



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 9, 2011

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:48 p.m. on the above date (May 9, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Bergey, Scherzberg, Hafner, Donahue, Farris, Limpar, Organski, Rich (Patch.com), Wilson (Southern Lehigh Tribune), and approximately 15 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 SERVICE AWARDS

Tony Wright from PSBA presented certificates of appreciation to the following Board members –

- Michael Eddinger, 12 years of service
- John Quigley, 12 years of service
- William Miracle, 16 years of service

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
4/26/2011

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

VISITORS

Ed Kozelnicky asked when the budget will be passed. He was told that adoption of the preliminary budget was on the agenda for tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated May 9, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$29,922.16 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$516,168.79 for a total amount of \$546,090.95 for the General Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approval of unpaid leave of the following staff -

Katherine Burke, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for May 11, 2011, May 23, 2011 (1/2 day), May 27, 2011 and June 3, 2011 (1/2 day)
Pamela Kiriposki, Part-time Cafeteria worker, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for June 16 and 17, 2011
Tammy Terlingo, Part-time Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for June 13 and 14, 2011;

Approve
unpaid leave-
Burke,
Kiriposki,
Terlingo

Approve the following support staff -

Laura Sunners, 3-hour Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$15.89, effective May 10, 2011. Ms. Sunners will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of *Virginia Howell*;

Approve
support staff-
Sunners

Approve
substitute
support staff-
Beltz, Roney

Approval of the following substitute support staff:

Kendra Beltz, Substitute Custodian
Aimee Roney, Substitute Supplemental Nurse;

Approve
mentor-
Walter

Approve Tara Walter as a mentor for the guest Arabic teacher at a stipend not to exceed \$700.00 for the 2011-2012 school year (*pending approval of board agenda item*).

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Farris and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

Middle School report –

- Choir/Orchestra Concert was held Thursday, April 28th
- Middle School Musical; "School House Rock-Live", Thursday & Friday, May 5th & 6th.
- Sixth Grade Visit to MS, Thursday, May 12th
- Spring Pep Rally, Friday, May 13th
- Career Day will be Wednesday, May 11th
- Parent Presentation: *Raising Resilient Youth* will be Tuesday, May 24th
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be Thursday, May 26th
- Field Day, Friday, June 3rd
- Eighth grade Luau, Friday, June 3rd
- Parent Presentation: *Transitioning Your Child to Middle School*, Tuesday, June 7th

Intermediate School report –

- We are in full swing and busy this month. Last Friday our 5th grade visited the Camden Aquarium. This week students will participate in two assemblies. One assembly will focus on units of study completed in 4th, 5th and 6th grade history and the other will introduce students to Australian animals. On Wednesday, Dr. Jackie McLaughlin, a professor from Penn State, will meet with all of our 4th grade students to give a presentation on Embryology. Our students are readying to incubate and hatch chicks. On Thursday, our 6th grade students will visit the MS for the first time. Also this week, DIBELS benchmark testing gets underway.
- Next week on Tuesday and Thursday, we will showcase our musical talents at the Spring Vocal Concert and Instrumental Music Concert. And on the date of our next board meeting, May 23, our 6th grade students will have just returned from their trip to Ellis Island, and our 4th grade students will have visited Harrisburg.

Elementary schools –

- Hopewell Elementary's 3rd Grade toured the Burnside Plantation last week.
- Hopewell's Kindergarten took their field trip to Flint Hill Farm in Coopersburg last week as well.
- Lower Milford's KDG is visiting the Gehman Farm this coming week.
- Lower Milford's 1st Grade is headed to the Elmwood Zoo this week as well.
- Lower Milford's 3rd Grade is also headed to the Burnside Plantation next week.
- Liberty Bell's 3rd Grade is headed to Cedar Crest College this week for their annual Hydromania event. This is an interactive presentation on groundwater and watersheds that ties into the 3rd Grade Science curriculum.
- Hopewell recently held a school-wide positive behavior celebration with a beach read. Students were able to dress in beach attire and they spent the end of the day reading on beach towels.
- Last week, the primary K-3 Report Card Committee met one last time to finalize the new report cards for K-3 as we transition to the new Sapphire system.
- On Saturday, April 30th, Liberty Bell staff members played in a student vs. staff charity soccer game at the middle school. Over \$300 was raised for the relief effort in Japan.
- Liberty Bell's PTA will be hosting their annual Spring Festival this Friday, May 13th, from 5:00-8:00 P.M.
- Finally, next Thursday, May 19th, Liberty Bell will be holding its annual Field Day.

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Mohr to approve the following student trip request –

Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association to attend the National Technology Student Association Conference, Dallas, TX from June 21, 2011 through June 25, 2011.

Approve SLHS
Technology
Student
Association
student trip-Dallas,
TX

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the request for students #112765, #187144, #115450 and #110700 to complete the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #202.

Approve students
#112765, #187144,
#115450 and
#110700 to
complete 2010-
2011 school year

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed textbook recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve textbook
recommendations
for the 2011-2012
school year

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Mohr and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the Critical Language Program grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for a guest Arabic teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve Critical
Language
Program grant for
a guest Arabic
teacher for the
2011-2012 school
year

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve settling the real estate tax appeal by Saucon Creek Assisted Living by establishing the fair market value/taxable assessed value for the 2010-2011 year at \$5,180,000/\$1,481,500 (28.6% CLR) and for 2011-2012 and forward at \$5,030,000/\$1,619,650 (32.2%).

Approve settling
the real estate tax
appeal by Saucon
Creek Assisted
Living

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Hayes and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year. Since the Board last saw the 5-year budget, an error had been discovered that overstated revenues by \$1.1million for 2011-12. The error had been fixed in the preliminary general fund budget that was presented for Board approval. There was Board discussion, and **Hayes and Quigley withdrew their motion** to approve the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year. There was Board consensus to add approval of the PDE-2028, Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 year to the agenda of the next Board meeting on May 23, 2011, and to move the start time of the May 23, 2011 Board meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Approve the PDE-
2028 Preliminary
General Fund
Budget for the
2011-2012 year

*Motion withdrawn
to approve the
PDE-2028
Preliminary
General Fund
Budget for the
2011-2012 year*

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., 85 S. Route 100, Trexlertown, PA 18087, for professional services related to High School HVAC upgrades in the amount of \$12,000. The scope of the work includes mechanical engineering design, structural analysis and contract services for the High School technology area, auxiliary gym and cardio room.

Approve the
proposal from
Barry Isett &
Associates, Inc.
for professional
services related to
HS HVAC
upgrades

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman asked for 2 Board members to hand out diplomas at graduation in June. She handed out the Spring 2011 Berks County Intermediate Unit "Asian Studies Collaborative" that included an article about Yu Qingchu, Yu Qingchu is a Chinese volunteer teacher in our District from August 2010 to July 2011 as part of the Guest Scholar program arranged through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and the Confucius Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Christman also announced that the Board awards will be June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve a second and final reading of Board Policies #406, #407, #335, #435, and #535

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve a second and final reading of the following Board Policies –

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
Policy 406	Professional Employees: <i>Summer Program Teachers</i>
Policy 407	Professional Employees: <i>Student Teachers</i>
Policy 335	Administrative Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>
Policy 435	Professional Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>
Policy 535	Classified Employees: <i>Family and Medical Leave Act</i>

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the 2011-2012 Arabic & Chinese Guest Teacher Program and accompanying Memo of Understanding with SLEA

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the 2011-2012 Arabic & Chinese Guest Teacher Program and accompanying Memo of Understanding with the Southern Lehigh Education Association.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 8:43 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 8:47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary