



## Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

April 26, 2011

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:56 p.m. on the above date (April 26, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Eddinger, Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, McLoughlin, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

ABSENT: Miracle

OTHERS: Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Takacs, Engler, Bergey, Zuk, Davidson, Farris, Limpar, Harakal, and approximately 9 other members of the community.

### OPENING PROCEDURES

Mr. Eddinger led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### PSBA School Board Member Services Awards

Awards presentation was postponed due to the absence of the PSBA presenter.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
4/11/2011

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**ABSENT: Miracle**

### VISITORS

Gerry Cozzolino of 5261 Camp Meeting Rd., Upper Saucon Township, talked to the Board about the increase in water runoff that partially floods his and 2 of his neighbors' properties after the Intermediate School was constructed. There was Board discussion where it was made known that the District, by law, is not allowed to alter the natural flow of rain runoff water by such means as a swale or piping of water to another area. The water run off problem could possibly be caused by compaction of the ground during construction. Mr. Bergey said a deep tine aerator that penetrates the soil up to 12" and fractures the soil for better absorption to reduce water runoff would help elevate the problem. Mr. Bergey also said for the same cost of about \$18,000 to have a contractor deep tine aerate the acreage surrounding the Intermediate School, the District could purchase the deep tine aerator machine. The District would then own and operate the machine which could be used throughout the District.

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the purchase of a deep tine aerator machine for about \$18,000 that will be operated by District maintenance personnel.

Approve  
purchase of  
deep tine  
aerator  
machine

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**ABSENT: Miracle**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated April 26, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$28,847.67 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$719,703.69 for a total amount of \$748,551.36 for the General Fund, bills to be paid in the amount of \$5,174.01 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$ 6,140.24 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of March 2011;

Approve  
Treasurer's  
Report and  
Investment  
Report

Approve substitute teacher for the 2010-11 school year-Rufo

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2010-11 school year -

Lisa Rufo Spanish K-12, ESL;

Approve student teacher placement (pending required documentation)-Oswald

Approve the following student teacher placement (pending receipt of required documentation) –

Sarah Oswald, Health and Physical Education, West Chester University, with Gretchen Hoff, Lower Milford and Liberty Bell Elementary Schools, from August 30, 2011 to October 21, 2011 and Dianna Riegel, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, from October 23, 2011 to December 13, 2011;

Approve unpaid leave-Lebo

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -

Elaine Lebo, Human Resources Secretary, Southern Lehigh School District Administration Building, on June 27, 28 and 29, 2011;

Approve internship-Elovski

Approve the following internship -

Ryan Elovski, Northampton County Community College student, to complete a required 40 hour, unpaid internship for the Sports Medicine Athletic Training Program with Donald Harakal, Athletic Director;

Approve substitute support staff-Frey, Rufo

Approve the following substitute support staff -

Helene Frey, Substitute Supplemental Nurse  
Lisa Rufo, Substitute Instructional Assistant;

Approve seasonal computer technicians-Stephens, Schurkamp

Approve the following seasonal computer technicians, at rate of \$13.90 per hour with an increase to \$14.43 per hour as of July 1, 2011, effective June 27, 2011 -

Amanda Stephens  
Sarah Schurkamp.

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

### **CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

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

#### High School report –

- The world language trips were completed and successful, the students had excellent weather.
- Keystone Exams begin next week.
- AP exams begin next week.
- The Robotics club placed 6th at the Philadelphia Regional Competition.
- FBLA had 2 students earn spots at the national competition.
- The Ecology Club held a school-wide black out day in recognition of Earth day.
- Student Council held a blood drive.

#### Middle School report –

- Sixth Grade Visit to MS, Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Career Day, Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Choir/Orchestra Concert, Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Middle School Musical; "School House Rock-Live", Thursday & Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring Pep Rally, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Eighth Grade Luau, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Intermediate School report –

- Since our last school board meeting, the last of PSSA make ups were completed and returned for scoring.

- Third marking period report cards were distributed to students on April 8th, and parent conference week was held April 11-15. Nearly 700 parent meetings were conducted.
- On April 20th, students in 4th grade launched their eggubators. Students were tasked with the challenge of building small shuttles to transport safely their raw egg back to earth once launched off a hydraulic lift. The activity required students to blend mathematics, science and technology understanding.
- Coming up, 5th grade will be visiting the Camden, NJ Adventure Aquarium on May 5th and 6th. On May 9th, Kit-N-Kaboodle will be delivering three grade level assembly productions related to our study of history. Our students will also be treated to an assembly featuring Australian animals on May 10th.
- Finally, our 6th grade students will be visiting the MS on May 13th.

#### Elementary schools –

- Hopewell School had a school-wide assembly called The Respect Program. Sponsored by JP Mascaro, the free assembly focused on respect for self, respect for others and respect for the community and recycling.
- Spring conferences occurred April 11-15 and were well attended at the K-3 level.
- Mrs. Stauffer's 2nd graders put on Keynote presentations for their parents (Keynote is the mac version of PowerPoint). Her students created and presented their slide show to their parents and demonstrated their skills in oral communication, research, and downloading pictures into descriptive slides.
- Hopewell's third grade will be taking field trips next week to the Burnside Plantation in Bethlehem and the Lutz-Franklin School House museum in Hellertown as part of their social studies tie in with local area history.
- Third grade is also presenting their Biography Museum on April 27th. As part of our curriculum, students were required to read three biographies and select a famous person to research. Tomorrow they will dress in character and create a timeline of characters in history as they present their research and important facts to all Hopewell students and parents.
- On April 27th the Pocono Kite Symphony will be coming to Lower Milford for an all-day event.
- Lower Milford third graders will attend Environment Day at DeSales University on April 28th.
- Lower Milford will also have the Respect Program assembly on May 4th. This program will serve as a kick-off to Lower Milford's Earth Day on May 6th.

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to approve the enclosed textbook recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year. Textbooks will be on display at the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the May 9, 2011 Board meeting.

Approve textbook recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year

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

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed 2011-2012 Facilities Plan Committee Report.

Approve 2011-2012 Facilities Plan Committee Report

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

#### **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

#### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve award of the Tennis Court Renovation Project to Schlouch Incorporated, 132 Excelsior Drive, Blandon, PA 19510, in the amount of \$264,750. The price includes the demolition and replacement of the 4 existing tennis courts. An alternate add in the amount of \$33,850 for the addition of a teaching and team area was considered, but is not included in this recommendation. Award of the Tennis Court Renovation is contingent upon final approvals from Upper Saucon Township and the Lehigh County Conservation District.

Approve award of the Tennis Court Renovation Project to Schlouch Incorporated

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

**PERSONNEL**

**REPORTS**

Education Committee

Mr. Hayes reported that the transition to Sapphire, the new student information system, is going well and it will be implemented July 2011.

Facilities Committee

Dr. Stelts reported that a very old hot water heater needed to be replaced at Hopewell. In the meantime, a hot water heater broke at the Intermediate School which was repaired by District HVAC employees. Since it was under warranty, the District was given a new unit that was installed at Hopewell at a significant cost savings to the District.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman gave gifts to the Board members that she brought back from her recent educational trip to China. Most of the gifts were made by students. She said China is a country in contrast between rich and poor, but their educational system is top notch.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve  
obsolete policy  
be rescinded-  
#404.6

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the following obsolete policy be rescinded -

Policy 404.6 Professional Employees: *Part-Time Teachers*

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

Approve a first  
reading on  
revisions to  
existing  
policies-#406,  
#407, #335,  
#435, #509

**MOVED BY** Stelts and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve a first reading on revisions to the following existing policies -

Policy 406 Professional Employees: *Summer Program Teachers*  
Policy 407 Professional Employees: *Student Teachers*  
Policy 335 Administrative Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*  
Policy 435 Professional Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*  
Policy 509 Classified Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*

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

**VISITORS**

Dr. McLoughlin saluted Doug Bolaski's recent letter to the editor that appeared in the Morning Call newspaper that supported and emphasized the value of the 'Arts' in public education.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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