



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 27, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:40 p.m. on the above date (May 27, 2014) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, McLoughlin, Hayes, Lindsay, Lycett, Merkle, Parsons

ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Bergey, Lilly, Donahue, Farris, Hafner, Sinkler (SLEA), Rizzo (Morning Call), Petty (Express Times) and approximately 14 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mrs. Gunkle led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills dated May 27, 2014 showing paid bills in the amount of \$26,837.91 and the bills to be paid in the amount of \$441,676.93 for a total amount of \$468,064.84 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$272,352.52 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of April, 2014;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following certificated staff-

Erin Bromfield, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for September 25; October 9 through 17, 2014 and April 10, 2015;

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

Approve the following Seasonal Computer Technicians, effective June 18, 2014 at a rate of \$15.28 per hour with an increase effective July 1, 2014 (The new hourly rate will be determined after July 1, 2014.)-

Amanda Ruth

Amanda Anderson;

Approve the following staff-

Malinda McComber, Human Resources Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$17.36 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and for the 2014-2015 school year, with an effective date to be determined (*pending receipt of required documentation*). Ms. McComber will fill the position due to the promotion of *Elaine Lebo*;

Approve the following staff for the Liberty Trail Program scheduled from June 23 through July 11, 2014 at the stipends listed-

Kathleen Kale, Field Leader/Teacher Instructor, at a stipend of \$575.38 per week, plus an additional Field Leader stipend of \$809.64

Lisa Lowry, Field Leader/Teacher Instructor, at a stipend of \$575.38 per week, plus an additional Field Leader stipend of \$809.64

Joy Rice, Teacher Instructor, at a stipend of \$575.38 per week

David LeBourgeois, Teacher Instructor, at a stipend of \$575.38 per week

Russell Tucker, Teacher Instructor, at a stipend of \$575.38 per week

Approve the following teaching staff to provide extended school year services to Special Education students during the summer of 2014 at the hourly rate of \$41.23. This will be funded by the IDEA grant-

Caryn Bronfenbrenner

Lisa Dex

Tracy Hammond

Stephanie Hutzayluk

Susan Olinik

Carol Macomb

Shannon Mauro

Linda Milliman

Thomas J. Seidenberger

Chelsea Winklespecht;

Approve the following instructional assistants to provide extended school year services to Special Education students during the summer of 2014 at the hourly rate of \$17.46. This will be funded by the IDEA grant-

Christina Jann

Stephanie Kauffman

Linda McGovern

Stephanie Muller

Tracy Stough

Brittany Thomas

Debbie Zweifel;

Accept the resignations of the following staff-

Colleen Iannetta, Head Competition Cheerleading Coach, effective May 1, 2014

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Kara Kernick, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective May 6, 2014;

Approve the following coaching staff for the 2014-2015 school year-

Edward Labatch, III, Head Wrestling Coach, a stipend of \$8725**

Matthew Cooper, Head Girls Basketball Coach, a stipend of \$8725**

Charles Sonon, Assistant Football Coach, a stipend of \$6159

***The stipends listed are for the 2013-2014 school year;*

Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2013-2014 school year: (VIII, D-3)

Caren Richards MS Track and Field.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- 5/23 – Act 80 Day, teachers worked in departments on curriculum and assessment revisions, including Final Exams.
- 5/27-30 - Review days for elective courses.
- 5/30 – Spring Carnival / Yearbooks.
- 6/2-5 Exams for elective courses, AND Review days for core courses.
- 6/6,6/9, 6/10 are Final Exams for core courses.
- 6/11 – Last day of classes and last day for LCTI, make-up exams
- 6/12 – Senior Awards Assembly at 7PM in HS Cafeteria
- 6/13 – Graduation at 6:30PM in HS Gym

Middle School report –

- 5/13 - Chinese Field Trip
- 5/15 - NJHS Induction Ceremony
- 5/21 - Title I Family Night
- 5/22 - Taiwan Conference with Alex's lemonade
- 5/29 - District Chorus Concert

- 6/2-9 – Examinations
- 6/10 - Talent Show
- 6/10 - Yearbook Distribution
- 6/11 - End of Year Recognition

Intermediate School report –

- 5/23 – Fallen military heroes remembered by wearing red, white and blue.
- 5/23 - 4th grade celebrated Earth Day with a variety of eco-friendly activities
- Grade level teachers reviewed common assessment data during our in-service time this past Friday afternoon.
- 5/23 - 6th grade End-of-Year Social/Dance
- Mr. Long and a few of our HS students will be coming to JPL IS this week to share some Physics lessons relating to projectile motion and collision.
- Field Day will be held this Friday – weather permitting.
- Our OM Team is on their way to the World competition this week.
- 6/3 - 6th graders will be visiting Ellis Island.
- 6/3 - JPLIS will host 3rd graders and provide them with lunch and a tour of the school

Elementary schools –

- 5/14 - Hopewell's 3rd Grade field trip to the Burnside Plantation in Bethlehem
- 5/21 - Hopewell had a successful Play Day as the storms held off!
- 5/27 - Hopewell will be hosting its annual Hopewell Spring Festival from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.
- Lower Milford's PLAY DAY is scheduled for tomorrow, so we are hoping the weather forecast improves drastically!
- 5/30 - The BEE MAN will visit Lower Milford and offer an educational assembly as well as small group sessions.
- 6/4 - Lower Milford students will spend the day at the Dillingersville One Room School House.
- 5/28 - Liberty Bell's KDG classes will visit Maxwell Farms.
- 5/23 - Acting Secretary of Education, Dr. Carolyn Dumesq, was on hand with Dr. Christman and Mrs. Farris as she awarded Liberty Bell and the Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School the Governor's Award for Excellence in Academics.
- 6/3 - Liberty Bell's 3rd Grade will be visiting the Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School
- 6/5 - Liberty Bell will be hosting its Annual Volunteer Breakfast
- 6/6 - Liberty Bell's 1st Grade will be visiting the Lehigh Valley Zoo
- 6/6 - Liberty Bell will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an Open House from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

MOVED BY Lycett and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the final adoption of new social studies and English textbooks recommended for the 2014-2015 school year. Textbooks have been on display at the Administration Building for two weeks.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the enclosed 2014-2015 District Mini Grants for a total amount of \$29,804.90 (*pending approval of the final 2014-2015 budget.*)

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

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve Homebound Instruction for student #051401.

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

MOVED BY Parsons and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the of a week long summer Chinese language/culture camp for Southern Lehigh School District students entering 2nd and 3rd grade and evening Mandarin Language Course for adult community members from July 14 through 18, 2014.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve the attached Homestead/Farmstead Resolution.

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

MOVED BY Hayes and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the appointment of France, Anderson, Basile and Company to perform the audit of the Southern Lehigh School District Office for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, pursuant to the attached engagement letter.

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

There was Board Discussion.

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the appointment of Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams as school solicitor for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

There was Board Discussion.

SUPPORT SERVICES

New Elementary School Construction Management Services

Ms. Wendy Horvath, Director of Communications of D'Huy Engineering, Inc. introduced Mr. Arif Fazil and project management team who provided a presentation on Construction Management Services for the New Elementary School.

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Merkle to award of New Elementary School Construction Management Services to D'Huy Engineering, Inc., One East Broad Street, Suite 310, Bethlehem, PA 18018. The recommendation is based on the two year project goal cost of \$547,548 with a potential three year cost of \$636,748.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Education Committee

Mr. Hayes reported the following discussed at today's meeting-

- JPLIS Student Handbook
- Strategic Planning
- Family ID for sports physical registrations
- Spanish Immersion sign up discussion

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported the following discussed at the May 21, 2014 meeting-

- JPLIS Brick Issue
- PPL Energy Efficient Lighting Replacement Grant
- Liberty Bell Sidewalks and Driveway
- Lower Milford Roof Update

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons provided an update on the Forestry School (Hickory Run) Residency Program.

Turf Committee

Mr. Lycett reported the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2014, 7PM

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following:

- Acting Secretary of Education, Carolyn Dumaesq, visited Liberty Bell last week to acknowledge the two Southern Lehigh schools who earned the Governor's Excellence Award for achieving a School Performance Profile of 90 or above.
- The 1st Annual Film Festival in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, SLSD and SLEF will be held on June 4.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the Guest Mandarin Chinese Program Instructor(s) Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Lehigh School District and the Southern Lehigh Education Association, for the period beginning August 1, 2014 through July 30, 2015.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous- Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve tthe Administrative Compensation Plan for Act 93 Employees for the period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The schedule of administrative salaries effective July 1, 2014, referred to in Section VI, will be approved and added to this document at a future date.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous- Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the expulsion agreement of Student #051402 and Student #051403 for the balance of the 2013-2014 school year for a violation of the School District's Controlled Substances Policy in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Waiver of Rights and Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Suspension of Expulsion signed by the Students' parents, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on May 12, 2014.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous- Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Lycett to suspend the punishment of expulsion of Student #051404 for a violation of the School District's Weapons Policy, Section 1317.2 of the Public School code, and Section 912 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Waiver of Rights and Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Suspension of Expulsion signed by the Student's parent, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on May 12, 2014.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous- Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve a first reading of the following revised policy-

#210 Pupils: *Use of Medication*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 8:45 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Lycett and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Dimmig, Quigley

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

Pending Approval