



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

May 5, 2008

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:51 p.m. on the above date (May 5, 2008) at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Schnecksville, PA.

**PRESENT:** Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Miracle, Rennie, Schubert  
**ABSENT:** Quigley  
**OTHERS:** Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Christman, Takacs, Keister, Bergey, Siegfried, Donahue, Limpar, Martin (Morning Call), and approximately 2 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 **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
4/21/08

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

### **VISITORS**

Ray Majczan explained to the Board that he has two daughters, grades 10 and 11, who are varsity softball players. Both girls are excused from the team by Mr. Liberati due to an ongoing District investigation. Mr. Majczan asked that opposing coaches at the upcoming Colonial League meeting be told that his daughters are still on the team with an excused absence so that they can be considered for all-star status. Attorney Bartholomew responded that the issue will be resolved by Mr. Liberati prior to the Colonial League meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approved paid bills in the amount of \$364,260.73 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$353,790.99 for a total amount of \$718,051.72 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$36,259.26 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve a FMLA leave from April 28, 2008 through June 13, 2008 -

Brooke Ruch, Learning Support Teacher, Hopewell Elementary;

Approve  
FMLA leave-  
Ruch

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

Victoria Miller, Mathematics;

Approve  
substitute  
teacher-  
Miller

Approve Cherise Patterson as co-advisor of the Diversity Club (formerly known as the Multicultural Issues Club). Ms. Patterson will replace Holly Walker who resigned from this non stipend position;

Approve co-  
advisor of  
Diversity  
Club -  
Patterson

Approve the appointment of the following mentors at a stipend not to exceed \$700 -

Troy Ruch as a mentor for *Joseph Morrison*

Barbara Ackerman as a mentor for *Kyle Ritter*

Kenneth Jordan as a mentor for *Russell Tucker*;

Approve the  
following  
mentors-  
Ruch,  
Ackerman,  
Jordan

Approval of unpaid leave- Natiello, Gehris, Lamb, McGovern

Approval of unpaid leave for the following staff –

Susan Natiello, Secretary, Lower Milford Elementary School, on Friday, May 16, 2008 and Monday, June 23, 2008.

Ellen Gehris, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Middle School, from Tuesday, October 7, 2008 through Friday, October 10, 2008 and Tuesday, October 14, 2008 through Friday, October 17, 2008.

Ann Lamb, Health Paraprofessional, High School, on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

Linda McGovern, Instructional Assistant, High School, 3 hours on Monday, May 12, 2008;

Approve substitute custodians- Chando, Covey

Approve the following substitute custodians at an hourly rate of \$11.70 for the 2007-2008 school year –

Katelyn Chando

Susan Covey.

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” - Unanimous - Motion Carried  
ABSENT: Quigley**

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

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

There was Board discussion with Mrs. Siegfried regarding the removal of bathroom stall doors for the remainder of this school year from one of the High School boys’ lavatories due to continuing vandalism.

Mr. Schubert announced a concert by District students on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Upper Saucon Park that will benefit United Nations world hunger. The event will run from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Donahue reported that the Middle School play “Once Upon a Mattress” will take place on May 9-10, 2008.

Ms. Limpar said that all elementary schools will have their spring concerts in the next two weeks.

Approve students #152880 and #10660 to complete the 2007-2008 school year

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the request from the parent of students #152880 and #10660 to complete the 2007-2008 school year. This request and recommendation follows District Policy #202.

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

Approve the Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs, School Years: 2008-2011

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Miracle to approve the Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs, School Years: 2008-2011.

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

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Approve the Investment of Funds

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the Investment of Funds as attached.

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

Exonerate Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau from collecting the delinquent 2007-2008 school real estate tax on 1675 Urffers Road

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to exonerate Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau from collecting the delinquent 2007-2008 school real estate tax on 1675 Urffers Road due to an incorrect billing address. The owner of record is Sidney Cumberland and was rebilled in April 2008.

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES****PERSONNEL**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the following administrator (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Approve Director of Special Education (pending required documentation)- Engler

Scot Engler, Director of Special Education, at an annual (*pro-rated*) salary of \$91,000, with a plan to accelerate this salary level by \$4,000 in addition to regular increases at the conclusion of two (2) years of satisfactory performance. Start date to be determined. Mr. Engler will fill the position created by the retirement of Morag Christie-Churm.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Dimmig**  
**"NO" – Dimmig – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Quigley**

**REPORTS**Policy Committee

Mrs. Rennie said that administrative regulation 218 (AR 218) was in direct conflict with Policy 218.

**MOVED BY** Auteri and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to suspend AR 218 immediately.

Suspend AR218

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

Mrs. Rennie asked for volunteers to handle AR 218. She also proposed that Policy 247, Student Wellness, and the field trip policy be taken to the Education Committee for their input.

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle stated that prior to the April 23 JOC meeting, there was the annual meeting to honor Co-op students, which included District student Sean Gruber for the Automotive program.

Dr. Stelts asked for a Board member to replace Mrs. Bromwell on the JOC.

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to appoint Mr. Eddinger as District representative on the LCTI JOC Board.

Appoint M. Eddinger as District representative on the LCTI JOC Board

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

Facilities Committee

Mr. Miracle reported on the following:

- The visitors' bleachers in the stadium have been examined and may cost \$50,000 to repair.
- Roof replacement at Liberty Bell is being investigated.
- There will be a Board tour of the Intermediate School at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7.
- The committee is looking at furniture brokers to furnish the Intermediate School.
- Hopewell Park – Upper Saucon Township officials attended the last Facilities Committee meeting to talk about the proposal to install a municipal park just west of Hopewell School. The officials will be at the next Board meeting to present the park proposal.
- Mr. Schubert and Mr. Miracle will be attending an artificial turf meeting on Tuesday, May 6.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Snell reported on the following:

- A draft for the proposed Intermediate School dedication plaque was presented for comment. There was Board discussion and suggestions. Mr. Bergey was asked to get suggestions and ideas from Bob Breslin, Architect.
- The feasibility study has been put on hold pending the results of a demographics study.
- Two firms have been identified to perform the demographics study. Both companies will be interviewed and Board members are welcome to join the interview process. Mr. Eddinger and Mr. Schubert volunteered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominate J. Schubert as a candidate for a position on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

**MOVED BY** Rennie and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to nominate Mr. Schubert as a candidate for a position on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, representing the Southern Lehigh School District.

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

Approve \$10,000 for use during the 2008-2009 school year for tuition reimbursement that will not result in graduate increment

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve the amount of \$10,000 be allocated for use during the 2008-2009 school year for tuition reimbursement that will not result in graduate increment.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Dimmig**  
**"NO" – Dimmig – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Quigley**

Approve Salisbury School District's Track Team to use the SLSD's track for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to approve the Salisbury School District's Track Team to use the Southern Lehigh School District's all weather track for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. The Salisbury School District's Stadium is undergoing a construction project.

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

**VISITORS**

ADJOURNMENT

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**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Rennie to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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