

**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
High School Board Room  
January 22, 2007  
6:00 p.m.  
Agenda**



I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary*
- C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 8, 2007.

III. VISITORS

**Business by visitor(s) will be presented for Board consideration as to agenda placement.**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Consent agenda items are marked with an asterisk throughout the regular agenda and summarized on a separate sheet.**

V. CURRICULUM/STUDENTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

A. *School Trips*

**The Administration recommends approval of the request for the following school trips:**

1. *Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to attend the Harvard University Invitational at Harvard University, Boston, MA from Friday, February 16, 2007 through Monday, February 19, 2007. (V, A-1)
2. *Southern Lehigh High School Band and Bandfront* to participate in the 2007 Dixie Classic Festival, held in Richmond, VA from Thursday, April 19, 2007 through Sunday, April 22, 2007. (V, A-2)
3. *Southern Lehigh High School Lacrosse Team* to participate in the Dan Nolan Memorial Tournament, Williamsburg, VA from Thursday, April 26, 2007 through Saturday, April 28, 2007. (V, A-3)

B. *Dual Enrollment Course*

**The Administration recommends approval of the request from Brad Siesko, Computer Science, Math Teacher, High School to teach a dual enrollment course through Lehigh Carbon Community College at Southern Lehigh High School, beginning spring semester 2007. (V, B)**

C. *Keystone Achievement Award*

Recognition of achievement received from Pennsylvania Department of Education for Adequate Yearly Progress for all Southern Lehigh School District schools for two consecutive years, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

VI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. *Accounts Payable*

\*The Administration recommends approval of the bills to be paid as of January 22, 2007. (VI, A)

B. *Treasurer's Report*

\*The Administration recommends approval of the Treasurer's Report. (VI, B)

C. *Act 1 Homestead/Farmstead Resolution*

Attorney Bartholomew and the Administration will review the requirements of Act 1 SS 2005-06 with regard to a Board resolution that will lead to a ballot question for the May primary. The resolution must provide for an increase in the earned income tax or adoption of a personal income tax and corresponding homestead and farmstead exclusions that will result in a reduction in property taxes for eligible and approved property owners if the referendum is approved by the voters. (VI, C)

D. *PDE Approval of PlanCon Part E, Design Development*

**The Department of Education requests that the School Board acknowledge the approval of PlanCon Part E in connection with the proposed intermediate school and enter same into the minutes of the meeting. (VI, D)**

E. *Presentation of Draft of Preliminary 2007-2008 General Fund Budget*

The Budget and Finance Committee will provide an update on the budget process and share a draft of a preliminary 2007-2008 General Fund Budget that needs to go on display the following day. Preliminary budget adoption by the Board is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

VII. SUPPORT SERVICES

A. *Award of Bid*

**The Administration recommends the award of the Electrical/HVAC Van Bid #070117 in the amount of \$31,130 to Northeast Auto Outlet, 3301 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114, for a 2006 Dodge Sprinter 2500 SHC Super High Roof Cargo Van.**

B. *Chevron Energy Solutions Payment*

For your information, the Administration has approved payment #12 (retainage) of Chevron Energy Solutions Company and release of \$179,313 from Citi Capital North America, Inc.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. *Certificated Staff*

1. *Resignations*

\*The Administration recommends accepting the resignation of the following staff:

Ryan Miller, Learning Support Teacher, High School, effective January 15, 2007 (January 13, 2007 is last day worked).

2. *Student Teacher*

\*The Administration recommends approval of the following student teacher placements: (VIII, A-2)

Michelle Brinker, English, Lehigh University with Joseph Castagna, High School from January 15, 2007 through April 20, 2007.

Rebecca Resnick, Mathematics, Lehigh University with Brad Siesko and Justina Viola, High School from January 15, 2007 through April 20, 2007.

Caitlin Walters, Elementary Education, DeSales University with *Nancy Smillie*, Hopewell Elementary School from January 16, 2007 through March 2, 2007.

3. *Substitute Teachers*

\*The Administration recommends approval of the following substitute teachers: (VIII, A-3)

Juliet McCleery, Special Education

Maria Spinosa, Elementary

James Maletesta, Secondary Guidance (pending receipt of required paperwork)

4. *Child Rearing Leave*

\*The Administration recommends approval of child rearing leave for Lisa McGinty, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School, from January 25, 2007 through the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

5. *Increment Request*

\*The Administration recommends approval of a salary step adjustment for the following staff, effective February 1, 2007:

Rochelle Adam, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Teacher, Hopewell Elementary, Bachelors +30 to Masters.

Janelle Dreas, Learning Support Teacher/Special Education Facilitator, High School, Masters to Masters +15.

Karen Fairclough, Learning Support Teacher, High School, Masters to Masters +15.

Dana Kleppinger, Language Arts Teacher, High School, Bachelors to Bachelors +15.

Carol Yale, Music Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School, Bachelors +15 to Bachelors +30.

6. *Correction to January 8, 2007 Board Agenda*

\*The Administration recommends correcting the effective child rearing leave starting date of Keri Haas, Psychologist, Lower Milford Elementary School from December 8, 2006 to December 18, 2006.

B. *Noncertificated Staff*

1. *Retirement*

\*The Administration recommends accepting the retirement of the following staff:

William Davis, Custodian, High School, effective February 7, 2007. Mr. Davis has worked at Southern Lehigh School District for 28 years.

2. *Appointments*

\*The Administration recommends approval of the following support staff: (VIII, B-2)

Joan Decker, Custodian, High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.13, effective January 23, 2007. Ms. Decker will fill the position created with the retirement of William Davis.

3. *Transfer*

\*The Administration recommends the transfer of the following support staff: (VIII, B-3)

Karen Himmelsbach, 3 hour Part-time Cafeteria worker, High School to 4 ¼ hour Part-time Cafeteria worker, High School, at an hourly rate of \$11.74, effective January 23, 2007. Mrs. Himmelsbach will fill the vacant position created with the transfer of Susan Covey.

4. *Correction to January 8, 2007 Board Agenda*

\*The Administration recommends correcting the effective starting date of Joan Decker, Full-time Temporary Custodian, High School from December 18, 2006 to December 19, 2006.

IX. REPORTS

A. **Committee Reports**

The minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting of December 18, 2006 are included in the Board materials. (IX, A)

B. **Superintendent's Report... ..Mr. Liberati**

C. **Facilities Report.....Mr. Liberati**

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. District Committee Discussion (XI, A)

B. Graphing Calculator Discussion (XI, B)

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

**The School Board, as required by law, will vote on whether or not to renegotiate a new contract for a term of 3 to 5 years with Superintendent Liberati effective upon the expiration of the existing contract on June 30, 2007.**

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Board are included in the Board materials as they are received in the district.

XIV. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A. Conference Request

The requests for professional conferences are listed in the Board materials by name, conference, location, dates of absence, and cost. (XIV, A)

B. Graduate Study Pre-approval

The requests for graduate study are listed in the Board materials by name, course/program, institution, reimbursement eligibility and pre-approval date. (XIV, B)

XV. VISITORS' COMMENTS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT