



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 11, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:32 p.m. on the above date (May 11, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons (seated at 8 p.m.), Gunkle, Dimmig, Hayes, Lycett
ABSENT: Lindsay, Merkle, Quigley
OTHERS: Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Bergey, Buchman, Takacs, Jordan, Davidson, Malinchak (Morning Call) and 12 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. McLoughlin 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.

High School Robotics Team

Mr. Robert Gaugler and several members of the Robotics Team provided a demonstration to showcase the robot that was built by students and used in this year's Mid Atlantic Region competition and several community events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Merkle, Quigley, Parsons

VISITORS

No visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list as of May 11, 2015 showing bills paid in the amount of \$6,314.34 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$854,908.86 for a total amount of \$861,223.20 for the General Fund; and bills to be paid in the amount of \$140,086.19 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Lisa Crowley, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, May 26, 27 and 28, 2015

Laura DeMars, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, May 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12, 2015;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Sean Ondush, Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, effective the end of business day, May 8, 2015;

Approve the promotion of the following staff-

Greggory Padamonsky, Temporary Custodian to Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, effective May 12, 2015;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2014-2014 school year-

Jeannie Bleiler, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.62;

Approve the following staff sharing the position and stipend of \$586.89 per week for the Liberty Trails program scheduled from June 15, 2015 to July 2, 2015-

David LeBourgeois, Teacher Instructor

Joy Rice, Teacher Instructor

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

(Mrs. Parsons seated at 8 p.m.)

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Nathan Davidson, Assistant Principal, Southern Lehigh Middle School provided a video presentation highlighting this year’s Middle School activities.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the following textbook recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year-

1. K-6 English Language Arts textbooks
2. Science and Mathematics textbooks (Grade 10-12)

Textbooks will be on display in the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the May 26, 2015 Board meeting.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association to participate in the National Leadership Conference, Dallas, Texas, June 28, 2015 to July 2, 2015.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve Mrs. Corinne Gunkle as the Board Treasurer. It is customary for the Board to elect the same individual who was elected the previous December to accept this nomination in May.

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

MOVED BY Parsons and **2ND BY** Hayes 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, Merkle, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve the appointment of France, Anderson, Basile and Company to perform the audit of the Southern Lehigh School District Office for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, pursuant to the attached engagement letter.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to reappoint Mr. Keith Scattergood as the District's representative to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for a 3-year term, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the following contracts for the new Hopewell Elementary School, a 57,561 square foot LEED Gold building to be located at 4625 West Hopewell Road, Center Valley, PA. The public bid opening for all bidders occurred at 3:15 PM, Thursday, May 7, 2015 in the High School Board Room.

The following contracts awarded -

- Sitework General Construction including Sitework to Lobar, Inc., One Mill Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019, in the amount of \$10,448,500. The award includes the base bid amount of \$10,455,000 plus alternates 3, 4, 12, and 19.

- Plumbing Construction including Fire Protection to DeWalt Plumbing, Inc., 5474 Acorn Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049, in the base bid amount of \$835,000.
- HVAC Construction to JBM Mechanical, Inc., 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064, in the base bid amount of \$2,630,000.
- Electrical Construction to Albarell Electric, Inc., 901 W. Lehigh Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, in the amount of \$2,013,538. The award includes the base bid amount of \$1,736,000 plus alternates 12A, 14, and 21.
- Environmental Abatement to Sargent Enterprises, Inc., 732 Center Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, in the base bid amount of \$86,988.

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

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Finance Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on May 21, 2015 to discuss the possible elevation of several club sports to official status.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported that the Policy Committee met prior to this meeting.

Private Funding of Sports Facilities

Mr. Lycett reported that the Private Funding of Sports Facilities is scheduled to meet on May 13, 2015.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Christman reported that the district was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1400 from the Teachers of Critical Languages Program.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve a second and final reading of the following new policy-

#818 Operations: *Contracted Services*

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

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

- #351 Administrative Employees: *Drug and Substance Abuse*
- #451 Professional Employees: *Drug and Substance Abuse*
- #551 Classified Employees: *Drug and Substance Abuse*
- #815 Operations: *Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources*
- #915 Community: *Booster Organizations*
- #915.1 Community: *Relations with PTA/PTO/PTG or Other Parent Organizations*

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the request for student #050115 to complete the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #200.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

The Board took a brief recess at 8:25 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 8:26 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Parsons to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Merkle, Quigley

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

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman* Board Secretary