



## Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

September 28, 2015

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 (September 28, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons, Gunkle, Dimmig, Lycett, Merkle, Quigley  
ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay  
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Lewis, Kennedy, Bergey, Guarriello, Takacs, Long (SLEA), and 8 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

### **VISITORS**

No visitors.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills list dated September 28, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$74,956.41 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$330,132.44 for a total amount of \$405,088.85 for the General Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$166,950.00 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$35,311.41 for the Construction Fund;

Accept the resignation of the following certificated staff-

Amanda Cossman, Elementary Gifted Teacher, effective September 20, 2015, but may be held for up to 60 days;

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

Austin McHale, Social Studies 7-12

Michelle Peralta, Emergency Certificate;

Accept the resignation of Sean McKenna, HVAC Technician, effective end of business day September 25, 2015;

Approve the following staff-

Paula Barron, Secretary, Southern Lehigh High School, an hourly rate of \$16.49, with an effective date to be determined. Ms. Barron will fill the position of *Lynn Lanari*,

Theresa Gledhill, Instructional Assistant (4 hours/day), Southern Lehigh Middle School, an hourly rate of \$18.26, effective September 29, 2015. Ms. Gledhill will fill the position of *Angela Hagenbuch*;

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

Lee-Anne Graham, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01;

Approve the intermittent FMLA of the following staff-

Oksana Tittensor, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, effective September 21, 2015 through September 20, 2016.

Approve the following chaperones for the Student Council Events, Southern Lehigh High School, at \$47.79 per event, 2015-2016 school year-

Amy Bausher  
Thomas Beaupre  
Michael Bjelobrk  
Joseph Breisch  
Erin Bromfield  
Caryn Bronfenbrenner  
Kaytlyn Byers  
Joseph Castagna  
Sheryl Ciotti  
Matthew Cooper  
Megan Dellegrotti  
Jeremy Deyton  
Stephanie Donald  
Jason Donnelly  
David Dougherty  
Brian Dow  
Maureen Elliot  
Michael Fay

Larry Fisher  
Robert Gaugler  
Matthew Greenawald  
Linda Gross  
Ryan Haupt  
Jeffrey Hershey  
Kelly Howsare  
Joan Imms-Geiser  
Leigh Kern  
Cherise Kocis  
David Krial  
David Long  
Shannon Mauro  
Jesse Mead  
Matthew Miller  
Bonnie Organski  
Jo Ann Peralta  
Michelle Peralta  
Merrilyn Pysher  
Douglas Roncolato  
Troy Ruch  
Thomas Ruhf  
Paul Sabino  
Stephen Schrader  
Edward Sinkler  
Louis Skrapits  
Marlo Spritzer  
Erik Steiner  
Cotie Strong  
Jessica Swatz  
Lauren Tocci  
Rose Touma  
Justina Viola  
Teresa Ware  
Matthew Wehr  
Jennifer Wlodek-Evans  
Lee Zeisloft

Accept the resignation of Blaze Meyers, CEI Grant Coordinator, Southern Lehigh Middle School, effective September 2015.

Approve Thomas Ruhf, Southern Lehigh High School, CEI Grant Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year, a stipend of \$1390.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

## **CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Mrs. Beth Guarriello, Assistant Principal, Southern Lehigh High School provided an update on the start of the new school year-

- Freshman Orientation program included a scavenger hunt, technology activities and social activities
- Parent Orientation and Back to School Night both a success
- Freshman Academy
- Service Project introduced this year and students have decided to support the creation of a library in Africa through "The African Library Project".

Southern Lehigh High School Journalism students were recognized for their work on the high school newspaper in the 2014-2015 school year. The high school newspaper, *Spotlight*, received first class rating by the National Scholastic Press Association and the second consecutive gold rated awarded by the Pennsylvania School Press Association, one of five Pennsylvania Schools to earn this rating. Students recognized for this achievement are Talia T., Nicole S., Allison B., Kaitlin C., Alex B., Jamie K., Townsend C., Izza C., Emily O., Sarah T., Danielle A.

Southern Lehigh High School junior, Garrett D. and member of the Technology Students Association was recognized for the recent honor of being selected as a delegate to the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence.

## **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve contracted transportation agreements with Norman's Bus Service, Inc. 1239 Water Street, East Greenville, PA 18041 for the 2015-2016 school year with a 2% increase from the previous school year. The contracted carrier supports Brandywine Lehigh Transportation with vans and small buses for non-public, charter schools and specialized transportation requests.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the Deeds between the Township of Upper Saucon, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Center Valley, PA 18034 and Southern Lehigh School District. The Deeds finalized the Lot Line Adjustment Plan with Upper Saucon Township as approved at the March 9, 2015 School Board Meeting.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

## **PERSONNEL**

### **REPORTS**

#### Facilities Committee

Mr. Merkle reported that the committee met on September 16, 2015 and reported the following-

- Hopewell Building Project-Geothermal well drilling has been a challenge for which options are being sought.
- District met with Mr. Thomas Beil, Upper Saucon Township to discuss Preston Lane Rotary options and schedule.
  - Target for project is the summer of 2017
  - Upper Saucon Township would like to present and seek approval at the January 11, 2016 school board meeting.
- Ball Shed needs to be replaced, but due to today's code requirements the anticipated cost of a salt/cinder shed is \$140,000 and the ball shed could exceed \$600,000.
  - Alternative options include installation of indoor batting cage in one of the gyms and the investigation of the cost of using a batting cage facility off campus.

#### Private Funding of Sports Facilities

Mr. Lycett reported that the committee has been meeting with potential fund raising consultants.

#### CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported that student Boy Scout camp experience was shared with board members.

#### LCTI

Mr. Quigley reported that the board meets on Wednesday, September 30.

#### Education Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the following-

- Field trip requests presented
- SLMS Student Council petition requesting to bring school issued laptops home
- Sex Education Curriculum update provided by Megan Dellegrotti, Health and Physical Education Teacher and Merrillyn Pysher, School Nurse
- Class rank recommendations

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- John McDonald, selected for the Middle School TEEAP/ITEEA Teacher of the Year Award.
- Tara McGinnis, Middle School teacher and the Middle School Health and Physical Education Department recognized by Penn State Hershey Pro Wellness Center as a "Health Champion" program.
- Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning representatives conducted a site visit at the high school to evaluate the school for exemplar program status.
- Colorful China dance performance to be held on October 7. Host families still needed and tickets available.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

## OLD BUSINESS

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve a second and final reading of the following policy-

**#917.1      Community: *Title I Parent Involvement***

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policy-

**#127      Programs: *Assessment of Educational Program***

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

## NEW BUSINESS

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve a first reading of the following revised policies-

**#116      Programs: *Tutorial Instruction***  
**#128      Programs: *English as a Second Language Program***  
**#212      Pupils: *Reporting Student Progress***  
**#234      Pupils: *Pregnant Students***  
**#324      Administrative Employees: *Personnel Files***  
**#424      Professional Employees: *Personnel Files***  
**#524      Classified Employees: *Personnel Files***

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Lycett to approve the lease agreement with Muhlenberg College for use of the facility for practice and home swim meets for the Southern Lehigh High School Swim Team from October 5, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Upper Bucks YMCA recently terminated the current lease agreement.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Board met in executive session at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:41

**MOVED BY** Parsons and **2<sup>nd</sup> BY** Lycett to adjourn the meeting.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Lindsay**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**ATTEST:** *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary