



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

February 23, 2009

The second 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 (February 23, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Auteri

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Engler, Lewis, Takacs, Jordan, Knoll, Andrulevich, Zuk, Donahue, Mickley, Harakal, Organski, and approximately 4 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
2/9/09

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of
bills excluding
Waco
Associates bill

Approve the bills list dated February 23, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$17,541.20 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$795,253.46 for a total amount of \$812,794.66 for the General Fund (excluding Waco Associates bill in the amount of \$9,997.46), and bills to be paid in the amount of \$997,225.55 for the Construction Fund;

The Board requested further information for the Waco Associates bill and could approve the bill for payment before the end of the meeting upon receiving additional information. Mrs. Knoll left the meeting to retrieve the information.

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year -

Karen Norelli, Spanish 7-12, French K-12;

Approve
substitute
teacher for the
2008-2009
school year-
Norelli

Approve the following student teacher placements -

Alexandra Fracela, Psychology/Elementary Education, Moravian College with David LeBourgeois, Liberty Bell from March 16, 2009 through May 8, 2009.

Amber Lutz, Elementary Education, DeSales University with Dale Beltzner, Lower Milford from March 9, 2009 through April 24, 2009.

Christine Middlecamp, Elementary Education/Music, Moravian College with Carol Horvath, Liberty Bell from March 16, 2009 through May 8, 2009.

Elizabeth Paly, Math/Elementary Education, Moravian College with Kelly Dougherty, Liberty Bell from March 16, 2009 through May 8, 2009.

Sofia Petruzzelli, Spanish/Elementary Education, Moravian College with Elda Garcia, Liberty Bell from March 16, 2009 through May 8, 2009;

Approve
student
teacher
placements-
Fracela, Lutz,
Middlecamp,
Paly,
Petruzzelli

Approve support staff-Elstner

Approve the following support staff -

Jamie Elstner, 7 hour Instructional Assistant, High School at an hourly rate of \$14.74, effective February 24, 2009. Ms. Elstner will fill the vacant position created by the resignation of *Joseph Morrison*;

Accept resignation-Colon

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Caleb Colon, 3 hour Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective February 20, 2009;

Accept retirement-Miller

Accept the retirement of the following Administrator -

Mary Miller, Food Services Director, effective February 10, 2009. Mrs. Miller has been employed by Southern Lehigh School District for 21 years;

Approve mentor for the 2008-2009 school year-Fairclough

Approve the following mentor at a stipend not to exceed \$700 for the 2008-2009 school year -

Karen Fairclough as a mentor for *David Dougherty*;

Approve returning volunteer coaches for the 2008-2009 school year-Blazusiak, Barndt, Schultz, Viola, Newman, Breisch, Sterrett

Approve the following returning volunteer coaches for the 2008-2009 school year -

<u>John Blazusiak</u>	Baseball
<u>Ronald Barndt</u>	Baseball
<u>Kenneth Schultz</u>	Spring Track & Field
<u>Justina Viola</u>	Spring Track & Field
<u>Karen Newman</u>	Spring Track & Field
<u>Joseph Breisch</u>	Spring Track & Field
<u>Julie Sterrett</u>	Softball.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Zuk reported on the following –

- PSSA testing and make-up testing were completed
- The annual Board visitation day to the High School and Middle School will be March 5, 2009
- The following teams were involved in tournaments: boy's basketball, girl's basketball, swimming, diving, and wrestling.

Dr. Donahue's report included –

- Builders Club is collecting items for our military troops
- Middle School and High School Bands will perform in a jazz festival on March 27, 2009
- "Read-On" continues with 1,491 books read to date
- 3 students and the High School marching band will be performing in the musical "Music Man" at the Scottish Rites Cathedral in Allentown.

Mrs. Mickley said that 3 students performed in the regional Scripts spelling bee, and Kid-Biz teacher training continues.

Approve Independent Study Proposal-Majczan

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the following Independent Study Proposal of the following student -

Corrine Majczan, Ceramics

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed two-year agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit for the printing, mailing, and payment tracking services in connection with the District’s real estate tax bills.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Approve the two-year agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit for the printing, mailing & payment tracking in connection with the real estate tax bills

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve to participate in the LE-NOR-CO Cooperative Purchasing Group, 2219 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104, for the purchase of food and supplies at cooperative pricing. The term will be for one year beginning August 1, 2009.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Approve to participate in the LE-NOR-CO Cooperative Purchasing Group for the purchase of food and supplies at cooperative pricing

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the following staff -

David Dougherty, Extended Term Substitute (Category D), at Bachelor’s, Step 1, an annual pro-rated salary of \$41,456 (paid on a per diem basis), pending receipt of required documentation. Mr. Dougherty is anticipated to fill the position recently held by *Jessica Tipton*.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Approve staff- Dougherty

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to accept the resignation of Chris Blount, girl’s head basketball coach, effective February 23, 2009.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Accept resignation- Blount

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle reported that the JOC will meet this week.

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Gunkle announced that the committee had met on February 18, 2009 –

- The Intermediate School construction is still on schedule
- Outfitting of the Intermediate School will be put out to bid
- The Facilities Committee will now meet on a regular basis with Upper Saucon Township to facilitate the completion and opening of the Intermediate School
- A scoreboard will be purchased for the Intermediate School gymnasium.

Mrs. Knoll returned to the meeting with information on the Waco Associates bill. The bill included 2 purchase orders for a yearly supply of various HVAC filters purchased off the LCTI bid.

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the Waco Associates bill to be paid in the amount of \$9,997.46 for the General Fund.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Approve Waco Associates bill

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati's report included –

- February's enrollment is down slightly from a year ago by approximately 70 students. There was Board discussion on class sizes at the elementary schools and planned class sizes at the Intermediate School.
- Mrs. Corry Robbins, Middle School Librarian, completed national board certification process.
- While the Board is visiting the Middle School and High School on March 5, 2009, the District will be participating in a planned state severe weather practice situation.

Mrs. Christman reported on New Models for Business & Education in the Age of Global Innovation, a conference sponsored by Temple University's Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER) and DeSales University's Gambet Center for Innovation & Global Enterprise, where four teams of students from the District shared their work. One group of Middle School students took the adult audience through a vast new virtual world where avatars seek out collaborative relationships, design new products, and share knowledge. Another group of Middle School students offered educators a more fun way to test students where the dreaded blue books and No. 2 pencils were dropped in favor of simply taking the quiz on line that provided instantaneous feedback to the students and the teacher, as well as bar graphs demonstrating the number of students who answered either correctly or incorrectly. A third group of students, who at the age of ten had already progressed beyond basic programs like PowerPoint, used a computer program called "iMovie" to create a clay figure documentary presenting commonly taught safety issues. The final group of students demonstrated the use of a wiki space on the Internet to share their work on book reports with other students. Because the site is open to anyone on the Internet, they have even gotten messages from students in other countries who found their work and wanted to join the dialog.

The Board recognized Mary Miller, Food Service Director, on her retirement after 21 years of service to the District.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Stelts handed out a list of current committees and committee members and asked the Board to update the list with any corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Board Meeting dates for September, 2009 through August, 2010

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve Board Meeting dates for September, 2009 through August, 2010.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

Dr. Stelts announced that Mrs. Gunkle was replacing Jody Rennie on the policy committee.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Auteri

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary