



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

February 8, 2010

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:38 p.m. on the above date (February 8, 2010) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley

OTHERS: Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Lewis, Engler, Jordan, Bergey, Zuk, Davidson, McGinty, Hafner, Organski, and approximately 18 other members of the community.

### OPENING PROCEDURES

Mrs. Gunkle led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOVED BY** McLoughlin and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Dimmig to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
1/25/2010

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

### VISITORS

Susan Martin asked about the report that the Administration was supposed to give to the Board on the possibility of offering virtual German because she had not seen it in Board minutes. She was told that the current collective bargaining agreement with the teachers and the union's expected response to offering virtual German prevented the Administration from exploring that option.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated February 8, 2010 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,022.12 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$562,534.07 for a total amount of \$563,556.19 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$3,990.07 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of January 2010;

Approve the  
Treasurer's  
Report &  
Investment  
Report

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year -

<u>Katherine Burke</u> ,	IU Guest Teacher
<u>Christopher Glaunert</u> ,	Social Studies
<u>Stephanie Heffelfinger</u> ,	Elementary
<u>Katie Sawyer</u> ,	Elementary
<u>David Weaver</u> ,	Elementary;

Approve  
substitute  
teachers for  
the 2009-  
2010 school  
year-Burke,  
Glaunert,  
Heffelfinger,  
Sawyer,  
Weaver

Approve the following student teacher placements -

<u>Kristine George</u> ,	Art Education K-12, Moravian College, with <i>Diane Marmor</i> , Liberty Bell Elementary School from February 15, 2010 to March 19, 2010
<u>Christine Marino</u> ,	Music Education, Moravian College, with <i>Nancy Beitler</i> , Southern Lehigh Middle School from March 15, 2010 to April 30, 2010

Approve  
student  
teacher  
placements-  
George,  
Marino,  
Souza

Catherine Souza, History (Secondary Education), Muhlenberg College, with *Peter Orr*, Southern Lehigh Middle School from March 22, 2010 to May 12, 2010;

Approve substitute support staff for the 2009-2010 school year-  
Brown, Decamps, Heuser, Muller, Sawyer, Weaver

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

- Kristen Brown, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Kris Ann Decamps, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Ines Heuser, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Stephanie Muller, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Katie Sawyer, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- David Weaver, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31
- Kris Ann Decamps, Substitute Health Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$13.12
- Kris Ann Decamps, Substitute Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$13.12;

Approve Unpaid Leave-Rothrock, Miller, Demonte

Approve Unpaid Leave of the following staff -

- Trudy Rothrock, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh Middle School, on October 11, 2010 through October 15, 2010
- Judith Miller, Health Paraprofessional, Hopewell Elementary School, 1/2 day on March 25, 2010, 3/4 day on March 26, 2010 and full day on March 29, 2010
- Antonia Demonte, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Bell Elementary School, on March 1, 2010 through March 5, 2010;

Approve FMLA Leave-McMullen

Approve FMLA Leave of the following staff -

- Shawn McMullen, Secretary, Liberty Bell Elementary School, beginning January 25, 2010 through February 4, 2010;

Approve staff-Flurer

Approve the following staff -

- James Flurer, 7 hour-Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.31, effective February 9, 2010. Mr. Flurer will fill the position created with the resignation of Jamie Elstner;

Approve Ancillary Employees for the 2009-2010 school year-Rothenberger, Walker, Toto, Mays

Approve the following Ancillary Employees for the 2009-2010 school year at \$45.06 per session -

- Virginia Rothenberger, Builders Club Program
- Holly Walker, Tales from the Trails Program
- Heather Toto, Middle School Yearbook Program
- Ronette Mays, Mathcounts Program;

Approve mentor for the 2009-2010 school year-Heurich

Approve the appointment of the following mentor at a stipend not to exceed \$700.00 for the 2009-2010 school year -

- Cheryl Heurich as a mentor for *Kathleen Tkach*;

Approve coach for the 2009-2010 school year-Ditchcreek

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

- Brenton Ditchcreek Track, Assistant \$3,707.00;

Approve Assistants to the Athletic Director for the 2009-2010 school year-Clark, Feifel

Approve the following Assistants to the Athletic Director sharing the position and stipend for the 2009-2010 school year -

- Robert Clark \$1,666.66
- Michael Feifel \$1,666.66.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Zuk, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McGinty and Mr. Haffner reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

Mr. Zuk reported the following -

- January 27 - HS started second semester, 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.
- January 27 - Very good turnout at 8<sup>th</sup> grade course selection.
- Midterm Exams were completed the week of January 25 without issue.
- February 5 - Report cards mailed out.

Mr. Davidson reported the following –

Academic

- Report cards were mailed February 5, 2010.
- 4Sight Assessments – February 9 and 10.
- Course selection information session (7<sup>th</sup> grade) February 23, 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium.

Events

- Middle School Dance – February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Monthly PTG meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- SLMS Film Festival – February 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 12:00 am.

There was a NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) presentation by five 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Pam Phillipe and Judy Browne explained the concept of how novels are written in a month and what it has done at the Intermediate School. It is a program where students volunteer to write, on their own time, a 6000 word novel in the month of November. The 5 students introduced each other, gave a synopsis of their novels, and read short passages from their novels. The novels will be bound and put in the Intermediate School library.

Mr. McGinty reported the following –

- Staff is preparing to roll out a positive behavior program to recognize students who exhibit behaviors that are consistent with our 6 Rs. (Rigorous, Responsible, Rule-Abiding, Respectful, Read, and Resilient).
- We are preparing for our next round of 4-Sight tests. Here is some interesting data from the item analysis:
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 28 multiple choice items
  - The percent correct was above 50% in all but 6 items (September baseline)
  - The percent correct was above 60% in all but 2 items (December test 2)
  - The percent correct was above 80% in all but 11 items (December test 2)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 34 multiple choice items
  - The percent correct was above 50% in all but 11 items (September baseline)
  - The percent correct was above 50% in all but 4 items (December test 2)
- We are showing positive growth in all reporting categories, as well as in our performance levels.
- Through the efforts of our students, Mrs. Marylin Hower, and Mrs. Lynn Yocum we were able to raise over \$2200 through the Haiti House Pins Project.
- We are kicking off our Read On project to raise money for the Child Advocacy Center in Allentown. Our sponsor, Lutron, has pledged to donate 25 cents for every 100 pages our students, families, and staff read and document between Feb. 5th and March 31st.

Mr. Hafner reported the following –

- The Elementary Technology Fair was last Thursday at the Middle School. There were 25+ different sessions taught by district staff. It was very well attended and appreciated by the elementary teachers.
- Members of the school board visited our three elementary schools last Tuesday. Both the staff and administration were grateful and appreciative of their time and interest.
- Lower Milford is having a music-focused assembly with local artist Dave Fry on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

- With their Lower Milford Cares program, students are giving donations for Betty Lou's Pantry (a local food bank) during the month of February.
- Report Cards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period went home Friday from all three elementary schools...hard to believe we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter already!
- There will be a Spanish Immersion Information Night for current Kindergarten students' parents on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, in Liberty Bell's Library from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will be learning about nutrition as they participate in "Healthy Snack for a Loved One" on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be making a healthy snack in the cafeteria to take home to a loved one.
- Liberty Bell's student/parent group, Liberty Bell Supports You is currently planning an event to raise funds for the Haiti Relief Effort.
- Finally, on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Bell's PTA will be holding a fundraiser at the Chick-fil-A in Quakertown. PTA members, teachers, and I will all be busing tables as Liberty Bell families come in for dinner. The PTA will receive a % of the night's profits.

Mr. Miracle and Mrs. Gunkle had wonderful things to say about the elementary schools after last week's Board visitation, and reported seeing Education Committee initiatives firsthand.

**MOVED BY** Eddinger and 2<sup>ND</sup> **BY** McLoughlin to approve the following student trip request -

Approve  
student trip for  
SL  
Competition  
Cheerleading  
Squad-Orlando  
FL

*Southern Lehigh Competition Cheerleading Squad* to participate in UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships on February 12, 2010 through February 16, 2010 in Orlando, Florida.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and 2<sup>ND</sup> **BY** Eddinger to approve the enclosed Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Lehigh Carbon Community College. The agreement sets out the terms and conditions of the Dual Enrollment Program offered by Southern Lehigh School District and Lehigh Carbon Community College in accordance with Article XVI of the Public School Code.

Approve  
Concurrent  
Enrollment  
Agreement  
with LCCC

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and 2<sup>ND</sup> **BY** Stelts to approve the request for High School student #103035 to complete the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with provisions of Policy #202.

Approve HS  
student  
#103035 to  
complete the  
2009-2010  
school year

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

### **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and 2<sup>ND</sup> **BY** McLoughlin to approve the enclosed PDE-2028 for the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Approve PDE-  
2028  
Preliminary  
General Fund  
Budget for the  
2010-2011  
fiscal year

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Dimmig**  
**"NO" - Dimmig – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and 2<sup>ND</sup> **BY** Stelts to approve the enclosed audit report for fiscal year 2008-2009 as prepared by the firm of France, Anderson, Basile and Company, P.C.

Approve audit  
report for fiscal  
year 2008-2009

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Eddinger to table any action on the enclosed budget for Lehigh Carbon Community College for 2010-2011, pending further explanation by LCCC of a provision in the enclosed resolution that states total budgeted expenditures can be exceeded to the extent that Total Revenue is exceeded.

Table any action on the enclosed budget for LCCC for 2010-2011, pending further explanation by LCCC

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Eddinger to approve the enclosed parent carrier contract with *Ellen Pike* for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approve parent carrier contract with E. Pike for the 2009-2010 school year

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**PERSONNEL**

**REPORTS**

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Eddinger reported that LCTI is working on the 2010-2011 budget and have already cut \$1 million in programs from the \$20 million, and will be asking sponsoring Districts for a 2.9% increase in funding to match the State index.

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Dimmig said that the committee will be meeting early in March.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Snell announced that Mrs. Lewis, Director of Elementary Education, will be seeking a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility at the University of Scranton.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** McLoughlin to approve a second and final reading of the following policy -

Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Policy #233

#233 Suspension and Expulsion

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

**VISITORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: Hayes, Quigley**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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