



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 12, 2011

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 9:06 a.m. on the above date (March 12, 2011) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Eddinger, Dimmig, Gunkle, Hayes, McLoughlin, Miracle, Mohr, Quigley (arrived at 9:45 a.m.), Stelts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Scherzberg, Bergey, Organski, and approximately 30 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 **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
2/28/2011

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

VISITORS

See Business & Finance

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated March 12, 2011 showing paid bills in the amount of \$892.26 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$337,155.89 for a total amount of \$337,155.89 for the General Fund, and paid bills in the amount of \$1,340.00 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$3,950.00 for a total amount of \$5,290.00;

Approval of Bills

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

Sharon Calhoun, Elementary

Trisha Loch, Elementary;

Approve
substitute
teachers for the
2010-2011
school year-
Calhoun, Loch

Approve FMLA Leave of the following staff -

Caryn Bronfenbrenner, Learning Support Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, from March 14, 2011 through April 23, 2011;

Approve FMLA
Leave-
Bronfenbrenner

Approve Childrearing Leave of the following staff -

Michelle Conrad, School Psychologist, Liberty Bell and Lower Milford Elementary Schools, for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year, effective February 24, 2011;

Approve
Childrearing
Leave-Conrad

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

Lisa J. Schroy, Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Worker, at an hourly rate of \$9.45

Trisha Loch, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31;

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

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Emily Powers, 1:1 Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, effective at the end of the day on Friday, March 11, 2011;

Accept
resignation-
Powers

Approve coach for the 2010-2011 school year- Stemple

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

Eric Stemple Assistant Boys' Lacrosse \$1,944**

***This amount represents the 60/40 split stipend with Brian Boorse;*

Approve Assistants to the Athletic Director for the 2010-2011 spring sports season-Clark, Feifel

Approve the following Assistants to the Athletic Director for the 2010-2011 spring sports season -

Robert Clark \$1,666.66**

Michael Feifel \$1,666.66**

***This is a shared position and stipend;*

Approve volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year- Pederson, Shields, Fluck

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

Bruce Pederson Boys' Lacrosse

Jennifer Shields Girls' Lacrosse

Robert Fluck Baseball.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Approve Liberty Trail summer program

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the Liberty Trail summer program for July 11-28, 2011. The program will be held at Lower Milford Elementary School. The program will run each day for three weeks, with the exception of the final Friday, July 29, 2011. The Liberty Trail program is a summer environmental awareness program for students finishing grades two through eight.

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

Approve SLHS Technology Student Association student trip- Champion, PA

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

Southern Lehigh High School Technology Student Association to attend the PA-TSA State Conference, Champion, PA on April 13, 2011 through April 16, 2011.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Approve PlanCon K: Project Refinancing

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve PlanCon K: Project Refinancing in connection with the refunding of the General Obligation Series A of 2002 and the issuance of General Obligation Bond Series of 2010 this past summer.

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

Approve a three (3) minute time limit per visitor to address the Board

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

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

VISITORS

Paul Groeber recommended that there be administrative cuts instead of curriculum cuts for the 2011-12 budget.

Beth Boyle suggested using more of the fund balance, and supported instituting a Middle School pay-to-participate fee to help fund Middle School Girls Lacrosse.

Beverly Marant is still looking for District funding for the Middle School Track & Field program, and presented a printed proposal to expand support for that program.

Theodore Zapach spoke in favor of not closing Lower Milford Elementary School.

Mr. Snell presented a synopsis of Governor Corbett's proposed 2011-12 state budget and its effect on the District. If the proposed state budget were enacted, the amount of state subsidy received by the District would decrease \$1.4 M for 2011-12 compared to 2010-11.

[Mr. Quigley arrived at 9:45 a.m.]

Mr. Dimmig gave a review of the 5-year budget projections.

The School Board reviewed a list of 38 possible budget cuts and revenue enhancements and decided which items would be placed on a list for further discussion, which items would not be considered for further discussion, and which items needed further investigation for consideration. The Board continued its planning toward adoption of a preliminary General Fund budget which is tentatively scheduled for late April or early May.

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*) -

Liesje Germ, Extended-term (Category D), Substitute Biology Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, at \$229.02 per diem, effective March 24, 2011. Ms. Germ will fill the position during the anticipated leave of *Adrienne Searfoss*.

Approve staff
(pending
required
documentation)-
Germ

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve a second and final reading of the following 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 2nd
and final reading
of policies-#309,
#405, #409, #509

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

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve a second and final reading of the following policy -

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

Approve a 2nd
and final reading
of policy #141

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dimmig will investigate the possibility of the District accepting bids from outside contractors to host an after-school daycare in one of our buildings.

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 12:24 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Approve unpaid
leave-Collins

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve unpaid leave for the following staff –
Tara Collins, Elementary Teacher, Liberty Bell School, on April 14-15, 2011.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – All but Quigley
“NO” - Quigley – Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

Pending Approval