



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

October 8, 2007

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:42 p.m. on the above date (October 8, 2007) in the Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Miracle, Auteri, Bromwell, Corso, Eddinger, Quigley, Rennie, Schubert, Stelts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Churm, Keister, Metrick, Christman, Bergey, Knoll, Siegfried, Donahue, Farris, Organski, Hughes (Morning Call), Popichak (Saucon News), and approximately 5 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mr. Miracle led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
9/24/07

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

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows:

Approve the bills list dated October 8, 2007 showing paid bills in the amount of \$384,939.28 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$307,379.78 for a total of \$692,319.06 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$2,924.38 for the Capital Reserve Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve the following substitute teachers -

Kathryn Bonilla, Music
Shari Brogle, Special Education/Elementary
Gregg Moore, Geography
Susan Shimer, Elementary
Debra Weik, Special Education
Karen Blum, IU Guest Teacher
Michelle Costello, IU Guest Teacher
James Offner, IU Guest Teacher
Frances Fritz, IU Guest Teacher
Kim Griffaton, IU Guest Teacher
Debra Ninesling, IU Guest Teacher;

Approve
substitute
teachers-
Bonilla,
Brogle,
Moore,
Shimer,
Weik, Blum,
Costello,
Offner, Fritz,
Griffaton,
Ninesling

Approve the following student teacher placements from Muhlenberg College -

Jennifer Rosenthal, Social Studies, with *Troy Ruch* at Southern Lehigh High School from October 29, 2007 through December 13, 2007;

Approve
student
teacher
placements-
Rosenthal

Approve childrearing leave for Colleen Pachence, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, effective October 10, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year;

Approve
childrearing
leave-
Pachence

Approve salary
step
adjustment
effective
9/1/07-Beitler,
Gregory

Approve a salary step adjustment for the following staff, effective September 1, 2007 -
Nancy Beitler, Instrumental Music, Middle School, Master's +15 to Master's +45
Stephanie Gregory, Language Arts, High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's +15;

Approve
FMLA-
Ragsdale

Approve FMLA leave for the following staff -
Cathleen Ragsdale, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, High School, effective
January 8, 2008 and not to exceed a period of twelve weeks;

Approve
unpaid leave
of absence-
Allison, Covey,
Landis, Price

Approve unpaid leave of absence for the following staff -
Miriam Allison, Special Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, on Friday,
November 2, 2007 and Monday, November 5, 2007.
Susan Covey, Assistant Kitchen Manager, High School, on Wednesday,
November 21, 2007 and Tuesday, November 27, 2007.
Nicole Landis, Part-time Bookkeeper, High School, on Friday, February 8, 2008,
Monday, February 11, 2008 and Tuesday, February 12, 2008.
Diane Price, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, High School, on Thursday,
December 13, 2007, Friday, December 14, 2007, Thursday, January 10, 2008,
Friday, January 11, 2008 and Friday, February 1, 2008;

Approve
appointment of
staff-Collins,
Kauffman,
Blum

Approve the appointment of the following staff -
Lisa Collins, 7 hr-Instructional Assistant, High School, at an hourly rate of \$14.18,
effective October 9, 2007 (*pending receipt of required documentation*). This is a
new position.
Stephanie Kauffman, 7 hr-Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary, at an
hourly rate of \$14.18, effective October 9, 2007. Ms. Kauffman will fill the vacant
position created by the transfer of *Karen Rabenold* to Health Paraprofessional.
Karen Blum, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$12.16;

Accept
resignation of
coaches for
the 2007-2008
school year-
Zeisloft, Ruch,
Arnold

Accept the resignation of the following coaches for the 2007-2008 school year -
Lee Zeisloft, Assistant Girls' Basketball, effective October 2, 2007
Troy Ruch, Assistant Boys' Basketball, effective September 27, 2007
Michael Arnold, Middle School Head Girls' Basketball, effective
September 22, 2007;

Approve
fitness center
monitors for
the 2007-2008
school year-
Dellegrotti,
McGinnis,
Langsdorf

Approve the appointment of the following fitness center monitors for the 2007-2008
school year at a rate of \$13.00 per hour -
Megan Dellegrotti
Tara McGinnis
Wayne Langsdorf;

Approve
volunteer
coach-
DeAngelo

Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coach -
Danielle DeAngelo Cheerleading;

Approve
extracurricular
advisor for the
2007-2008
school year-
Kelly

Approve the following extracurricular advisor for the 2007-2008 school year -
Lynne Kelly Honor Society
Mrs. Kelly will share the \$916.00 stipend with *Mrs. Patricia Smiley* (who was
approved at the September 10, 2007 Board Meeting). Each will receive \$458.00;

Approve
extracurricular
detention
moderators-
Dudeck, Diaz

Approve the appointment of the following extracurricular detention moderators at \$33.26
per hour -
Gary Dudeck
David Diaz.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Siegfried, Dr. Donahue and Mrs. Farris reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School and the elementary schools.

Mrs. Siegfried reported that the football team has 2 wins so far, and the Board added that boy’s soccer, girl’s field hockey and the golf teams are all having exceptional seasons.

Christa Laudenslauger & Allen Cassaday from the Southern Lehigh Public Library gave a report to the Board on the summer activities at the Library. They announced that there will be a Library fundraiser at DeSales University on November 7, 2007. Author, Severin Fayerson, a Holocaust survivor, will speak that night, have a book signing, and donate all of the proceeds, including his speaking fee, to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. Ms. Laudenslauger and Mr. Cassaday thanked the Board for their support of the Library.

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the following student trip –

Five student members of the *Southern Lehigh Future Business Leaders of America* and advisor to attend the State Leadership Workshop at University Park, Pennsylvania from Sunday, October 21, 2007 through Monday, October 22, 2007.

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

Approve student trip for 5 students of the SLFBLA and advisor to attend workshop at University Park, PA

MOVED BY Corso and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve the enclosed agreement with the Lehigh Valley Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit in cooperation with the district’s Student Assistance Program (SAP) initiative.

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

Approve agreement with Lehigh Valley Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve to open the fitness center for the entire student body to use on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. through the 2007-2008 school year.

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

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Rennie and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the attached contract between Southern Lehigh School District and St. Luke’s Sports Medicine Practice, 153 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 for medical services for the period of October 9, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

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

Approve contract between SLSD & St. Lukes’s Sports Medicine Practice for medical services for the period 10/9/07 through 6/30/10

MOVED BY Stelts and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the following tax refunds –

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Jason S. Probst Jacqueline M. Probst	2006/07	\$798.84	Real Estate
Maryann Garcia Edward J. Gonzalez	2006/07	\$25.33	Real Estate
George O. Beals Susan M. Beals	2006/07	\$4.19	Real Estate
Joseph R. Lesko Rosemarie Lesko	2006/07	\$191.40	Real Estate
Joseph R. Lesko Rosemarie Lesko	2007/08	\$601.17	Real Estate
PPL Electric Utilities Corp C/O PPL Real Estate Svcs	2006/07	\$214.66	Real Estate

Approve tax refunds- Probst, Garcia & Gonzalez, Beals, Lesko, PPL Electric Utilities Corp.

Approve tax refunds (cont.)- Terminal Leasing Inc., Shelly, Hendricks, Fritts, Silvestri, Moyer

Terminal Leasing Inc C/O Pitt Ohio Express Inc	2007/08	\$8,326.64	Real Estate
Howard J. Shelly Claire D. Shelly	2007/08	\$12.52	Real Estate
Kenneth F. Hendricks Charlotte A. Hendricks	2007/08	\$33.40	Real Estate
Michael C. Fritts Kimberly A. Fritts	2006/07	\$265.83	Real Estate
Timothy J. Silvestri Kimberly J. Silvestri	2007/08	\$192.33	Real Estate
Anna Moyer	2004-2006	\$29.40	Per Capita

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

Approve the Investment of Funds

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the Investment of Funds as attached.

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

Approve exoneration of the Borough of Coopersburg tax collector, Susan Gibbs, from the collection of the 2007-2008 per capita taxes (per enclosed list)

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve exoneration of the Borough of Coopersburg tax collector, Susan Gibbs, from the collection of 2007-2008 per capita taxes pursuant to the enclosed list.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

Approve payment of \$6,000.00 to the lessee of the Living Memorial

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the payment of \$6,000.00 to the lessee of the Living Memorial on Route 309 in Coopersburg. The payment was accepted by the School Board and received into the general fund from PennDot for compensation on temporary condemnation of land adjoining Route 309 for a two year period during the Route 309 widening project.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Eddinger
"NO" – Eddinger – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Bromwell and **2ND BY** Rennie to approve the following staff –

Approve staff- Schrader

Stephen Schrader, Health and Physical Education, High School, at Bachelor's, Step 2, \$41,232 per year (pro-rated), pending submission of required documentation and release from employing school district. Mr. Schrader will fill the position created with the resignation of Todd Sallo.

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

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle announced that Dr. Clyde Hornberger, Executive Director of Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, was the recipient of the 2006/2007 *Excellence in Educational Leadership Award* from the University Council for Educational Administration.

Legislative Committee

Mrs. Corso reported that she attended the PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting in Hershey on October 4, 2007 and gave a summary of the 2008 proposed platform.

Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported that he introduced Mr. Al Baker to the general contractor of the Intermediate School construction project. He also said that curbing and foundation work is proceeding at the construction site.

Mr. Snell apprised the Board of a possible plan by Upper Saucon Township to develop Township owned land west of the Hopewell School property for recreation. He said that this is one of four locations that the Township is considering for recreation. The Township would want access to their property through School District property. The Township is preliminarily proposing that a road be put in from the Hopewell School parking lot to their land west of Hopewell School. There was Board discussion and concerns were expressed about traffic going through the Hopewell School property. The Board said they would need more information. Attorney Bartholomew suggested that a study be done on the Hopewell property, paid for by the Township, but from the viewpoint of the School District if the Township decides to develop that property for recreation.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Bromwell to approve the first reading of Policy No. 215, *Promotion and Retention*. Second and final reading is scheduled for the next Board meeting on October 22, 2007.

Approve the first reading of Policy No. 215, Promotion and Retention

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS' COMMENTS

The Board took a brief recess at 8:57 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 9:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Rennie to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary