



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 6, 2013

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:37 p.m. on the above date (May 6, 2013) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Lindsay

OTHERS: Melber, Millman, Bartholomew, Schlegel, Kennedy, Takacs, Buchman, Jordan, Knoll, Covelle, Davidson, Limpar, and approximately 5 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

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

The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

VISITORS

Mrs. Kathleen Parsons asked a question about the budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills dated May 6, 2013 showing paid bills in the amount of \$50,839.56 and the bills to be paid in the amount of \$301,623.67 for a total amount of \$352,463.23 for the General Fund;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year-

Julie Novick

Elementary Ed;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year-

<u>Nicole Belick</u>	Family and Consumer Science
<u>Elizabeth Bleiler</u>	Elementary and Early Childhood
<u>Patricia Brown</u>	Elementary Education
<u>Catherine Frantz</u>	Speech and Language Impaired
<u>Robert Shaffer</u>	Elementary Education;

Approve FMLA Leave of the following staff-

Sara Hovis, IST/Digital Literacy Teacher, Liberty Bell and Lower Milford Elementary Schools, beginning May 6, 2013 through the last teacher day of the 2012-2013 school year.

Bradley Siesko, Computer Science and Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning April 24, 2013 through April 23, 2014 on an intermittent basis, not to exceed 12 weeks cumulatively;

Approve Joseph Breisch as Summer Math Lab Teacher, at the homebound rate of \$40.09;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Linda Koziel, Health Paraprofessional, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective end of business day May 15, 2013;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Judith Miller, Health Paraprofessional, Hopewell Elementary School, from August 12, 2013 through August 12, 2014 for educational purposes.

Heather Jani, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, May 23, 2013;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2012-2013 school year-

Shawn Kressler, Substitute Secretary, an hourly rate of \$14.67

Catherine Frantz, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.31

Patricia Brown, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.31

Yolanda Davis, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.31

Patricia Roth, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, an hourly rate of \$14.67**;

** *Pending receipt of required documentation.*

Approve the following athletic workers for the 2012-2013 school year, according to the Ancillary Employee Policy-

David Diaz

Maureen Elliott

Frederick Mayer

Ryan McGinty

Rose Mirth

Austin Rivera

Alan Rockel

Douglas Roncolato

Luke Shaffer

Karen Shaffer

Phillip Shaheen

Laura Sunners

Stanley Swartz

George Wagner:

Approve the following mentors-

Maureen Elliott as a mentor for *Rose Jacob*, Learning Support Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, at a stipend of \$700 (*pro-rated*), from May 6, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Merrilyn Pysher, mentor for *Lori Kern*, School Nurse, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at a stipend not to exceed \$700, effective April 26, 2013 for a period up to one year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- Mid-point of 4th quarter
- Preparations for graduation have begun
- 5/16, 20, 21 – Keystone Exams
- 5/17 – Annual Picnic
- 5/20 – Parent Meeting (New schedule), 7PM
- 5/28-6/7 – Mid-term exams
- Scheduling for 2013-2014 continues

Middle School report –

Academic-

- 5/2 – Enviro-thon
- 5/8 – Choir and Orchestra Concert, 7PM
- 5/9, 10 – Band/Orchestra Adjudication
- 5/14 – National Junior Honor Society
- 5/15 – Band and Jazz Concert
- 5/21 – 6th grade visit

Social-

- 5/3, 4, 8 – *High School Musical Jr.*
- 5/6 – Grade Group Photos
- 5/24 – Field Day
- 5/31 – Luau

- 6/7 – Parent Presentation: *Transition to Middle School*

Intermediate School report (Ms. Limpar reported for Mrs. Farris) -

- PSSA testing completed
- Math acceleration testing is underway
- 4th grade visit to Harrisburg, including a tour of the state Capital
- 3rd graders from all 3 elementary schools visited and had the opportunity to ask questions about 4th grade
- Instrumental Music concert held last week and Spring Concert this week
- Alex's Lemonade Stand will operate during school lunches with all proceeds benefitting the McDonald House in Philadelphia
- 5/13, 14 – Instrumental Try-Outs
- 5/15 – Franklin Institute will offer assemblies

Elementary schools –

- Third grade orientation at JPLIS.
- Musical instrument introductory demonstrations for all third graders
- 5/7 – Astronomy assemblies by “Stars on the Move” portable planetarium
- 5/20 - Kay Winters, children's book author visits Lower Milford
- “Dancin’ with the Honeybees” workshop held at Liberty Bell
- 5/10 – Spring Performance, Liberty Bell 2nd grade
- 5/16 – Liberty Bell Play Day
- Hopewell's PTA recognized teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with a “Hopewellwood” theme
- Vision support teacher, Ms. Bethann Molinari was recognized by the media and the Phillies after being nominated by her 2nd grade student for Teacher Appreciation week
- Field trips include a farm visit, Wildlands Conservancy, Lehigh Valley Zoo and one room schoolhouse
- 5/22 – Hopewell Play Day

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the new science textbooks recommended for 2013-2014 school year. Textbooks will be on display at the Curriculum and Technology Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the May 21, 2013 Board meeting.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to reappoint Diana Millman and Kristen Lewis, respectively, as Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary for the four-year period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

MOVED BY Mohr and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve Dr. Thomas McLoughlin who was elected School Board Treasurer in December, 2012, to continue to serve as School

Board Treasurer until the next election of board officers in December, 2013. The School Code requires the election of a Treasurer each May for the year beginning July 1st. Historically, the Board has asked the sitting Treasurer to continue to serve as School Board Treasurer.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSTAIN: McLoughlin
ABSENT: Lindsay

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the continuation of bonding of the Board Treasurer and Board Secretary at the current level of \$50,000.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the Settlement of two separate, pending Tax Assessment Appeals relating to County-wide re-assessment as follows-
Coopersburg II Associates – Lehigh County File No. 2012-C-4335.

The assessed value of the property which is the subject of this Appeal, namely, PIN #642357397617, consisting of 2.4003 acres of land together with a two story, 41 unit, senior citizen, apartment building situated thereon and located at 335 E. State Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036, shall be assessed at \$1,400,000, which is 100% of its fair market value, for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes for the years on and after January 1, 2013.

CAMMRA LLC – Lehigh County File No. 2012-C-4932.

The assessed value of the property which is the subject of this Appeal, namely, PIN #642323276494, consisting of 115.4 acres of land currently being utilized as golf course property located at 5500 Locust Valley Road, Upper Saucon Township, shall be assessed at \$19,500 per acre or \$2,250,000 (rounded), in the aggregate, which is 100% of its fair market value, for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes for the years on and after January 1, 2013.

The assessed value of two adjoining slivers of property owned by the Petitioner, which are not a part of this Appeal, shall be re-assessed as of August 1, 2013, at \$19,500 per acre for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes for the years on and after January 1, 2014, as follows-

a. PIN #642333180696, consisting of 1.2 acres of land which adjoins the property which is the subject of this Appeal, shall be re-assessed at \$19,500 per acre or \$23,500 (rounded), in the aggregate, which is 100% of its fair market value, for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes on and after January 1, 2014; and

b. PIN #642333186703, consisting of 4.72 acres of land which adjoins the property which is the subject of this Appeal, shall be re-assessed at \$19,500 per acre or \$92,000 (rounded), in the aggregate, which is 100% of its fair market value, for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes on and after January 1, 2014.

The Solicitor is authorized to enter into a Stipulation of Counsel with legal counsel for the other parties involved in the two Appeals for purposes of effectuating the Settlements.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Gunkle and 2ND BY Stelts to approve the following certificated staff -

Peter Slay, Long-Term Substitute School Psychologist, Liberty Bell Elementary School, at Masters +30, Step 11, for the 2013-2014 school year effective August 20, 2013. The Masters +30, Step 11 salary for the 2012-2013 school year is \$59,781. Mr. Slay will fill the position contingent upon the anticipated leave of Michele Conrad.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Dr. Stelts added the following update-

- Discussion to convert the Curriculum and Technology building as a residence for critical language teachers during the school year.

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Dr. Stelts reported the following-

- Several SLHS students were recognized as outstanding co-op students.
- A Counselor Walkthrough was recently held for all guidance counselors to observe students during classroom time.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Stelts and 2ND BY Gunkle to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policies-

#113 Programs: *Special Education*

#114 Programs: *Gifted Students*

#223 Pupils: *Operation of Motor Vehicles by Students*

#224 Pupils: *Care of School Property*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

MOVED BY Mohr and 2ND BY Stelts to approve a second and final reading of the following new policies-

#113.1 Programs: *Child Find*

#113.3 Programs: *Special Education Evaluations and Requests for Independent Educational Evaluations*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Mohr and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Lehigh Education Association and the Southern Lehigh School District extending the terms and conditions of the cyber school option offered by the district through the 2015-2016 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous- Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

There was Board discussion.

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary