



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

November 9, 2009

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:35 p.m. on the above date (November 9, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Hayes, Miracle, Quigley, Schubert

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Lewis, Bergey, Siegfried, Donahue, Farris, Mickley, Harakal, Organski, Martin (Morning Call), and approximately 26 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. Stelts led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The exchange students from Ecuador and the students who served as hosts were recognized for their participation in the exchange program. Certificates (similar to the board awards) and gift bags (containing donated SL items) were presented as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
10/26/09

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

VISITORS

No Visitors addressed the board at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated November 9, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$324,222.80 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$275,759.16 for a total amount of \$599,981.96 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$991,515.62 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$15,628.20 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve the Investment of Funds for the General Budget;

Approve
Investment
of Funds

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of October, 2009;

Approve
Treasurer's
Report &
Investment
Report

Approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year –

Angela Drake
Joseph Nestor
Carly Nevill
Julie Severance
Mark Angelo
Lynn Annis
Daniel Bergstein
Christina Burroughs
Katie Cernese
Kelly Cusick
Michael Dee
Dawn DelPriore

Elementary, Middle School Lang. Arts
Special Ed, Social Studies
Elementary
Elementary
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Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2009-
2010 school
year-Drake,
Nestor,
Nevill,
Severance,
Angelo,
Annis,
Bergstein,
Burroughs,
Cernese,
Cusick, Dee
DelPriore

Cont.
Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2009-2010
school year-
Duane,
Eckhart,
Ferrencia,
Finch,
Fruhman,
Gangl,
Harper, Kish,
Lagler, Lea,
McGuinness,
McWhinney,
Messina,
Modo, Muller,
Puckett,
Quaglio,
Suzadail,
Syvret,
Ullman,
Visconti

Michael Duane
Angela Eckhart
Elizabeth Ferrence
Christopher Finch
Joseph Fruhman
Caroline Gangl
James Harper
Donna Kish
Cheryl Lagler
Regina Lea
Karen McGuinness
Michelle McWhinney
Victor Messina
Ronald Modo
Stephanie Muller
David Puckett
William Quaglio
Deborah Suzadail
Terri Syvret
Alexander Ullman
Patrick Visconti

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Approve
student
teacher
placement-
Blum

Approve the following student teacher placement -

Karen Blum, Elementary Education, Lehigh University, with *Marla Moyer*, Liberty Bell from January 14, 2010 to April 30, 2010;

Approve
substitute
support staff
for the 2009-
2010 school
year-Rhoads,
Reinert

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2009-2010 school year -

David Rhoads, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.63
Sheila Reinert, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$13.12;

Approve unpaid leave for the following staff -

Approve
unpaid leave-
Moffe, Kelly,
Tittensor

Patricia Moffe, Instructional Assistant, Lower Milford Elementary School, on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29, 2009
Heidi Kelly, Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 and Wednesday, December 30, 2009
Oksana Tittensor, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 and Wednesday, December 23, 2009;

Approve
volunteer
coaches for
the 2009-2010
school year-
Strong,
Breisch

Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year -

Cotie Strong Winter Track
Joseph Breisch Winter Track;

Approve
coach for the
2009-2010
school year-
Bresich

Approve the following coach for the 2009-2010 school year -

Joseph Bresich Assistant Track \$3,707.00;

Approve the following Subject Area Leaders for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of \$1658 plus \$450 -

Approve
Subject Area
Leaders for
the 2009-2010
school year-
Hostetter,
Miltenberger,
Kuntzman,
Orlando,
Combs

Mary Hostetter K-5 Language Arts, Hopewell
Janet Miltenberger K-5 Language Arts, Liberty Bell
Pamela Kuntzman K-5 Language Arts, Lower Milford
Mary Orlando K-5 Science
Patricia Combs K-12 World Language;

Approve
Subject Area
Leaders for
the 2009-2010
school year-
Hershey,
Strobl, Viola,
Orr, Beaupre,
Marchek,
Helinski,
Fairclough,
Voron, Peralta

Approve the following Subject Area Leaders for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of \$1658 plus \$50 per department member -

Jeffrey Hershey 9-12 Language Arts
Christopher Strobl 6-8 Mathematics
Justina Viola 9-12 Mathematics
Peter Orr 6-8 Social Studies
Thomas Beaupre 9-12 Social Studies
David Marchek 6-8 Science
Joseph Helinski 9-12 Science
Karen Fairclough 9-12 Special Education
Robert Voron 6-8 Business/Computers
JoAnne Peralta 9-12 Business/Computers

Douglas Bolasky
Anne Sikorski-Schneider
Heidi Schiavone
Devon Hagy
Megan Dellegrotti
Richard Colelli
Linda Gross
Anne Snell
Donna Atkinson
 **Shared Position and Stipend

K-12 Music
 K-12 Art
 K-12 Library
 K-12 Health/PE/Driver Ed**
 K-12 Health/PE/Driver Ed **
 K-12 Technology Education
 K-12 Family and Consumer Science**
 K-12 Family and Consumer Science**
 K-12 Nurses;

Cont. Approve
 Subject Area
 Leaders for the
 2009-2010
 school year-
 Bolasky,
 Sikorski-
 Schneider,
 Schiavone,
 Hagy,
 Dellegrotti,
 Colelli, Gross,
 Snell, Atkinson

Approve the appointment of the following employees as Dance Chaperones at the rate of \$46.62 per event for the 2009-2010 school year -

Karen Ryan
Megan Hallman
Thomas Beaupre
Lee Zeisloft
Caryn Bronfenbrenner
Aimee Pearce.

Approve Dance
 Chaperones at
 the rate of
 \$46.62 per event
 for the 2009-
 2010 school
 year-Ryan,
 Hallman,
 Beaupre,
 Zeisloft,
 Bronfenbrenner,
 Pearce

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

Mrs. Siegfried for the High School -

Sports teams have done well at districts and several will be competing at the state level. 12th grade PSSA retesting was completed last week.

Report cards will be mailed on Nov. 13.

We are preparing to have students and parents take the WE Learn and WE support surveys this month.

We are finalizing the Program of Studies changes and starting the budget process.

Dr. Donahue for the Middle School -

Fall Pep-Rally, 10/23/09

Red-Day, Wednesday, 10/28/09

LCTI Assembly (8th grade), Thursday, 10/28/09

Photos re-takes, Friday, 10/30/09

Hoops for Hearts Assembly, Friday, 10/30/09

Site visit, Bill Serritella (*Successful Schools Network*), Wednesday, 11/4/09

STUCO Craft Fair, Saturday, 11/7/09

PTG Meeting, Tuesday, 11/10/09

Autumn Door Judging, Friday, 11/13/09

Book Fair, 11/17/09-11/20-09

Mary Farris for the Intermediate School -

The Intermediate School has been extremely busy during the past 2-4 weeks. Two parent meetings were held to discuss the benefits and implementation of a new curriculum intervention, Read 180. Teachers in grade 6 were trained to use Compass Learning software for academic enrichment and differentiation. Challenges with regard to report cards have been worked through, and preparations for Parent Visitation Day, which occurred on November 5, and parent-conference week have been ongoing. The Intermediate School also hosted an Open House on Sunday, October 27, which welcomed residents of the Southern Lehigh community into the school for self-guided tours. Special thanks are extended to SLIS staff members who supported the Open House event, and to the HS Key Club for their generous student support.

Currently, the Mobile Ag Lab is parked in the Intermediate School lot and students are experiencing additional hands-on learning.

Students at the Intermediate School have finally received their student IDs. Distribution of IDs was delayed until the SLIS cafeteria was appropriately set to receive IDs as access to student lunch accounts. Within a day of distribution, students at the IS were proudly using and wearing their IDs on lanyards.

Half of our students in fourth grade are set to visit the Capitol in Harrisburg during this month. The other half will visit during the spring.

The PTG has continued to schedule special events and fundraisers, such as Family Fun Night and the Scholastic Book fair. The book fair will run concurrent to parent-conference week. A spirit apparel sale was also completed.

Finally, teachers are preparing end of marking period grades for report card distribution on Friday, November 13, 2009. Parent conferences will begin on Monday, November 16 and run through Friday, November 20, 2009. Scheduling conferences has been a massive effort at the Intermediate School given that students move from teacher to teacher for instructional purposes, and interest on the part of parents to conference with teachers is high in the elementary grades.

Carol Mickley for the Elementary Schools -

Lower Milford's PTA held its Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct 29. The event was well attended by family and community members.

November 5 was Parent Visitation Day for grades K-6. This is a great time for our parents to visit and see a "typical day". It was well attended and feedback was positive.

Our elementary schools are working with a group of SLHS students to collect books for the Cops and Kids Literacy program during the months of November and December.

Teachers are preparing for parent conference week, November 16-20. Elementary school Book Fairs are also held during conference week.

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the following student trip request -

Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team to attend the Princeton University Invitational in Princeton, New Jersey, from December 4, 2009 through December 6, 2009.

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

MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the following student trip request -

Southern Lehigh High School Social Studies Department to participate in an educational tour of Europe with World Cultures and Social Studies students from June 27, 2011 through July 11, 2011.

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

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the 2009-2010 Special Education Services Agreement.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the following refunds of 2009-2010 school real estate taxes –

Most Reverend John O. Barnes, Bishop of Roman Catholic Diocese, Parcel ID 22 643405048057 1, \$1,994.38

Daniel Devine, Parcel ID 22 641522910165 1, \$847.89

Stabler Land Company, Parcel ID 22 641570334543 1, \$1,808.17

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

Approve
student trip-
SL Speech
& Debate
Team,
Princeton,
NJ

Approve
student trip-
SLHS
Social
Studies
Dept. &
students,
Europe

Approve
2009-2010
Special
Education
Services
Agreement

Approve
refunds of
2009-2010
school real
estate
taxes-Most
Reverend
John O.
Barnes,
Daniel
Devine,
Stabler
Land
Company

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve allowance adjustment EC-003 in the amount of \$2,822.00 to Albarell Electric Inc., 901 West Lehigh Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. The allowance adjustment addresses safety requirements for boiler lockouts, kiln exhaust, and ATC emergency power at the Intermediate School.

Approve allowance adjustment- Albarell Electric Inc.

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

PERSONNEL

The Board recognized the following staff for having attained tenure:

Tricia Anderson

Caryn Bronfenbrenner

Sonya Dill

Beth Dottery

Richard Dreves

Kristen Englehardt

Donna Gaugler

Erin Hudson

Alison Kaplan

Brian Keating

Linda Milliman

Louis Skrapits

Krista Sterner

Christopher Strobl

Lee Zeisloft

Board recognized staff for having attained tenure- Anderson, Bronfenbrenner, Dill, Dottery, Dreves, Englehardt, Gaugler, Hudson, Kaplan, Keating, Milliman, Skrapits, Sterner, Strobl, Zeisloft

MOVED BY Schubert and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve Charise Trilling from .5 ESL teacher to .76 ESL teacher.

Approve change from .5 ESL teacher to .76 ESL teacher-Trilling

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

MOVED BY Hayes and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the facilities and services agreement with Cedar Crest College for the use of their Rodale Aquatic Center for the High School Swim team to use as a training facility.

Approve the facilities and services agreement with Cedar Crest College for use of their Rodale Aquatic Center for the HS swim team

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

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle reported that meetings have been held on the budget so that a tentative budget will be available for review at the end of January.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati read a commendation from PSBA for the following board members for their years of service -

8 years of service – Beth Stelts, William Hayes and Lisa Auteri

12 years of service - John Schubert

The district is embarking on a comprehensive High School Reform Process. Information regarding community participation in this process is on the district website.

Facility Report

Mr. Snell presented on the deregulation of electric utility services. The timeline from Provident Energy Consulting, LLC was distributed and discussed. In the future a specific cost and recommendation will be provided by the consulting firm.

Strategic Plan Report

Mrs. Christman distributed and discussed the monthly strategic plan report. The High School Reform Task Force is being formed and applications to participate are on the website.

Mrs. Christman distributed a print out from the website that showed how we can track the number of times a particular page was visited. There was discussion on looking at specific pages to see if the website is an effective way to communicate the board minutes. Information will be tracked over the next few weeks to determine the answer.

OLD BUSINESS*Advanced Placement Prerequisite Discussion*

David Long, Lynn Houser, Patricia Smiley, Lynne Kelly and Justina Viola; faculty from the High School, spoke in support of keeping present pre-requisites for the Advanced Placement courses at the High School. They expressed concern that making the pre-requisites less restrictive would affect those courses in terms of pace and the rigor that is required of all Advanced Placement courses by The College Board.

The Board discussed pre-requisites for AP courses and whether they needed to be revised.

Discussion regarding pre-requisites for AP courses resulted in keeping the current pre-requisite system for the HS Advanced Placement courses

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Quigley to keep the current pre-requisite system for the High School Advanced Placement courses.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – all but Gunkle
"NO" – Gunkle – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve first reading of Policy #402

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Auteri to approve first reading of the following policy -
 Policy #402, Professional Employees: *Certification*

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

VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED BY Auteri and **2ND BY** Miracle to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Assistant Board Secretary