



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 25, 2008

The second monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:39 p.m. on the above date (March 25, 2008) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Auteri, Dimmig, Gunkle, Miracle, Quigley, Rennie, Stelts

ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Christman, Keister, Bergey, Zuk, Donahue, Limpar, Covelle, Impink, and approximately 8 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** Quigley to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2008 and March 10, 2008 meetings as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
3/7/08 &
3/10/08

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

VISITORS

Cathy Miller of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions explained services offered by Kaplan and requested that their offerings be posted on the District website, similar to Peter Schmidt's *Prepare Test Preparation and Tutoring*.

Mr. Liberati responded that the Guidance Department at the High School gives out all types of information including services offered by Kaplan. He mentioned that Kaplan information has been included in district newsletters.

There was Board discussion that explained why Prepare Test Preparation and Tutoring was granted free use of district facilities only for 2007-08 to help enable them to enroll district students for a class in our building.

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to allow Kaplan the same privileges afforded Prepare Test Preparation and Tutoring.

Motions
withdrawn
regarding
affording
Kaplan the
same
privileges
as Prepare
Test
Preparation
& Tutoring

There was more Board discussion.

Motion amended by Quigley to make Kaplan information available similar to Prepare Test Preparation and Tutoring.

There was no second to the amended motion.

Both motions were withdrawn by Quigley.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated March 25, 2008 showing paid bills in the amount of \$56,481.26 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$571,361.39 for a total of \$627,842.65 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$585,853.20 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve the addendum to the bills list dated March 25, 2008 showing bills to be paid in the amount of \$79,105.75 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$191,873.24 for the Construction Fund;

Approve Treasurer's Report

Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2008;

Approve leave of absence-Dech

Approve the leave of absence for the following staff -

Rebekah Dech, Learning Support Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective August 26, 2008 to on or about March 6, 2009;

Approve student teacher placements-Pagano, Dalton, Ott, Schaeffer

Approve the following student teacher placements -

Quinn Pagano, Special Education, DeSales University with *Leanora Kline*, Hopewell Elementary on April 14(am), 17(am), 21, 24, 29; May 6, 9, 13, 16, 19, 22, 29 and June 3, 6, 9, 2008 (conditional upon Board approval of the leave of absence under VIII, A-1).

Collin Dalton, Art Education, Kutztown University with *Stephanie Gregory*, High School from March 17, 2008 to May 8, 2008.

Luke Ott, Art Education, Kutztown University with *Anne Sikorski-Schneider*, High School from March 17, 2008 to May 8, 2008.

Rebeka Schaeffer, Music, Kutztown University with *Douglas Bolasky*, High School from March 17, 2008 to May 8, 2008;

Approve substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year-Scott, Sroka, Wolf

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year -

Arlene Scott, Music

Melissa Sroka, Elementary

Bonnie Wolf, Emergency;

Approve unpaid leave of absence-Kelly, Price, Pagano

Approve unpaid leave of absence for the following staff -

Heidi Kelly, Custodian, Central and Earned Income Tax Offices, Friday, May 23, 2008 and Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

Diane Price, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, High School, Wednesday, May 21, 2008 through Friday May 23, 2008.

Quinn Pagano, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, April 14(am), 17(am), 21, 24, 29, 2008; May 6, 9, 13, 16, 19, 22, 29, 2008 and June 3, 6, 9, 2008;

Accept resignation-Roeder

Accept the resignation of the following support staff -

Michael Roeder, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, effective March 11, 2008;

Approve support staff-Miller, McCullough, Davis

Approve the following support staff -

Lindsay Miller, 7 hr. Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, at a rate of \$14.18 per hour, effective March 26, 2008. Ms. Miller will fill the position created with the resignation of Sarah Frantz.

Jeremy McCullough, 6 hr. Instructional Assistant, High School, at a rate of \$14.18 per hour, with an anticipated start of March 26, 2008 (pending receipt of required documentation). Mr. McCullough will fill the position created with the resignation of Dana Eldridge.

Yolanda Davis, 7 hr. Instructional Assistant, High School, at a rate of \$14.18 per hour, effective March 26, 2008 (pending receipt of required documentation). Ms. Davis will fill the position created with the resignation of Rebecca Horvath;

Approve substitute support staff-Scott, Sroka

Approve the following substitute support staff -

Arlene Scott, Substitute Instructional Assistant

Melissa Sroka, Substitute Instructional Assistant;

Approve coach for the 2007-2008 school year-Strong

Approve the following coach for the 2007-2008 school year -

Cotie Strong Assistant Track and Field \$3220;

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2007-2008 school year -

<u>Jeffrey Bell</u>	Girls' Lacrosse, Middle School
<u>Raymond Butti</u>	Boys' Lacrosse
<u>William Heurich</u>	Boys' Lacrosse
<u>Samuel Kearns, III</u>	Boys' Lacrosse
<u>Joseph Newman</u>	Girls' Soccer
<u>Karen Newman</u>	Track and Field
<u>Bruce Pederson</u>	Boys' Lacrosse
<u>Edward Risi</u>	Girls Lacrosse, Middle School
<u>Julie Sterrett</u>	Softball
<u>Steve Zamojski</u>	Boys' Lacrosse.

Approve volunteer coaches for the 2007-2008 school year- Bell, Butti, Heurich, Kearns, III, J. Newman, K. Newman, Pederson, Risi, Sterrett, Zamojski

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

Dr. Donahue talked about the Middle School youth stage production being organized by Matt Wehr, High School Music teacher. High School students are mentoring Middle School students on a theatrical production that will take place at the Middle School. The Middle School Art Department will participate along with the Middle School Music Department providing the music. The stage production is scheduled for May 9-10, 2008.

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the attached 2008-2009 Facilities Plan Committee Report for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approve the 2008-2009 Facilities Plan Committee Report for the 2008-2009 school year

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve the proposed agreements with Concord Public Finance and Ferris Baker Watts for financial advisory services in connection with the recent sale of General Obligation Bonds Series 2008.

Approve proposed agreements with Concord Public Finance & Ferris Baker Watts for financial advisory services

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

MOVED BY Rennie and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve engagement of the services of Fox Rothschild law firm as special bankruptcy counsel to represent the School District's interests in the Bankruptcy proceedings of Willow Creek Fuels, including the filing of a Proof of Claim on behalf of the School District and the monitoring of the bankruptcy proceedings. The hourly rate of the attorney from Fox Rothschild who will be handling this matter will be \$330 per hour.

Approve engagement of the services of Fox Rothschild law firm as special bankruptcy counsel regarding Bankruptcy proceedings of Willow Creek Fuels

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the Resolution prepared by our special construction counsel relating to the replacement of Rizzetto Construction Management Inc., by Penn Builders Inc., as General Contractor on the Intermediate School (Grades 4-6) project, as set forth in the Resolution.

Approve Resolution relating to the replacement of Rizzetto Construction Management Inc. by Penn Builders Inc. on the Intermediate School (Grades 4-6)

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNELApprove staff-
Yaiser, Graham**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve the following staff -

Jennifer Yaiser, Health and Physical Education Teacher, High School, at Bachelor's, Step 4, an annual (pro-rated) salary of \$42,535 (pending receipt of required documentation), with an anticipated start date of March 31, 2008. This is a new position.

Pia Graham, Extended Term Substitute, Biology, High School, at a daily rate of \$212.46 (equivalent to Bachelor's, Step 1) with an anticipated start date of March 26, 2008 (pending receipt of required documentation). Ms. Graham will fill the position created with the anticipated leave of absence of Adrienne Searfoss. *This appointment represents a request for a waiver of Policy Number 405, Section 4.*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

REPORTS

Dr. Stelts mentioned that Board representatives are needed to replace Ms. Bromwell on the following committees: Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Education Committee, Southern Lehigh Education Foundation, and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit. Ms. Bromwell will be resigning from the School Board.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Rennie reported that the committee had met earlier in the day and is close to completing the policy book with the new policy numbers. Old policies have been consolidated into the new ones, and will be completed sometime in April, 2008.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Miracle said that the committee had met last Wednesday. He reported:

- The Intermediate School construction project is on schedule.
- Hopewell HVAC, with new electronics, seems to be working properly.
- The stadium bleachers are being examined for possible updating or replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Rennie talked about the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation's "Ladies Night Out" fundraiser that took place on March 12 at Melt Restaurant in the Promenade Shops. Mr. Liberati said that \$1,000 was raised.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:30 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Bromwell, Schubert

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary