



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

April 25, 2016

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 (April 25, 2016) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Parsons, Dimmig, McLoughlin, Gehman, Gunkle, Lycett, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Lewis, Bergey, Jordan, Takacs, Siegfried, Buchman, Butz, Sinkler (SLEA), and 75 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

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

The Board met in Executive Session after the last board meeting (April 11, 2016) and prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. David Long, Speech and Debate advisor, introduced students who were recognized for their achievements in this year's speech and debate tournaments. Board awards were presented by President Parsons to the following students: Alexander B., Benjamin B., Fiona B., Georgian F., Bryanne K., Naomi L., Sarah M., Dashiell R., David R., Ryan S., Melissa S., Talia T., Kullen Y. and Lucy Z.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Gehman to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

VISITORS

Mrs. Mary Ann Nord, Coopersburg resident, addressed the Board regarding Odyssey of the Mind.

Southern Lehigh Odyssey of the Mind Team members thanked the community and teachers for fundraising and support of their team.

Mrs. Andrea Lycette, Coopersburg resident, addressed the Board regarding Odyssey of the Mind.

Mrs. Katrina Piper, Coopersburg resident, addressed the Board regarding Odyssey of the Mind.

Mr. Rich Kolecki, Center Valley resident, addressed the Board regarding Odyssey of the Mind.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated April 25, 2016 showing paid bills in the amount of \$13,069.95 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$637,932.07 for a total amount of \$651,002.02 for the General Fund and paid bills in the amount of \$898.25 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$878,757.05 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2015-2016 school year-

Susan LaBrie Emergency Certificate;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2015-2016 school year-

Carla Finney, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, an hourly rate of \$9.66

Susan LeBrie, Substitute Secretary, an hourly rate of \$15.64

Susan LaBrie, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01

Patricia Roth, Substitute Secretary, an hourly rate of \$15.64;

Approve to correct the program stipend of Kathleen Kale and Lisa Lowry, Liberty Trail Field Leaders, from \$825.83 to \$846.48. This was approved at the April 11, 2016 board meeting;

Approve the following staff as 2016 Liberty Trail Teacher Instructors, a stipend of \$601.56 per week-

Kathleen Kale

Lisa Lowry;

Approve the following Athletic Event workers-

Joseph Mayer

Rose Perrelli;

Approve the following coaches for the 2016-2017 school year-

<u>John Toman</u>	Head HS Football	\$10816
<u>Derek Bleiler</u>	Asst. HS Football	\$5191.20**
<u>Michael Feifel</u>	Asst. HS Football	\$5191.20**
<u>Adam Legath</u>	Asst. HS Football	\$5191.20**
<u>Michael Litzenberger</u>	Asst. HS Football	\$5191.20**
<i>**80% of stipend</i>		
<u>Charles Sonon</u>	Asst. HS Football	\$2595.60**
<i>**40% of stipend</i>		
<u>Michael Gurdineer</u>	Head MS Football	\$4868
<u>Robert Butterbaugh</u>	Asst. MS Football	\$811**
<i>**25% of stipend</i>		
<u>Derek Weedling</u>	Asst. MS Football	\$1622**
<i>**50% of stipend</i>		
<u>Donald West, Jr.</u>	Head HS Girls Volleyball	\$6273
<u>Samantha Lavin</u>	Asst. HS Field Hockey	\$4738
<u>Andraea Drabenstott</u>	Head HS Girls Tennis	\$5407
<u>Benjamin Tannous</u>	Head Boys Basketball	\$9192
<u>Daniel Tannous</u>	Asst. Boys Basketball	\$5516
<u>Kyle Reifinger</u>	Asst. Boys JV Basketball	\$5516
<u>Matthew Swartz</u>	Asst. Boys Junior High Basketball	\$5056
<u>Matthew Cooper</u>	Head Girls Basketball	\$9192
<u>Edward Labatch</u>	Head Varsity Wrestling	\$9192
<u>Mathew Gorkos</u>	Asst. Varsity Wrestling	\$5516
<u>Stephen Sideras</u>	Head JH Wrestling	\$5056
<u>Robert Gaugler</u>	Head Rifle	\$4109
<u>Carl Crouse</u>	Asst. Rifle	\$2465
<u>Cotie Strong</u>	Head Winter Track	\$4109
<u>Vernon Mobley</u>	Head MS Girls Basketball	\$4136;

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2016-2017 school year-

<u>Joseph Cassidy</u>	Football
<u>Casey Cooperman</u>	Football
<u>Eugene Legath</u>	Football

<u>Patrick Ludlow</u>	Football
<u>Curtis Reigle</u>	Football
<u>Brendan Dunne</u>	Football
<u>Rodney Godshall</u>	Football
<u>Brennan Harding</u>	Football
<u>Andrew Shorb</u>	Football
<u>Travis Weighknecht</u>	Football
<u>Matthew Tannous</u>	Basketball
<u>Christopher Labatch</u>	Wrestling;

Approve an unpaid internship during the 2016 Summer Reading Camp in order to satisfy hours required by Wilkes University for Reading Specialist Certificate program of the following staff-

Sarah Kimble
Samantha Filler .

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Southern Lehigh High School Update

Mrs. Christine Siegfried, Principal, thanked board members who attended the Middle and High School Board Visitation Day on April 22, 2016. She also presented highlights of project based learning at the high school and Workforce events with LCTI students.

MOVED BY Gunkle and 2ND **BY** Smith to approve homebound instruction for student #040116.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and 2ND **BY** Smith to approve the following student trip requests-

1. *Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to participate in the National Speech and Debate Association National Championship, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 11 through 18, 2016.
2. *Southern Lehigh High School Robotics Team* to participate in the FIRST Robotics Championship, St. Louis, MO, April 26 through May 1, 2016.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Smith to approve the CLIU Technology Pool Legal Services Consultation Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Southern Lehigh Public Library

Mrs. Lynette Saeger, Southern Lehigh Public Library Director, presented an update and request for the Board to consider an increase of \$4000 in support for the Southern Lehigh Public Library to \$68,000.

There was Board discussion, leading to the following motion.

MOVED BY Dimmig and **2ND BY** Gehman to increase the current contribution of \$64,000 by \$8000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2016-2017 budget.

There was additional Board discussion and a roll call vote called.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "YES" – Dimmig, Sisselberger – Motion Denied
"NO" – Lycett, Gunkle, Gehman, Merkle, Smith, McLoughlin
"ABSTAIN - Parsons
"ABSENT": None

There was additional Board discussion, leading to the following motion.

MOVED BY Lycett and **2ND BY** Gunkle to increase the current contribution of \$64,000 by \$4000 for a total of \$68,000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2016-2017 budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "YES" – Dimmig, Lycett, Gunkle, Gehman, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith, McLoughlin – Motion Carried
"NO" – None
"ABSTAIN - Parsons
"ABSENT": None

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the consulting agreement with Bob Carter Companies agreement in the amount of \$32,000 pending receipt of matching funds from the community through the Private Fundraising of Facilities Committee and the district.

(There was Board discussion.)

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Parsons, Lycett, Gunkle, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith, McLoughlin – Motion Carried
"NO" – Dimmig, Gehman
ABSENT: None

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the allowance adjustment MC-001 to JBM Mechanical, Inc., 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064, in the amount of \$4,806.03 for the addition of duct lining in Classroom 30 at the New Hopewell Elementary School. The duct lining is an acoustical requirement for LEED Gold.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve acceptance of the Lehigh County Procurement Office recommendation for the award of the Lehigh County Cooperative Diesel Fuel and Gasoline Bid #16-018 to Petroleum Traders Co., 7120 Pointe Inverness Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. The fixed cost for school bus diesel fuel will be a \$.0126 per gallon discount under rack cost for transport deliveries.

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

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Gehman to approve the appointment of Thomas Ruhf, Assistant Principal, Southern Lehigh High School, effective July 1, 2016, a salary of \$88,000. Mr. Ruhf is the current Dean of Students/Gifted Teacher and will replace Jason Lilly, who resigned earlier this school year.

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

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Mr. Merkle reported the committee met on April 15, 2015. Minutes available on the district's website.

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported that 115 students served by CLIU.

Private Fundraising for Facilities Committee

Mr. Lycett announced the committee plans to meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Several student teams competing in national competitions

- High school Administrative team is working with the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Development Board to sponsor the first employer breakfast for LCTI students.
- Middle school is holding their Academic Showcase on Thursday, April 28, 2016
- Varsity/JV Boys Lacrosse teams will be participating in a dual fundraising event with Emmaus Boys Lacrosse team on Friday, April 29, 2016.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve rescission of the following policies due to the fact that law covers them-

- #302.3 Administrative Employees: *Retirement*
- #402.3 Professional Employees: *Retirement*
- #502.3 Classified Employees: *Retirement*

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Smith to approve the proposed School Board Meeting Dates for September, 2016 through August, 2017.

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

The ballots for the election of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 were distributed to board members.

Mrs. Parsons announced the need to take a brief recess to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 9:50 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:58 p.m.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Smith to table the motion to approve the 2016-2017 School District Calendar.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

Mrs. Kyle Gangewere, JPLIS PTG representative asked whom to contact for approval of a potential PTG proposal. She was directed to contact Dr. Christman.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Gehman and **2nd BY** Smith to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL