



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

January 24, 2011

The second 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 (January 24, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Eddinger, Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, McLoughlin, Miracle, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Lewis, Jordan, Engler, Bergey, Andrulovich, Zuk, Donahue, Farris, Limpar, Wilson, Normann, Herstine, Fulton (The Morning Call), and approximately 6 other members of the community.

### **OPENING PROCEDURES**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
1/10/2011

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

### **VISITORS**

Dr. Eric Wilson spoke of his concern that several of our top students did not get early admission into the colleges of their choice. He is interested in knowing if the district is doing everything possible to help students get into high ranking schools.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the bills list dated January 24, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$137,655.41 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$665,671.80 for a total amount of \$803,327.21 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$240.70 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of Bills

Approve a salary step adjustment for the following staff, effective February 1, 2011 –

Anita Benedix, Social Studies Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from Bachelor's +30 to *Master's*

Approve salary  
step adjustment-  
Benedix,  
Bromfield, Viola

Erin Bromfield, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from Bachelor's to *Bachelor's +15*

Justina Viola, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from Master's +15 to *Master's +30*;

Approve the following student teacher placements (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Rachael Krause, Art Education, Kutztown University, with *Lynn Yocum*, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from January 25, 2011 through March 4, 2011

Approve student  
teacher  
placements  
(pending required  
documentation)-  
Krause, Alberse,  
Garcia

Tara Alberse, Psychology/Elementary Education, Moravian College, with *David LeBourgeois*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from March 14, 2011 through April 22, 2011

Reina Garcia, Elementary Education, DeSales University, with *Marla Moyer*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from March 14, 2011 through April 22, 2011

Cont. Approve student teacher placements (pending required documentation)- Symons

Christopher Symons, Historical Studies/Elementary Education, Moravian College, with Colleen Smith, Liberty Bell Elementary, from March 14, 2011 through April 22, 2011;

Approve mentor for the 2010-2011 school year- Lehtinen

Approve the following mentor at a stipend of \$700.00 for the 2010-2011 school year – Jaana Lehtinen, as a mentor for Peter Slay;

Approve substitute support staff for the 2010-2011 school year- Schroy

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2010-2011 school year - Lisa Schroy, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$13.11;

Approve unpaid leave-DeMonte, Burke, Schurkamp

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -  
Antonio DeMonte, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Bell Elementary School, March 14 through March 18, 2011 and May 9 through May 13 and May 16, 2011  
Christa Burke, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, February 16 and 17, 2011 and June 2 and 3, 2011  
Sarah Schurkamp, Technology Facilitator, Hopewell Elementary School, February 9 through February 11, 2011;

Approve FMLA Leave-Brown, McMullen

Approve FMLA Leave of the following staff -  
Jana Brown, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, intermittent FMLA from January 27, 2011 through January 26, 2012, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration.  
Shawn McMullen, Secretary, Liberty Bell Elementary School, intermittent FMLA beginning on January 10, 2011, not to exceed 12 weeks in duration;

Approve coach for the 2010-2011 school year- Mihalik, Blazusiak

Approve the following coach for the 2010-2011 school year -  

<u>Michael Mihalik</u>	Assistant Baseball	\$2,039**
<u>John Blazusiak</u>	Assistant Baseball	\$2,039**

\*\* Shared position and stipend;

Approve volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year-Herman, Repyneck, Matthews, Strowhouer, Risi

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year -  

<u>Jordan Herman</u>	Baseball
<u>Troy Repyneck</u>	Baseball
<u>Jamie Matthews</u>	Girls' Lacrosse
<u>Kelsey Strowhouer</u>	Girls' Lacrosse
<u>Edward Risi</u>	Girls' Lacrosse;

Approve Social Studies Subject Area Leader- Benedix

Approve the following Social Studies Subject Area Leader, effective January 6, 2011 – Anita Benedix \$1,238.19 (*pro-rated amount of \$2,150 stipend*).

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

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Zuk, Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Farris and Ms. Limpar reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

High School report –

Student midterm and final exams have been occurring last week and continue this week.

Middle School report –

Thursday, January 13: PEAK Activity: Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain  
 Thursday, January 20: PEAK Activity: Cardio Workout  
 Monday, January 24: PEAK Activity: Wiffleball  
 Tuesday, January 25: PEAK Activity: Team Handball  
 Tuesday, January 25: Spelling Bee Contest; 7PM Middle School Auditorium  
 Wednesday, February 2: Camfel Assembly  
 Monday, February 7: Urban Suburban Art Connection  
 Wednesday, February 9: Urban-Suburban Art Connection

Thursday, February 10: Prescription Drug program for Parents, 7PM, MS Auditorium  
 Friday, February 11: Valentine's Day Dance  
 Monday, February 14: Carnation Sale Delivery  
 Friday, February 25: Spirit Day

#### Intermediate School report –

Staff participated in in-service events on Monday, January 17th. Instructional Assistants were provided a workshop given by SLIS school psychologist Brynne Rice concerning positive behavior strategies. Teachers were involved with workshops related to curriculum and assessment.

Much of the 4th grade student population has been selected for participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in February. Preliminary assessment meetings have been completed with NAEP officials.

SLIS is also gearing up for the PSSA. For the good of all, testing begins with just 30.5 days remaining in our instructional calendar -- 1.5 days are devoted to in-service over the next two months, and two additional days are tied to the Presidents Day holiday. While we have great confidence in our students, and believe that SL will fair well comparatively in the state, it is important to realize that the timing of the 2011 PSSA is quite early. With only two-thirds of the year accomplished, it will be important to recognize that year-to-year comparative analysis of data may be difficult.

#### Elementary schools –

Currently in the mid-year testing process. Reading and Math common assessments have occurred over the last two weeks. We are completing the January DIBELS assessments. School cancellations and delays have forced us to adjust our testing schedule on a daily basis, but we are persevering! We will follow up with grade level data team meetings to discuss our results.

The elementary in-service day on January 17 focused on the new common core standards that are being rolled out. Teachers completed an activity in the math content area connecting the current state standards to the common cores that will replace them. We also matched the new math common cores to our math pacing guide. This activity was completed by each grade level team.

The end of the 2nd marking period is January 25. Elementary report card will be distributed on 2/4/11.

The Board to visit the K-3 schools on Feb 2, 2011.

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the following school trip -

*Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to attend the Harvard University Invitational, Boston, MA from February 18, 2011 through February 21, 2011.

Approve SL  
Speech &  
Debate team  
school trip-  
Boston, MA

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

#### BUSINESS AND FINANCE

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Stelts to deny the request of Karen Normann for a refund of penalties associated with the late payment of 2010-2011 school real estate taxes.

Deny  
request for a  
refund of  
penalties  
associated  
with the late  
payment of  
2010-2011  
school real  
estate taxes-  
Normann

Comments: Ms. Normann indicated that she was requesting the refund based on not having received a bill for her taxes. Ms. Herstine, the tax collector informed the Board of the two dates on which she mailed the bill.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Miracle, Gunkle, Stelts, Hayes, Mohr, Eddinger, McLoughlin**  
**"NO" – Quigley, Dimmig – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

#### PERSONNEL

## **REPORTS**

### **Lehigh Career & Technical Institute**

The Joint Coordinating Committee of, LCTI, LCCC and CLIU met and discussed the topic of an Applied Technology Degree. Starting in April our students will be able to finish a four year degree at LCCC through Bloomsburg University.

### **Budget & Finance Committee**

There is an upcoming meeting on February 9, 2011 at 5:30 in the Intermediate School. There is a budget workshop scheduled for March 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM, a location has yet to be determined.

### **Education Committee**

Minutes are posted online. In a meeting held prior to the start of the Board meeting the Education Committee discussed the need to reschedule the Weighted Grade Committee due to inclement weather. A meeting was held last week for parents who are interested in our cyber option. Two Board members are needed to serve on the Strategic Plan Mid-Year Review committee.

### **Facilities Committee**

At their meeting on January 19, 2011 the committee was informed of a large sum of money that will be returned to the district from Upper Saucon Township. This money has been held in escrow as part of the Intermediate School construction project. The heaving of the sidewalks at the Intermediate School will be fixed in the spring. The tennis courts project is proceeding on schedule. The Camp Meeting Road water run-off issue was discussed. Minutes are posted online.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Four inclement weather days have been used so far this year. The Board has expressed an interest in looking at other dates besides the end of the school year should we exceed the five that are already scheduled.

The two hour delay today was due to the bus company not having sufficient buses to operate the Intermediate and Elementary bus runs. Mr. Swift from First Student was present and spoke to the Board about the issue. They are working to correct the problems that occurred that caused the buses to not function. Their plans include contacting the distributor regarding why the anti-gelling additive did not work in those fuel tanks, bringing employees in over a weekend to start buses and having employees report earlier on very cold days to ensure that all the buses will be operational.

Board members were recognized for their service to the School District.

Due to the cold weather there was low gas pressure coming into the main campus and as a result the High School, Middle School and Intermediate School were quite cold throughout the day.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve a second and final reading on revisions to the following existing policies -

- #333 Administrative Employees: Professional Growth
- #433 Professional Employees: Professional Growth
- #533 Classified Employees: Professional Growth

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve suspending the punishment of expulsion of Student # 11553 for a violation of the School District's Weapons Policy, Section 1317.2 of the Public School Code, and Section 912 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, subject to the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Waiver of Rights and Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Suspension of Expulsion signed by the Student and the Student's parents, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on January 10, 2011.

Approve 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and final  
reading on  
revisions to  
the existing  
policies-  
#333, #433,  
#533

Approve  
suspending  
the  
punishment  
of  
expulsion  
of Student #  
11553

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the first reading of policy #018 Local Board Procedures: Board Attendance at Meetings/Conferences

Approve first reading of policy #018

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

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve adoption of the Athletic Department Dress Code.

Approve adoption of the Athletic Department Dress Code

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

**VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Board Secretary

Pending Approval