



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 12, 2012

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 (March 12, 2012) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, Lindsay, Lycett, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Millman, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Jordan, Siegfried, Donahue, McGinty, Hafner, Rich (Patch.com), Rizzo (Morning Call), Todak (Express Times), Thiel (69 News) and approximately 15 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

VISITORS

The Board welcomed Mr. Eddy Tang, Education Advisor, Hebei Provincial Education Department and thanked him for visiting the Middle and High Schools. Mr. Tang spoke to the Board thanking them for their support in starting a partnership with schools in China.

Mrs. Kathie Parsons spoke to the Board regarding her concerns with the District's use of computers.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$429,307.44 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$538,196.97 for a total amount of \$967,504.41 for the General Fund as of March 12, 2012;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of January, 2012.

Approve the following student teacher placement-

Gillian Beck, Art, Kutztown University, with Anne Sikorski-Schneider, Southern Lehigh High School, from March 19, 2012 to May 10, 2012;

The Administration recommends approval of the following substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year-

Barbara Smith-Schafer, Elementary Education;

The Administration recommends approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year-

Kristina Koufalis, Elementary Education

Jane Jones, Elementary Education, ML Math and Science

Keith Verdi, ML Science

Whitney Szmodis, Elementary Education;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Carrie Gofberg, Technology Facilitator, Lower Milford Elementary School, effective March 2, 2012;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Jane Dunbar, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, on January 18, 2012

Emily Dawn DelPriore, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Middle School, anticipated from September 4, 2012 through December 7, 2012. Mrs. DelPriore will be student teaching as part of her educational requirement;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2011-2012 school year-

Brenda Shelly, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$14.14

Jane Jones, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Whitney Szmodis, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31;

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2011-2012 school year-

Jeremy Haas Baseball

Alexander David Baseball

Jennifer Shields Girls' Lacrosse

Benjamin Snyder Boys' Lacrosse

James Weedling Spring Track

Kaitlin Hogman Girls' Soccer

Andrew Filler* Girls' Soccer

**Pending receipt of required documentation;*

Accept the resignation of Natalie Deacon, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach, effective January 13, 2012;

Approve the following returning coaches for the 2011-2012 school year-

Todd Miller Head Baseball \$7054.00

Matthew Greenawald Asst. Baseball \$4233.00

Michael Mihalik Asst. Baseball \$2116.50**

<u>John Blazusiak</u>	Asst. Baseball	\$2116.50**
<i>**50/50 shared position and stipend</i>		
<u>Brian Neefe</u>	Head Softball	\$7054.00
<u>Rosemary Grube</u>	Asst. Softball	\$4233.00
<u>Christana Crivellaro</u>	Asst. Softball	\$4233.00
<u>Douglas Roncolato</u>	Head Girls' Soccer	\$7054.00
<u>Richard Dreves</u>	Asst. Girls' Soccer	\$4233.00
<u>John Kukitz</u>	Asst. Girls' Soccer	\$4233.00
<u>Andraea Drabenstott</u>	Head Boys' Tennis	\$4832.00
<u>Brian Souerwine</u>	Head Track	\$7054.00
<u>Brenton Ditchcreek</u>	Asst. Track	\$4233.00
<u>Cotie Strong</u>	Asst. Track	\$4233.00
<u>Bernard Matthew Walsh</u>	Head Boys' Lacrosse	\$5605.00
<u>Eric Stemple</u>	Asst. Boys' Lacrosse	\$2017.80***
<u>Brian Boorse</u>	Asst. Boys' Lacrosse	\$1,345.20***

****60/40 shared position and stipend*

<u>Jennifer Edwards</u>	Head Girls' Lacrosse	\$5605.00
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Approve the following coaches for the 2011-2012 school year-

<u>Matthew Murray</u>	Asst. Track	\$4233.00
<u>Jenna Stampf</u>	Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$1,681.50**

***Shared position and stipend;*

Approve Thomas Seidenberger and Michael Feifel as Assistants to Coordinator of Athletic Services for the spring season and is a 50/50 shared position and stipend (\$1,666.66 each). This recommendation also reflects a change to the January 9, 2012 Board approval of the full stipend for Mr. Feifel;

Approve Paul Malik and Erin Bromfield as Summer Math Lab teachers, at the homebound rate of \$38.82;

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- PSSA Boot Camp - Explanation of targets, Morning Call coverage and Channel 6 Action News link shared
- 3/21-Admissions Reader Program

- 3/2- Honor Society Students READ at Hopewell for Read Across America
- Spring musical, "CATS" – a success, with sold out shows
- Robotics - 4th place in Regional Competition
- Swimming and Girls Basketball advancing to States

Middle School report –

- 3/1- Academic Showcase
Empty Bowl Night/Coffee House - \$1200.00 raised for Betty Lou's Pantry
- 3/13-3/16 (grades 7 and 8) Reading and Math
13th – AM Math; PM Reading
14th – AM Math
15th – AM Reading; PM Math
16th – AM Reading
- 3/16-3/22- PSSA make-ups
- 3/16- Dance 7-9:30
- 3/29– Severe Weather Drill
- 3/30– Career Day (50)
- 4/3/12 – PTG meeting
- 4/16-4/18 - PSSA Writing (grade 8)
- 4/23-24 - PSSA Science (grade 8)

Intermediate School report –

- Final preparations have been made for PSSA testing which will begin tomorrow, March 13th and continue through March 20th for the math and reading assessments.
- This is the 5th week of *Read-On*, a sponsored reading/fund-raising program. So far, students have submitted evidence of 177,500 pages read in 4 weeks.
- *Odyssey of the Mind* holds its annual Southeast PA Regional competition this Saturday, March 17th at the high school. Southern Lehigh School District has 6 teams (a total of 39 students) competing: one representing Liberty Bell/Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, four more consisting of Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School students only, and one representing Middle School/Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School. The performances on Saturday are the culmination of more than 4 months of hard work by students and their volunteer adult coaches.

Elementary schools –

- Thank you to Mrs. Gunkle and Mr. Lindsay for their time this past Tuesday as they visited all three schools in one day.

- Hopewell's thanked PTA guest speaker, Dr. Bryan Kane (Lehigh Valley Hospital Emergency Room), who spoke to the group about children's injuries and when to take them to an Emergency Room.
- PSSA Testing begins at all three buildings tomorrow.
- Liberty Bell's spring reading program is under way. The theme this year is the upcoming summer Olympics. Opening ceremonies were held on March 2nd, and Mrs. Christman was the honorary torch carrier.
- Liberty Bell held an Open House on Wednesday morning for its 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Program. Any parents considering the program were invited to come observe the classroom for an hour as a follow-up to the informational session.
- On Friday evening, Mr. Markley led Liberty Bell's 3rd grade spring musical, *Munchkin Mediation*. Both shows were full houses and over 60 3rd graders participated in the wonderful show.

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

Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association to attend the 2012 PA-TSA State Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA from April 18, 2012 through April 21, 2012.

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

MOVED BY Mohr and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the 2012-2013 Facilities Plan Committee Report that was adopted by the CLIU #21 Facilities Plan Committee on January 27, 2012.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the Berkheimer OneSource proposal to handle the District's Act 80 records.

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the proposal with Netchemia, LLC to provide School Recruiter online application hosting and support for the period March 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The cost of the service for this period is \$4,466.

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

Mr. Jordan and Mr. Melber presented a computer leasing program that would save the District money compared to current technology expenditures over the next four years. The Board requested more information and no action was taken.

Mr. Melber gave a presentation on the five-year budget projections, including the impact of the Governor's Budget and an overview of PSERS. There was Board discussion and a roll call vote was taken on three proposed budget options for the 2012-2013 budget planning process.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to vote on one of the proposed budget scenarios for the five-year Budget:

No Tax Increase Option: **Dimmig, Lindsay, Quigley**

Mid-Tax Increase (0.50 mils) Option: **Hayes, McLoughlin, Stelts, Lycett, Gunkle**

Act 1 Limit Increase (0.75 mils) Option: **Mohr**

Motion carried for a Mid-Tax Increase scenario for planning purposes.

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to accept the retirement of Barbara Smith-Schafer, Grade 3 Teacher, Hopewell Elementary School, effective the last teacher day of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Smith-Schafer has been an employee of the district for 32 years.

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

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Gunkle to accept the retirements of the following staff- Marie Eisenhart, Cafeteria Worker, Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 5, 2012. Ms. Eisenhart has been an employee of the District for 24 years.

Nancy Filler, Lead Cafeteria Worker, Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 5, 2012. Mrs. Filler has been an employee of the District for over 43 years without any sick days.

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

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following:

- Andria Buchman, Special Education Director has officially started as of last week and Morag Christie-Churm finished her consulting last Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Christie-Churm for assisting during the interim without a Director.
- PSSA Exams begin tomorrow. There was an article in the Morning Call and the High School made the 6:00 ABC Channel 6 Evening News on their "Boot Camp". Mr. Ryan was featured with his students.

- Southern Lehigh High School has been selected to participate in RAISE: Reading Apprenticeship Improving Secondary Education grant submitted by Mrs. Takacs. The grant was very competitive and more schools were turned away than accepted.
- SLEF is holding its 6th annual “Ladies Night Out” on March 28th from 7-9PM.
- Support Services department has moved into the Administration Building in the area formerly occupied by Special Education. The Middle School can now reclaim office space for teachers and students.
- The former Middle School metal shop has been refurbished and minimal costs and was showcased as the open mike coffee house at last week’s Academic Showcase. Discussion at Facilities Meetings previously projected costs in the \$300,000 plus range with more extensive renovations.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the second and final reading of the following revised policy-

#916 Community: *School Volunteers*

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the modified Ancillary Employees Policy. The rates of seasonal employees are the only changes proposed to the current Policy.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve a first reading of the following new policy-

#201.1 Pupils: Admission of Students in First Grade Spanish Immersion

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

There was Board discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: “YES” - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL