



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

March 8, 2010

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:00 p.m. on the above date (March 8, 2010) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Quigley

OTHERS: Liberati, Snell, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Lewis, Engler, Jordan, Bergey, Siegfried, Davidson, Farris, Mickley, Harakal, Long, members of the media and approximately 2 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 Miracle and **2ND BY** Mohr to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
2/22/2010

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

VISITORS

None

Chinese Guest Teacher Program presentation with instructor, Wu Xiaoxue and Bill Miller and Susan Calvin, Berks County Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Miller spoke about the Guest Teacher Program in place at Berks County IU through the Confucius Institute. Wu Xiaoxue presented a PowerPoint on her experiences here in the United States.

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve permission for the administration to move forward in securing a Chinese Guest Teacher

Approve
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Chinese Guest
Teacher

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated March 8, 2010 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,545,246.16 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$225,649.78 for a total amount of \$1,770,895.94 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$24,278.00 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of
Bills

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

Approve the
Treasurer's
Report &
Investment
Report

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

Kristen Brown, Elementary

Eric Focht, General Science K-12

Ian Lande, English 7-12, Communication 7-12

Andrew Oswald, Biology, Environmental Ed., General Science;

Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2009-2010
school year-
Brown, Focht,
Lande, Oswald

Approve student teacher placement-Jacob Approve the following student teacher placement -
Rose Jacob, Elementary Special Education, DeSales University, with *Kelly Dougherty*, Liberty Bell Elementary School from March 15, 2010 to April 30, 2010;

Approve clinical internship-J. Miller Approve the clinical internship for Jennifer Miller with *Linda Milliman*, Speech Therapist, from March 15, 2010 through June 4, 2010;

Approve Unpaid Leave-Landis Approve Unpaid Leave of the following staff -
Nicole Landis, Central Accounts Secretary, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning September 7, 2010 with an expected date of return of November 1, 2010;

Approve Summer Math Lab Teachers-Malik, Bromfield Approve the following Summer Math Lab Teachers at an hourly rate of \$36.03 -
Paul Malik
Erin Bromfield;

Approve volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year-Walsh, Newman, Barndt Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year -
Bernard Matt Walsh Boys' Lacrosse
Joseph Newman Girls' Soccer
Ronald Barndt Baseball;

Accept resignation as Asst. Girls' Soccer coach-Fairclough Accept the resignation of Karen Fairclough, Assistant Girls' Soccer coach, effective February 23, 2010;

Approve coaches for the 2009-2010 school year-Grube, Kukitz, Dreves, Roncolato, Blazusiak (pending required documentation), Mihalik Approve the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year -
Rosemary Grube Assistant Softball \$4,065
John Kukitz Assistant Girls' Soccer \$3,630
Richard Dreves Assistant Girls' Soccer \$3,630
Douglas Roncolato Head Girls' Soccer \$6,031
John Blazusiak+ Assistant Baseball \$2,032.50**
Michael Mihalik Assistant Baseball \$2,032.50**;
***Shared position and stipend (50/50)*
+Pending receipt of required documentation

Approve transfer of status from Asst. Boys' Lacrosse coach to Boys' Lacrosse volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year-Bittner Approve the transfer of status of Shaughn Bittner from Assistant Boys' Lacrosse coach (50/50 split position with a salary of \$1,467.50) to a Boys' Lacrosse volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Siegfried, Mr. Davidson, 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

- 3/4- Board Visit
- 3/4 - Haiti Dance at HS raised \$3,000
- 3/5 - Progress letters mailed (delayed one week due to snow days)
- 3/12 - HS Parent Meeting Group
- 3/15 - Cyber bullying assembly for 9th grade
- 3/17 - Sr. Citizens Dinner (Meal and "Curtains" show)

Middle School

* A special thanks to the members of the school board who came to visit the MS on March 4, 2010. We hope that you enjoyed your visit.

Academic

- March 5 – progress reports were mailed home
- March 8 – 4th mini-cycle began
- March – Anti-bullying assembly for 8th grade students

Events

- March 9 – PTG meeting
- March 11 – Spring Band Concert
- March 12 – Spring Dance

Intermediate School

Students and staff at SLIS are in the throngs of fundraising for the Child Advocacy Center and the American Heart Association through our Read-On and Jump Rope for Heart efforts. We have to say that we are exceptionally proud of the kids in our school. This year our students have donated hundreds of gently used books to the Cops and Kids campaign, collected coats for the needy, made nutcrackers and gift boxes for the elderly at holiday time, raised money for the plight of the people of Haiti, and collected pennies to donate clean water to some of the poorest places on earth. Our kids have spent countless hours working, creating, and thinking with their hearts and minds - showing enthusiasm and compassion well beyond their years for the suffering of others in our world.

SLIS staff is readying for parent conferences. Parent Conference Week is March 22-26. Appointment reminders were sent home to parents with 2nd MP report cards. Students will be dismissed early on conference days so that teachers can meet with parents. The SLIS/PTG Scholastic Bookfair will also be open during conference week.

On Friday, SLIS teachers participated in district wide in-service activities that introduced all to the Standards Aligned System. We also worked to further refine our use of the Step-Up-to-Writing program in all grades. Afterwards, and for a couple of hours in the afternoon, the staff at SLIS held our own version of the first ever SLIS Olympics. We participated in team building and cooperative activities as a group in an effort to better get to know each other. To this point, time outside of the normal work day had not been devoted to growing as a faculty. So, this opportunity was overdue and appreciated.

Finally, we'd like to thank the school board members for their recent visit to our school. We were genuinely happy to have you. We do hope that you enjoyed taking in some of the newer scenes in our school, like Read 180, STEM and Design 21, while visiting. Please feel free to visit us anytime, and again - thank you.

Elementary

"Liberty Bell Supports You" is hosting a fundraiser for the Relief in Haiti this coming Saturday, March 13th at the high school. There will be a students vs. faculty indoor soccer game. All proceeds will benefit the relief effort.

Third grade students at Lower Milford sponsored a food drive during the month of February. Food and monetary donations were given to Betty Lou's Pantry, which provides meals to 60 Southern Lehigh families.

Elementary Schools celebrated "Read Across America" day with special reading activities on March 2.

Third grade students at Liberty Bell will present the entertaining musical *BULLIES ANONYMOUS* on Friday, March 12, 7:00 pm in the Liberty Bell gym. The musical will be performed by 35 enthusiastic 3rd Graders and choreographed by several Southern Lehigh High School dancers. Admission is free, but the audience is asked to bring a canned food item for the Coopersburg Food Bank.

Elementary Parent Conferences and Kindergarten Registration will be held the week of March 22-26.

Approve student trip requests-(1) SLFBLA, Hershey, PA and (2) SL Technology Student Association, Champion, PA

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve the following student trip requests –

Southern Lehigh Future Business Leaders of America to attend the State Leadership Conference on April 11, 2010 through April 14, 2010 at Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA.

Southern Lehigh Technology Student Association to attend the Technology Student Association Conference on April 14, 2010 through April 17, 2010 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA.

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

Approve contract with Campus Outreach Services

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the enclosed contract with Campus Outreach Services to provide a program entitled “CyberSmarts” for 8th and 9th grade students.

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

Approve Independent Study- Grogan

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve Independent Study for the following High School student -

Conor Grogan, *Electronic Music*

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

Approve proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve *the proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar*.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Approve real estate tax refunds- Landis, LMB Enterprises LLC, Krieger

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve the following real estate tax refunds for the reasons indicated by the County of Lehigh Office of Assessment -

Judith Landis, Parcel ID # 13 640273473801 1, \$4244.24 for 2009-10

LMB Enterprises LLC, Parcel ID# 22 642556558791 1, \$1788.86 for 2009-10

Albert Krieger, Parcel ID# 22 642442461793 1, \$158.98 for 2009-10

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

Approve PlanCon Part K in connection with the General Obligation Bonds

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Hayes to approve PlanCon Part K in connection with the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2009, which refinanced the General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2004. This submission is required to establish a revised reimbursement rate for our debt service payments.

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

Approve permission to engage Harold Gaughan to complete the close-out of the Intermediate School PlanCon process and prepare PlanCon Part J

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve permission to engage Harold Gaughan to complete the close-out of the Intermediate School PlanCon process and prepare PlanCon Part J for a total of \$3000, including audit fees. Mr. Gaughan is a former employee of the Department of Education in the Division of School Facilities and has been involved in each of the project closeouts that have been performed in the District over the past 15 to 20 years.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve renewal of the cooperative bid with the County of Lehigh for gasoline and diesel fuel with ISOBUNKERS, LLC, 2 New Road, Suite 31, Aston, PA 19014, for the period May 2, 2010 through April 30, 2011, at a cost of \$.24 over rack. This is the second of a three year option with pricing being held constant for delivery and overhead.

Approve renewal of the cooperative bid with the County of Lehigh for gasoline and diesel fuel with ISOBUNKERS, LLC

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

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

A meeting was held on February 24th. The Summer Fun Camp will now be June 22 – 25 for the first week due to the snow days. Negotiations process has begun with the teachers.

Budget and Finance

A meeting is scheduled for the 23rd of March. They met to discuss the Act 93 agreement last week.

Superintendent's Report

Eight to ten members of the HS task force are going to Rochester, Indiana to visit a "New Tech HS" on March 26th.

STEM class at the Intermediate School is experiencing residential wiring as part of their class.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Approve a second and final reading of policies #335, #435, #535, #504

- #335 Administrative Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*
- #435 Professional Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*
- #535 Classified Employees: *Family and Medical Leave Act*
- #504 Classified Employees: *Recruitment and Selection*

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Dimmig and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve moving forward with changing Policy 201 Admission of Students to allow for a screening of students who are not age eligible during the month of September.

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

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Assistant Board Secretary