



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

February 28, 2011

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:32 p.m. on the above date (February 28, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Andrulevich, Engler, Covelle, Donahue, Farris, Mickley, Harakal, Organski, Martin (The Morning Call) and approximately 60 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 Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
2/14/2011

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

VISITORS

See Curriculum/Student and Staff Activities

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated February 28, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$94,222.44 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$2,142,077.42 for a total amount of \$2,236,299.86 for the General Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve the addendum to the bills list dated February 28, 2011 showing bills to be paid in the amount of \$58,863.94 for the General Fund;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of January 2011;

Approve
Treasurer's
Report and
Investment
Report

Approve the following student teacher placements -

Veronica Nicklaue, Instrumental Music, Moravian College, with *Nancy Beitler*, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from March 14, 2011 through April 29, 2011

Approve
student teacher
placements-
Nicklaue,
Fedorczyk

Matthew Fedorczyk, Health and Physical Education, East Stroudsburg University, with *Donald West*, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from March 14, 2011 through May 6, 2011;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year -

Zachary Garger, Elementary

Jamie Sanchez, Special Education and Elementary;

Approve
substitute
teachers for
2010-2011
school year-
Garger,
Sanchez

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

Lisa M. Schroy, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$8.41

Ellen Schmid, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31;

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

Approve unpaid leave-
Rothrock,
Covey

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -

Trudy Rothrock, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh Middle School, on September 19, 2011 through September 23, 2011

Susan Covey, Assistant Kitchen Manager, Southern Lehigh High School, on March 11, 2011 and March 14, 2011 through March 18, 2011;

Correct hourly rate of pay-
Krupa

Correct the hourly rate of pay for Wendy Krupa, 3 ½ hour Cafeteria Worker, Hopewell Elementary School, from \$13.67 (as approved at the February 14, 2011 Board meeting) to \$12.67;

Approve coach for the 2010-2011 school year-Walsh

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

Bernard M. Walsh Head Boys' Lacrosse \$5,400;

Approve volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year-
Long, Rennie,
Carmona,
Grandfield,
Marant,
Tomlinson-Boyle

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

Timothy Long MS Track

Michael Rennie MS Track

Pamela Carmona MS Track

Terence Grandfield MS Track

Beverly Marant MS Track

Elizabeth Tomlinson-Boyle MS Girls' Lacrosse.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Covelle, 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.

High School report –

- Annie is in final stages of production – the senior citizen dinner theatre is Wednesday, March 2 with public performances Thursday – Sunday. The show held performances over the past week for students at all levels. We are looking forward to the School Board visitation on Thursday, March 3.
- Continuing the course selection process – 8th grade parent night was held on February 17.
- We are preparing for PSSA testing for which the testing window opens on March 14. We are preparing proctor and testing schedules.

Middle School report –

- February Spirit Day (2/25/11)
- MS Spring Instrumental Concert (3/3/11) 7PM MS Auditorium
- Parent-Teacher Group Meeting (3/8/11)
- PSSA Testing (Reading and Math; 3/14-3/25)
- March Spirit Day (3/18/11)
- MS Spring Dance (3/18/11)
- MS Craft and Car Show (3/26/11)
- PSSA Testing (Writing; 3/28-31)
- 6th to 7th grade course Information night (3/31)

Intermediate School report –

- SLIS students were treated to a Laser Light assembly this month, which incorporated the concepts of color and light/light waves.
- SLIS 5th graders traveled to the HS earlier today to preview the HS musical, Annie.
- SLIS students in 4th grade took the NAEP (National Assessment for Educational Progress) test on Friday, February 25th.

- The entire student body and staff are working hard in their studies and in readying for PSSA testing in 3 weeks.
- Before our next school board meeting, on March 8th, a visit by author Eric Wight is planned.

Elementary schools –

- On Wednesday, March 2, each of our elementary schools is celebrating “Read Across America” Day. Activities include assemblies, guest readers, and visits from The Cat in the Hat.
- On Tuesday morning, March 1, current kindergarten parents interested in the Immersion program are invited to visit Liberty Bell’s 1st Grade Immersion class for a half-hour.
- Lower Milford and Liberty Bell students were treated to a preview of the H.S. Musical *Annie*. It was a wonderful experience to see a performance by these talented HS students. We are especially appreciative of the efforts of director Matt Wehr to provide this opportunity.
- Updates related to Sapphire:
Administrators, technology facilitators and secretaries attended a Sapphire training on registration and scheduling.
A Sapphire representative will demonstrate report cards and grade books to the elementary report card committee on March 3.
- Hopewell will have an assembly called “NED” (Never give up, Encourage others, Do you best) Friday, March 4 at 9:30 AM. It will have great message and all are welcome to attend!

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve a three (3) minute time limit per visitor to address the Board.

Approve a 3 minute time limit per visitor to address the board

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – All but Dimmig
“NO” - Dimmig – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

VISITORS

Donna Stauffer, Andy Boyle, Lisa & Steve Steirer, Theresa Andreucci, Ed Risi, Andrea Hall, Beth Boyle, Andrew Hall, Rod Chirumbolo, Mark Clemmer, Andy Krupa, and Deb Buhosky all urged the Board to fund Middle School Girls Lacrosse which has been a club sport for the last 8 years.

Denise Dorsey, Dave Beltz, Jeffrey Tankred, Carol Tankred, Theresa Siffel, Cathy Merkle, Brian Neffe, and Shelly Ozane all spoke in support of the District’s decision to form a Junior High Girls Softball team with funding that is already in the 2010-11 budget.

Bev Marant also urged the Board to fund Middle School Track which is currently a club sport.

There was Board discussion.

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve a \$50 pay-to-participate fee for all Middle School sports, excluding Track & Field.

Motion withdrawn to approve a \$50 pay-to-participate fee for all Middle School sports excluding Track & Field

There was Board discussion.

The Motion was withdrawn by McLoughlin and Gunkle.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the following student trip request-

Approve SLHS Social Studies trip-Costa Rica

Southern Lehigh High School Social Studies Department to participate in an educational tour of Costa Rica with World Cultures, Social Studies and Biology students from June 25, 2012 through July 3, 2012.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

Approve SLHS
Key Club
Conference/
District
Convention-
Hershey, PA

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND** **BY** Dimmig to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Key Club to participate in a Leadership Conference/District Convention, March 4-6 in Hershey, PA. This will include 5 students and their advisor Mr. Beaupre.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

Approve student
#116030 to
complete the
2010-2011
school year

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND** **BY** Quigley to approve the request for High School student #116030 to complete the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #202.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

Approve coach
for the 2010-
2011 school
year-Crivellaro

MOVED BY Mohr and **2ND** **BY** McLoughlin to approve the following coach for the proposed new position of Junior High Softball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year –

Christina Crivellaro Junior High School Softball \$3,738

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

Approve the
Legal Services
Consultation
Agreement with
Sweet, Stevens,
Katz & Williams
for the 2010-
2011 school
year

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND** **BY** Quigley to approve the enclosed Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams to provide special education services and training for the 2010-2011 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Dimmig
"NO" - Dimmig – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

[Dr. McLoughlin left the meeting room at 9:02 p.m.]

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Approve the
Investment of
Funds for the
General Budget

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND** **BY** Quigley to approve the Investment of Funds for the General Budget.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts, McLoughlin

[Dr. McLoughlin returned to the meeting at 9:04 p.m.]

Approve the
proposed
Operating and
Capital budgets
for 2011-12 for
LCCC

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND** **BY** Quigley to approve the proposed Operating and Capital budgets for 2011-12 for Lehigh Carbon Community College.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Eddinger reported that the JOC met last week and approved a 2011-12 budget that will be sent to participating school districts for their approval. The new budget was increased by 1.4% which is equal to the state index for most Pennsylvania school districts.

Education Committee

Mr. Hayes announced that the committee is in the process of obtaining an Arabic teacher for free, a situation that is similar to the Chinese teacher that started with the District in September 2010.

Mr. Liberati gave a report on the High School reform Committee. The committee is looking at the proposed Keystone Exams, the school profile, the power of school transcripts, designing a college survey to find out what colleges are looking for in their admissions processes, grades and scaling of grades and change in schedule, the value of GPA and class rank.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati said that he was contacted by State Representative Justin Simmons who wants to offer a PHEAA night at the District in September that would be hosted by PHEAA representatives for Junior and Senior students to become familiar with filling out the form. Daniel Paschke was present from the Representative's office. There was Board discussion and the Policy Committee will review this.

Mr. Liberati also announced that the High School Stem program received a Program of Excellence Award for the 2nd time in the last 5 years.

Strategic Plan Report

Mrs. Christman's update included –

- The IS Homework Club has started and is headed up by Mr. McGinty. The club meets 4 days per week from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Students with pattern or habit of incomplete homework such that their academic performance was suffering were candidates for referral to the program. Parent agreement for student participation was secured for all. MS and HS NJHS and NHS students were recruited to lend support tutoring to this effort. The progress of students in the program will be monitored for the duration in an effort to determine the extent of impact benefit.
- The K-3 Report Card Committee met for the first time to discuss revisions needed for the roll out of the revised report card in Fall 2011. The next meeting will also include a presentation from Sapphire so that they can gain understanding of the capabilities of the electronic report card. A survey will be used to solicit input from teachers and parents.
- Thirteen teachers have completed a 16 week course on designing on-line courses in Blackboard.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY McLoughlin and 2ND **BY** Gunkle to approve the proposed 2011-2012 School District Calendar.

Approve the proposed 2011-2012 School District Calendar

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Gunkle and Eddinger
"NO" – Gunkle, Eddinger – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

MOVED BY Gunkle and 2ND **BY** Quigley to approve first reading of the following policy -

#141, Programs: *Audio, Video, or Other Electronic Recordings of Student Educational Planning Meetings*

Approve first reading of policy #141

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

MOVED BY Gunkle and 2ND **BY** McLoughlin to approve a first reading on revisions to the following existing policies -

#309, Administrative Employees: *Assignment, Transfer and Promotion*

#405, Professional Employees: *Employment of Substitute Professional Employees*

#409, Professional Employees: *Assignment, Transfer and Promotion*

#509, Classified Employees: *Assignment, Transfer and Promotion*

Approve a first reading on revisions to the existing policies- #309, #405, #409, #509

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Miracle, Stelts

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

Pending Approval