



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

February 10, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date (February 10, 2014) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Quigley

OTHERS: Lewis, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Buchman, Davidson, Limpar, Bergey, Sinkler (SLEA), Rizzo (Morning Call), and approximately 7 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.

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

VISITORS

Ms. Jillian Tadrzynski addressed the Board regarding Charter School transportation. Mr. Bergey, Support Services Director, was asked to follow-up with Ms. Tadrzynski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Quigley

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills to be paid as of February 10, 2014 showing bills paid in the amount of \$51,469.98 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$481,032.78 for a total amount of \$532,502.76 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$277,850.70 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following student teacher placements-

Kevin Miller, Music Education K-12, Moravian College, with Nancy Beitler, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from March 17, 2014 through May 8, 2014;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-14 school year-

Michele Archer, Social Studies 7-12

Alyssa Baranovich, Elementary Ed K-6

Adam Berman, Physics 7-12

Cynthia Falowski, Elementary Ed K-6

Melissa Frederickson, Art K-12

Ryan Sevenski, Mid-Level Science 7-9; Social Studies 7-12

Natasha Trad, Elementary Ed K-6

Abby Ward, Art K-12;

Approve the increment request of the following staff, effective February 1, 2014-

Heather Toto, Masters +15 to Masters +30;

Approve the intermittent FMLA leave of the following staff-

Colleen West-Slotter, Title I Math & Reading Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, beginning January 20, 2014 through April 1, 2014'

Approve the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Anthony Haddad, Special Education Instructional Assistant (up to 20 hours/week), an hourly rate of \$17.46, effective date to be determined by receipt of required documentation;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2013-14 school year-

Cynthia Falowski, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.31

Natasha Trad, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.31;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Tracy Stough, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from April 30, 2014 through May 2, 2014

Barbara Elsner, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, February 28, 2014; March 3 and 4, 2014;

Approve (*pending receipt of required documentation*) of Brent Hoffert, Speech and Debate Judge, a rate of \$63.99 per event, for the 2013-2014 school year;

Approve Louis Skrapits, MathCounts Chaperone, a rate of \$41.23 per hour, for the 2013-2014 school year;

Approve the following Assistants to the Coordinator of Athletics for the spring season of the 2013-2014 school year-

Thomas J. Seidenberger \$1666.67**

Donald Harakal \$1666.67**

***This is a shared position and stipend.*

Approve the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year-

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| <u>Brian Boorse</u> | Head Boys Lacrosse | \$5954 |
| <u>Benjamin Snyder</u> | Assistant Boys Lacrosse | \$1786** |
| <u>Eric Stemple</u> | Assistant Boys Lacrosse | \$1786** |
| <i>**This is a shared position and stipend.</i> | | |
| <u>Brian Neefe</u> | Head Softball | \$7493 |
| <u>Rosemary Grube</u> | Assistant Softball | \$4497 |
| <u>Daren Albanese</u> | Assistant Softball | \$4497 |
| <u>Todd Miller</u> | Head Baseball | \$7493 |
| <u>Matthew Greenawald</u> | Assistant Baseball | \$4497 |
| <u>Jeremy Haas</u> | Assistant Baseball | \$2248.50** |
| <i>**This is a shared position with a coach to be named.</i> | | |
| <u>Brian Souerwine</u> | Head Track | \$7493 |
| <u>Cotie Strong</u> | Assistant Track | \$4497 |
| <u>Joseph Breisch</u> | Assistant Track | \$4497 |
| <u>Brenton Ditchcreek</u> | Assistant Track | \$4497 |
| <u>Andraea Drabenstott</u> | Boys Tennis | \$5132; |

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2013-2014 school year-

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| <u>Robert Trexler</u> | Softball |
| <u>Lacey Wismer</u> | Softball |
| <u>Troy Repyneck</u> | Baseball |
| <u>Spencer Cameron</u> | Baseball |
| <u>John Blazusiak</u> | Baseball |
| <u>Robert Fluck</u> | Baseball |
| <u>Brian McLaughlin</u> | Track |
| <u>Lori Michelle Schumaker</u> | Track |
| <u>Frank Rochon</u> | Track |
| <u>James Weedling</u> | Track |
| <u>David Loew</u> | Track |
| <u>Cynthia Ashworth</u> | Boys Tennis; |

Approve the following Club Sport coaches and volunteers for the 2013-2014 school year-

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| <u>Donald West, Jr.</u> | Boys Volleyball |
| <u>Donald West, Sr.</u> | Boys Volleyball |
| <u>Jonathan Getz</u> | Boys Volleyball |
| <u>Alan Rockel</u> | Boys Volleyball |

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| <u>Christa Burke Paul</u> | Boys Volleyball |
| <u>Justin Kocis</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Beverly Marant</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Michael Duane</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Roxanne Kylish</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Laurence Gray, Jr.</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Christi Gray</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Martin Matsumura</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Kimberly Sargent</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Frank Rochon</u> | MS Track & Field |
| <u>Samantha Lavin</u> | MS Girls Lacrosse |
| <u>Kimberly Checkeye</u> | MS Girls Lacrosse |

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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 –

Mrs. Siegfried was unable to attend and Mr. Davidson submitted the following report-

- 1/28 - 2nd quarter report cards were mailed.
- 1/30 - SLHS hosted Lehigh County Band members for rehearsal and the band concert was held on Saturday, February 1. Congratulations to all of the fine high school musicians and band directors for an outstanding performance.
- Some of our winter sports teams will head into the Colonial League playoffs this week and we wish our athletes good luck.
- 2/21 - HS Parent Advisory Council will meet
- 2/27-3/2 - HS musical *Shrek* will be held. Students spent a good part of the weekend trying to get caught up on their rehearsal and set building due to the inclement weather days that have hampered their preparations.

Middle School report –

Academic

- 2/4 - PSSA Writing Field Test
- 1/31; 2/7 - SRI Tests for 7th and 8th grade students
- 2/26 - Academic Showcase

Events

- 1/31- Chinese New Year Celebration
- 2/4 - Parent-Teacher Group
- 2/7 - Winter dance
- 2/19 - 8th grade group photo

Intermediate School report –

Mrs. Farris was unable to attend and Ms. Limpar submitted the following report-

- JPLIS has been adjusting schedules due to the recent weather interruptions.
- 2/7 - 6th grade class completed the state's PSSA ELA Field Test.
- The second issue of The Spartan Times is posted on the website under newspaper. The student writers and contributors are really working hard to make the newspaper enjoyable for all.
- 1/31 - Students were treated to a Bach to Rock assembly
- 2/21 - 5th grader students will be honored at an assembly to celebrate their DARE graduation
- 2/27 - 6th grade students will be offered an assembly on Cyber Safety from Officer Paul Iannaci of the PA State Police Cyber Investigations Department.
- The date for School Board visitation is February 25th, 9:15 to 11:15AM.

Elementary schools –

- 2/7 - 2nd Annual Art and Bingo Show at Liberty Bell with 430 people in attendance!!!
- Kicking off the annual reading program this coming week. This year's theme is the Winter Olympics as each class will represent a different nation participating in the Winter Olympics.
- 3/3 – Hopewell's Read Across America / Dr. Seuss birthday celebration and a digital book will be compiled with rhymes and illustrations that highlights different places and ways one can read.
- Overall, students are doing a great job handling the inclement weather, cancellations and delays etc.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Parsons and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the proposed General Operating Budget for Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for 2014-2015.

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

MOVED BY Lycett and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve the Assignment of Athletic Trainer Agreement between Southern Lehigh School District, OAA Orthopaedic Specialists and Lehigh Valley Health Network, Inc. for athletic trainer services through 2016-2017.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES**PERSONNEL**

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Hayes reported the following from the February 6th meeting-

- District 11-Skills USA Championships held on January 29th. Congratulations to Southern Lehigh High School students who earned 1st place in Cosmetology and Web Design, 2nd place in Industrial Motor Controls and 3rd place in Restaurant Services.
- Grant approved for a school resource officer.

Policy Committee

Mr. Lycett reported that several policies were discussed at today's meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Lewis reported the following-

- PSSA schedule adjusted due to weather school closings across the state.
- A student digital film festival, *My Community...My Business* is planned for late spring. Local Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce business members and community members will sponsor the event with donations benefitting the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation.
- The Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

Elementary Buildings Planning

There was Board discussion included clarifying questions of the administration on the different options. The procedures for voting on March 10, 2014 were also determined.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to use the following voting procedure on March 10, 2014. The procedure is that all board members will receive a written ballot that includes their name and list of options. They will mark their first choice on the ballot and submit that ballot to the board secretary. The board secretary will then read all the votes into the record. If a simple majority votes for a single option, then that option will be passed. If a simple majority is not reached on the first vote, the option(s) receiving the least amount of votes will be eliminated. Then a voice roll call will be taken for the remaining options. This process will repeat until a simple majority vote for a single option is reached.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve a change to the revised 2013-2014 District Calendar by adding February 17, 2014 and April 21, 2014 (currently school holidays) as regular school days for staff and students, if needed for additional snow make-up days.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Gunkle reported that correspondence from Lower Milford Township Board of Supervisors regarding the Southern Lehigh School District Elementary Schools was received and shared with the Board.

VISITORS

Mrs. Michelle Burns addressed the Board regarding the revised 2013-2014 calendar. She also spoke in support of keeping all three elementary schools open.

Mr. Arland Schantz applauded the open discussion of Board members regarding the elementary school buildings planning.

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

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

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

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL