferences. 6th grade science classes are finishing up their Naked Bear projects, which have been a source of great excitement among our 6th grade students. It has been wonderful to overhear 6th grade students compare data and results from a science project while walking through the hallways.
- Many teams recognized St. Patrick’s Day with some history, geography, and science lessons. Mr. Bonsall and Mrs. Werkheiser treated their students to Irish folk tales, Shepard’s pie, and a student performance on the violin. Mr. Licairac used cabbage juice, vinegar, and milk of magnesia to change a mixture from white to green to white again during a science lesson.
- A week of warmer and largely dry weather has allowed our students to make use of the grass surrounding the recess area again.

Elementary Schools –

- Elementary data teams attended a data workshop on 3/11/10
- Parent conferences are taking place 3/22-3/26
- Kindergarten registration is taking place 3/22-3/26
- Hopewell’s Grade 1 and 2 spring program is 3/29. All are invited to attend.

Approve the 2010-2011 Facilities Plan Committee Report

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the enclosed 2010-2011 Facilities Plan Committee Report.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle**

Approve the expulsion of student #100835 and student #111430

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve the expulsion of student #100835 and student #111430.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle**

Approve the agreement between the District and the parents of student #10908

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the agreement between the District and the parents of student #10908.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – All but Gunkle – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle
ABSTAIN: Gunkle**

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Stelts to accept and enter into the minutes of the Board meeting the attached letter and accompanying documents from the PA Department of Education concerning approval of PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing. This matter was prompted by the District’s refinancing of 2003 and 2004 debt with a new issue (General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2009) last year.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the appointment of Kenneth H. Mohr, Jr. to serve as trustee to the Lehigh Carbon Community College and to represent the District in that capacity for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2016. Mr. Mohr addressed the Board.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – All but Mohr – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle
ABSTAIN: Mohr

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the enclosed letter of agreement between our District and Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI) concerning the respective duties and responsibilities of LCTI and the District for the National School Lunch Program as it relates to our students who attend LCTI. The Board is asked to take action annually. As indicated in the cover letter, there is one revision to the document which is deemed necessary for LCTI to comply with program regulations.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported on the following –

- A sign will be installed on Route 378 for the Intermediate School.
- The shed at Lower Milford Elementary is scheduled to be replaced.
- Air conditioning will be required for the data closet at the Intermediate School.
- An engineer will be engaged for the ground water issues at the Intermediate School.
- A \$35,000 resurfacing of the stadium track will last about 8-10 years.

Education Committee

Mr. Hayes reported the following –

- Kindergarten screening for early admission will be ready by May.
- Vast majority of school districts polled do not require their students enrolled in AP courses to take the AP tests.

Budget and Finance

Mr. Dimmig reported that the committee will meet at 7:00 pm on March 23, 2010 at the Intermediate School.

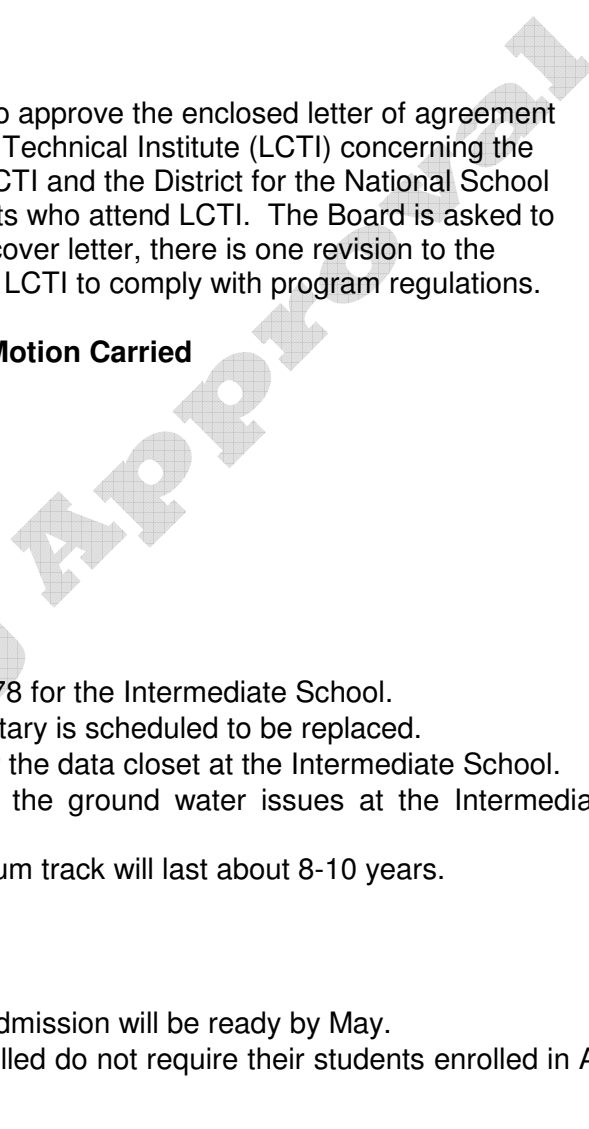
Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Liberati reported that the Board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2010 at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI) will be moved to the High School Board Meeting Room. All the chefs at LCTI will be attending the annual Lehigh Valleys Chefs Association’s banquet on May 10. There was Board consensus that the annual Board meeting scheduled at LCTI should be moved to sometime in September or October. He also reported that a substitute teacher is requesting permission to distribute a questionnaire to 4th through 12th grade students who are currently in or had been in the Spanish Immersion Program for the substitute teacher’s master’s program capstone project.

Accept and enter into the minutes the attached letter and documents from the PA Dept. of Education concerning approval of PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing

Approve K. Mohr, Jr. to serve as trustee to the LCCC and to represent the District for the period 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2016

Approve letter of agreement between SLSD and LCTI concerning the school lunch program



Allow substitute teacher to distribute a questionnaire to some 4th through 12th grade students for the teacher's master's program capstone project

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Stelts to allow the substitute teacher to distribute the questionnaire to 4th through 12th grade students who are currently in or had been in the Spanish Immersion Program for the teacher's master's program capstone project.

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

Strategic Plan Report

Mrs. Christman distributed the latest Strategic Plan Report noting the following –

- A Spartan of the Week program is underway to build SL Intermediate School school-wide positive culture.
- Hopewell participated in 2 videoconferences, and Hopewell teachers are utilizing podcasting and video to support learning in their classrooms.
- Results of the electronic information system for February and March 2010. There was a 92% average successful delivery rate both months.
- SL Education Foundation Ladies Night Out is scheduled for March 24 at 7:00 pm at Melt Restaurant.
- A new approach to Academy hours is being offered via the Ipod touch. PD webinars have been downloaded to the ipods at the MS and teachers are able to sign one out, watch the webinar, and complete a reflection form for academy credits.
- Mr. Markley, Liberty Bell 2nd grade teacher, organized a school play with 3rd grade students called Bullies Anonymous, which was presented on March 12.

The School Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Carol Mickley's husband, Brian, who passed away on March 14, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve first reading of policy #201

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve a first reading of the following policy -

#201 Pupils: *Admission of Students*

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

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 8:15 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary