



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

June 22, 2009

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 (June 22, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

**PRESENT:** Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Hayes, Miracle, Quigley, Schubert  
**ABSENT:** None  
**OTHERS:** Liberati, Christman, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Scherzberg, Andrulevich, Jordan, Bergey, Siegfried, Donahue, Limpar, Harakal, Organski, Kraus (Morning Call), and approximately 25 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** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

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

### **VISITORS**

John Christman and Jessica McKee had concerns about redistricting which is causing students to be in different District schools next year.

Dennis Melton suggested offering virtual social studies on Blended Schools, and keep the German teacher, who is also certified in social studies, teaching German.

Debbie Melton and Denise Walkowicz spoke in favor of keeping German in the High School.

Tom McLoughlin supported the elimination of class rankings.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the bills list dated June 22, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$60,311.46 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$962,418.85 for a total amount of \$1,022,730.31 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$900,381.87 for the Construction Fund;

Approve FMLA Leave for the following staff -

Tara Cooke, Guidance Counselor, Middle School, on June 8 and 9, 2009

Joan Imms-Geiser, Spanish Teacher, High School, from June 10 through June 17, 2009;

Accept the retirement of Eleanor Satrom, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School, effective end of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Satrom has been employed with the district for 31 years;

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Jennifer Powell, .5 ESL Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009;

Minutes of  
6/8/09

Approval of  
Bills

Approve  
FMLA-  
Cooke,  
Imms-  
Geiser

Accept  
retirement-  
Satrom

Accept  
resignation-  
Powell

- Approve substitutes for 2009-2010 school year-Lee, Satrom  
 Approve the following substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year -  
Gary Lee, Biology  
Eleanor Satrom, Elementary;
- Approve student teacher placement-Rose  
 Approve the following student teacher placement from Muhlenberg College -  
Kelsey Rose, Secondary Math, at the Middle School from June 22, 2009 through July 29, 2009;
- Approve unpaid leave-Bromfield  
 Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -  
Erin Bromfield, Math Teacher, High School, on October 5 through October 9, 2009 and March 30, 2010;
- Approve nursing student-White  
 Approve Leslie White, nursing student at Drexel University to complete a clinical education program for the RN-BSN Program for 60 hours with Middle School Nurse, *Michelle Krippe*;
- Approve Substitute Instructional Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year-Satrom  
 Approve the following Substitute Instructional Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of \$15.31 -  
Eleanor Satrom;
- Approve summer technology staff-Benner  
 Approve the following summer technology staff at an hourly rate of \$13.39 per hour effective July 1, 2009 -  
Austin Benner;
- Approve returning coaches for the 2009-2010 school year-Neumann, Goldsmith, Ziegler, Ditchcreek, Miller, Shaffer, Zellner, Snyder, Huebner, Crouse, Swartz  
 Approve the following returning coaches for the 2009-2010 school year. (The stipend amounts may change due to salary negotiations in process.) -
- |                           |                        |           |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| <u>John Neumann</u>       | Head Swimming/Diving   | \$5,238   |
| <u>Michael Goldsmith</u>  | Asst. Swimming/Diving  | \$3,143   |
| <u>Kenneth Ziegler</u>    | Asst. Wrestling        | \$4,478   |
| <u>Brenton Ditchcreek</u> | Asst. Wrestling        | \$4,478   |
| <u>Matthew Miller</u>     | Asst. Wrestling        | \$4,478   |
| <u>Robert Shaffer</u>     | Head Boys' Basketball  | \$7,628   |
| <u>Kurt Zellner</u>       | Asst. Boys' Basketball | \$2,292** |
| <u>James Snyder</u>       | Asst. Boys' Basketball | \$2,292** |
| <u>Brad Huebner</u>       | Asst. Boys' Basketball | \$4,584   |
| <u>Carl Crouse</u>        | Head Rifle             | \$3,220   |
| <u>Jessica Swartz</u>     | Dance                  | \$2,464;  |
- \*\*shared position
- Approve program specialists for the fitness center for the 2009-2010 school year-Pengh, Martin  
 Approve the following program specialists for the fitness center at an hourly rate of \$26.99 for the 2009-2010 school year -  
Adam Pengh  
Stefanie Martin;
- Approve fitness center monitors for the 2009-2010 school year-Souerwine, K. Binkley, M. Binkley, Yaiser, Dellegrotti, Schrader  
 Approve the following fitness center monitors at an hourly rate of \$14.03 for the 2009-2010 school year -  
Brian Souerwine  
Keith Binkley  
Mark Binkley  
Jennifer Yaiser  
Megan Dellegrotti  
Stephen Schrader;
- Approve swim bus monitors for the 2009-2010 school year-Hoke, Michael  
 Approve the following swim bus monitors for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of \$10.80 -  
Leslie Hoke  
Lori Michael;
- Approve staff to provide services to Special Education students during the summer of 2009-Dex, Bronfenbrenner  
 Approve the following staff to provide services to Special Education students during the summer of 2009 at an hourly rate of \$34.71. *This expense is funded by the IDEA program* -  
Lisa Dex  
Caryn Bronfenbrenner

Karen Fairclough  
Jamie O'Donnell  
Leanora Kline  
Patricia Brown  
Julia Vogl  
Susan Shimer  
Samantha Krick  
David Diaz  
Jenelle Chunko  
Lisa Lowry  
Heather Lippincott;

Cont. to approve staff to provide services to Special Education students during the summer of 2009- Fairclough, O'Donnell, Kline, Brown, Vogl, Shimer, Krick, Diaz, Chunko, Lowry, Lippincott

Approve the following staff for the *Liberty Trails Program* scheduled from June 29, 2009 through July 17, 2009 (excluding July 3, 2009) -

Approve staff for the Liberty Trails Program- Fowler, Atkinson, Krippe

Sylvia Fowler, Supplemental Nurse, at an hourly rate of \$15.59 from June 29 and 30, 2009; increasing to \$16.19 per hour effective July 1, 2009

Donna Atkinson, Substitute Supplemental Nurse, at an hourly rate of \$15.59 from June 29 and 30, 2009; increasing to \$16.19 per hour effective July 1, 2009

Michelle Krippe, Substitute Supplemental Nurse, at an hourly rate of \$15.59 from June 29 and 30, 2009; increasing to \$16.19 per hour effective July 1, 2009;

Approve the following staff for the SAT Prep Course for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of \$34.71. (The hourly rate amounts may change due to salary negotiations in process.) -

Approve staff for the SAT Prep Course for the 2009-2010 school year- Castagna, Viola, Bausher, Haupt

Joseph Castagna  
Justina Viola  
Amy Bausher  
Ryan Haupt;

Approve the following staff for the High School Summer School Program for the summer of 2009. (The stipend and hourly rate amounts may change due to salary negotiations in process.) -

Approve staff for the High School Summer School Program- Westbrooks, Mack

Tamme Westbrooks, Coordinator, at a stipend of \$1,500  
Kate Mack, Teacher, at an hourly rate of \$34.71;

Approve the following mentors at a stipend not to exceed \$700.00 for the 2009-2010 school year. (The stipend amount may change due to salary negotiations in process.) -

Approve mentors for the 2009-2010 school year-Strong, Ruch

Cotie Strong as a mentor for *Brynne McNabb*  
Brooke Ruch as a mentor for *Katie Wechtler*.

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

**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.

Mrs. Siegfried reported on the following -

- Thanked Board members for participating in Graduation
- Hoping to begin course scheduling this week
- Custodial staff have already begun cleaning of the building
- Summer school pilot program with Catasauqua School District will begin this summer

Dr. Donahue reported the following -

- 6/1/09: Field day
- 6/5/09: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Luau
- 6/12/09: Student picnic
- 6/15/09: Student Awards Ceremony

Ms. Limpar reported on the following -

- Wrapped up the school year smoothly. Recognized students who are moving out of SLSD or moving to the IS and recognized staff retiring

- Just beginning the process of the deep cleaning, packing and moving of the building for the summer and already planning and preparing for the transition to a K-3 building for next year. There will be a lot of internal movement which will allow us to move instruction from the hallways into available classrooms

The Administration provided the 2008-2009 Mini Grant End of Year report with a video of the different project teachers and students. The projects were –

- LEGO Mindstorms FIRST Tech Challenge – Sawtop. Robert Gaugler, High School, Sawtop Table Saw System and Lego NXT Robotic Equipment, \$9,958.67. The Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics program was expanded in the High School Tech Education course. The projects utilized fundamentals of design and problem solving, with the principals of robotic control to support and enrich the PA standards in Science and Technology and Mathematics. Replacement of existing equipment with a more modern system provided students with a safer, hands-on opportunity in the Manufacturing Laboratory.
- Why Blog? Entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Collaborative Media. Holly Walker and Jim Fullerton, Middle School, 13 iPods and cases, Online Student Newspaper module, \$5,988.47. The Middle School student newspaper went solely online this year. Students became more involved in the newspaper production process and embraced technology tools through the use of iPods for interviews and student polls.
- Reach for the Stars – Differentiation for All Through the Use of Technology. Alison Kaplan, Liberty Bell, 6 laptops and headphone sets, Zoombini software licenses, \$7,572.85. This project enabled students to discover and use the tools to solve any critical thinking by applying reasoning, organization and patterns to solve problems.
- Laptops for Middle School Tech Wizards. Corry Robbins, Middle School, 2 laptops, \$2,928.20. The Middle School Tech Wizards assisted countless teachers and students throughout the school day in addition to teaching 3 teacher academies and 2 student PEAK activities.
- Wireless Scanner for Library Circulation and Inventory. Corry Robbins, Middle School, Panther Wireless Scanner Kit, \$1,495.00. The wireless scanner provided for an uninterrupted flow of library materials to students and teachers during network downtime. Inventory time was minimized allowing the Middle School library to remain open later into May.

Approve Independent Study Proposals for the following students- Hynes, Hofstetter, Livingston, Madiara

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the following Independent Study Proposals of the following students -

<u>Meghan Hynes,</u>	Photography II
<u>Laura Hofstetter,</u>	Photography II
<u>Kori Livingston,</u>	Photography II
<u>Kaitlyn Madiara,</u>	Photography II

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

**ABSENT: None**

### **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Approve renewing the District's existing student accident insurance for 2009-2010 through Mid Penn Insurance Associates

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve renewing the District's existing student accident and athletic insurance for 2009-2010 through Mid Penn Insurance Associates of Selinsgrove, PA with ACE American Insurance Company providing the policies as summarized below and in the enclosure -

*Interscholastic Sports, Intramurals, and Club Sports* - \$6,348.00 per year, paid by the District (a premium reduction of 8.24%)

*Voluntary Student Accident Coverage, School Time Only* - \$30.00 per year

*Voluntary Student Accident Coverage, 24-Hour Coverage* - \$116.00 per year

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

**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Schubert to adopt the following 2009-2010 Budget Resolution. –

That this Board of School Directors hereby officially adopts the School District of Southern Lehigh **2009-2010 Fiscal School Year Budget**, commencing with July 1, 2009, and ending with June 30, 2010, as recommended. A copy of PDE-2028, Final General Fund Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 that was preliminarily adopted at an official meeting of the Board of School Directors held Monday, May 11, 2009 is included in the Board packet.

Adopt 2009-2010 Fiscal School Year Budget

**WHEREAS**, the estimated Receipts from Local Sources of \$38,809,683 as set forth in the School District of Southern Lehigh Fiscal School Year Budget for the year 2009-2010 officially adopted this 22th day of June, 2009, includes a tax on the assessed valuation of real estate.

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Eddinger to approve the designation of fund balance for the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget as indicated in the attached schedule.

Approve the designation of Fund Balance for 2009-2010

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

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Dimmig to adopt the following 2009-2010 Budget Resolution –

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the millage on the assessed valuation of real estate located within the confines of Southern Lehigh School District (based upon 50% of the appraised valuation in compliance with Lehigh County Board of Commissioners resolution adopted May 30, 1974, as revised), as required in the officially adopted **2009-2010 Fiscal School Year Budget**, be set at 43.8 mills on the dollar (\$4.38 per each \$100 of assessed valuation) to provide an estimated income of \$32,463,810 for the fiscal year commencing with July 1, 2009, and ending with June 30, 2010.

Real Estate Millage set at 43.8 mills on the dollar

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Gunkle**  
**"NO" - Gunkle – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to adopt the following 2009-2010 Budget Resolutions –

**WHEREAS**, 43.8 mills on the assessed valuation of real estate will not provide sufficient revenue to meet the budgetary requirements of the 2009-2010 fiscal school year.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that this Board of School Directors hereby re-enacts the enabling resolution providing for the levying and assessing of a 1% tax upon the transfer of real property, or of any interest therein, situated within the School District of Southern Lehigh, under the authority of Act 511 of 1965, known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act", with said tax to provide an estimated income of \$500,000; and,

Re-enact 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board of School Directors hereby re-enacts the enabling resolution providing for the levy of 1% tax on the earned income of residents of the School District of Southern Lehigh levied under the authority of Act 511 of 1965, known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act", with said tax to provide an estimated income of \$3,546,500; and,

Re-enact 1% Earned Income Tax

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board of School Directors hereby re-enacts the enabling resolution providing for the levy of a Local Services Tax in the amount of Five (\$5.00) Dollars on individuals engaged in any occupation, trade or profession within the corporate limits of the School District under the authority of Act 511 of 1965, P.L. 1257, as amended, known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act," with said tax to provide an estimated income of \$40,000.

Re-enact \$5.00 Local Services Tax

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to adopt the following Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution –

Homestead &  
Farmstead  
Exclusion  
Real Estate  
Tax  
Assessment  
Reductions  
are authorized  
for the school  
year  
beginning  
7/1/09

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of Southern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2009, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.**

The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2009:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$618,415.59.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$13,782.07.

c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$632,197.66.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. §8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 5,786.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 59.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5,845.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The School Board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$632,197.66 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 5,845 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$108.14.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$871.73 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 5,781 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$0.13. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$108.14, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$108.27.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$108.27 by the School District real estate tax rate of 43.80 mills (.04380), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$2,472.00 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$2,472.00.

5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization - July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,472.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,472.00. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

6. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization -- interim real estate tax bills.** No homestead or farmstead exclusion will apply to any interim tax bill except an interim tax bill applicable to a property that includes an approved homestead or approved farmstead listed in the report received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1, but not included in the tax assessment reflected in the July 1 tax bill for the property. In most cases, the assessment of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads will be reflected in July 1 tax bills. However, in any case when there is an approved homestead or an approved farmstead that is not included in the assessment reflected in the July 1 tax bill, and when an interim real estate tax notice is issued later based on an interim assessment including the approved homestead or approved farmstead, the interim tax notice shall reflect a homestead or farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction calculated under paragraph 5, except that the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will be prorated in the same manner as the real estate tax is pro rated. Assuming the interim tax notice reflects taxation as of July 1, as will occur in most such cases, the full amount of the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will apply. In the extraordinary case where the new interim tax assessment is effective after July 1, the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will be pro rated in the same manner as the real estate tax reflected in the interim tax bill is pro rated.

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Dimmig to approve the following insurance policies for 2009-2010:

- Package Policy (General Liability, Property, and Fire, etc.)  
*Ohio Casualty Insurance Company* at an annual premium of \$56,698, an increase of approximately \$6,300 (12.5%) over the current year. The value of insured assets has increased by 60% mainly due to the addition of the Intermediate School.
- School Leaders Errors and Omissions (Employer's Liability for Directors, Employees, and Volunteers)  
*School Boards Insurance Company of PA* at an annual premium of \$13,426, a decrease of approximately \$3,139 from the current year.
- Umbrella Policy (Excess Coverage above Underlying Policies)  
*Old Republic Insurance Company* at an annual estimated premium of \$14,443, unchanged from the current year.
- Blanket Policy for PTA's, PTO's and Booster Clubs, etc.  
*Ohio Casualty Insurance Company* at an annual premium of \$501, unchanged from the current year.

Approve insurance policies for 2009-2010- Package Policy, School Leaders Errors & Omissions, Umbrella Policy, Blanket Policy for PTA's, PTO's & Booster Clubs, etc.

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve Change Order 1 to Imperial Excavating. The change represents an "add" in the amount of \$7,800 for changes required by the Lehigh Conservation District to erosion controls for bleacher construction.

Approve Change Order 1 to Imperial Excavating

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

Approve  
Change  
Order 2 to  
Imperial  
Excavating

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve Change Order 2 to Imperial Excavating. The change represents an "add" in the amount of \$12,620.50 for the addition of footers to the designed "floating" bleacher system.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Auteri**  
**"NO" - Auteri – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

Approve  
contract  
with George  
Donovan  
Associates

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve acceptance of the contract with George Donovan Associates, 518 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, in the amount of \$10,950 for professional services associated with the remediation of HVAC in three Liberty Bell Elementary School classrooms.

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

### **PERSONNEL**

Approve  
staff-Becker

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the following staff -

Nancy Becker, ESL Teacher, at Bachelor's +15, Step 11, an annual salary of \$52,177, effective July 1, 2009, pending submission of required documentation. (*This amount may change due to ongoing contract negotiations.*) Ms. Becker has a family vacation confirmed for March 29, 30 and 31, 2010 which will be granted as unpaid leave concurrent with the approval of her recommendation for hire. Ms. Becker will fill the position created with the retirement of Dr. Maryann Impink.

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

Approve  
transfer-  
Lentz

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve the transfer of Tina Lentz, Health Paraprofessional, Lower Milford Elementary School to Student Support Secretary (10-Month), Lower Milford Elementary, effective July 1, 2009. This is a pilot position for the 2009-2010 school year with a rate to be determined.

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

Accept  
resignation-  
Zelenak

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to accept the resignation of John Zelenak, Media Specialist, effective August 7, 2009. Mr. Zelenak was employed by Southern Lehigh School District for 10 years.

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

### **REPORTS**

#### Facilities Committee

Mr. Miracle reported on the committee's meeting last week –

- Roof projects are scheduled for Liberty Bell and Central Office
- A conditional certificate of occupancy has been issued by Upper Saucon Township for the Intermediate School
- Furniture is now arriving for the Intermediate School

#### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati stated that Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent, will be starting her Doctorate in Education in Leadership in Management at Drexel University.



Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported the following on the Intermediate School –

- Cleaning people are in the building
- 70% of school is in punch list form
- HVAC is being balanced
- Final paving will be done tomorrow
- Kurtz Brothers will finish July 3 with movable equipment

Mr. Miracle reported that personalized paver stones are in place at the Intermediate School.

Strategic Plan Report

Mrs. Christman said that based on preliminary PSSA results, the District should be okay on AYP.

Academic Proficiency:

- AP-1: Preliminary PSSA results are attached. Parent Letters have been distributed. The graphs represent the RAW data for levels of proficiency in the various tests by grade level. The percentage scores represent the data for students who completed the tests for which proficiency levels were assigned. PDE has indicated more information will be forthcoming after July 16.
- From PDE: The PA state targets for school year (2007-08) were 56% of students scoring at Proficient or higher in Mathematics and 63% of students scoring at Proficient or higher in Reading. Through 2010, these targets remain the same.

IMPORTANT PSSA Results and AYP Dates

July 16: AYP designation and District Student Data Files available at [www.drc-web.com/reportdelivery](http://www.drc-web.com/reportdelivery)

Week of August 3, 2009: Release of PVAAS data <https://pvaas.sas.com>

August 26, 2009:

- Individual Student Reports (Reading, Math, Writing, and Science) arrive in districts
- Online District and School Summary Reports available at [pssa.emetric.net](http://pssa.emetric.net)
- Data Interaction (eMetric) site available at [pssa.emetric.net](http://pssa.emetric.net)

TO BE DETERMINED: Public Release of AYP Includes:

- Press Release
- Access to the new public AYP site with up-to-date AYP data at [paayp.emetric.net](http://paayp.emetric.net)
  - AP-2: Admin retreat- All administrators are completing a Covey xQ survey focuses on Strategic Plan and District Culture
  - AP-6: Mini-grants for 09-10 have been awarded. Most focus on classroom technology.
  - AP-9: Courses from High School have been moved to Middle School: Level I World Language and Applications of Technology

Improved Communications:

- IC-1: The District Calendar has been completed and will be printed at LCTI this summer.
- IC-5: The District Calendar has been completed and the electronic version will be uploaded to the website ASAP
- IC-8: Wireless network installed at the Intermediate School

Highly Qualified Teachers:

- HQT-1: Teachers attended professional development workshops related to technology June 17-19. Plans are underway for summer academies.
- HQT-4: Curriculum and Technology Administrators have been trained on enhancements in the data warehouse program. Information will be shared with Building Administrators in the fall.
- HQT-5: Seven Administrators will attend Model Schools Conference June 28-July 1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approve second and final reading of the following policies- #105, #201, #907

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the second and final reading of the following policies -

- #105 *Curriculum Development*
- #201 *Admission of Students*
- #907 *School Visitors*

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval to officially change the grades of the 3 Elementary schools and Southern Lehigh Middle School

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Hayes to approve to officially change the grades of Hopewell Elementary, Liberty Bell Elementary and Lower Milford Elementary schools from Kindergarten through Grade 5 to Kindergarten through Grade 3; Southern Lehigh Middle School from Grades 6, 7 and 8 to Grades 7 and 8. This action is necessary in order to update and notify Pennsylvania Department of Education's *Educational Names and Addresses* (EDNA) of the changes.

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

Approve the proposed 2009-2012 teacher collective bargaining agreement

**MOVED BY** Schubert and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Miracle to approve the proposed 2009-2012 teacher collective bargaining agreement.

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

Approve Freshman Football Program Proposal for the 2009-2010 school year

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the *Freshman Football Program* Proposal for the 2009-2010 school year. This program is to be submitted to the Board annually for approval.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley and Auteri**  
**"NO" – Quigley, Auteri – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

Approve the revised 2009-2010 School Calendar

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the revised 2009-2010 School Calendar.

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

Mr. Eddinger suggested that the Education Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee meet during the year and not just at budget time.

**VISITORS**

Natalie Holland of the World Language Parent Organization spoke in favor of strengthening the Spanish Immersion Program.

Drew Walkowicz thought that the Board was basically ignoring and disrespecting all the visitors that addressed the board by not responding to their remarks.

Susan Martin had comments about busing and German.

Dennis Melton wanted to know if there could be a short 15 minute question and answer session after Board meetings.

Stan Sroka spoke in favor of sports programs.

Bonnie Organski thanked the Board and the Negotiations Committee for their professionalism during the collective bargaining agreement negotiations. Dr. Stelts responded in kind.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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

**Pending Approval**