



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

April 12, 2010

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:43 p.m. on the above date (April 12, 2010) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Takacs, Lewis, Engler, Jordan, Bergey, Zuk, Davidson, Farris, Hafner, Impink, 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 Quigley and **2ND BY** Stelts to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
3/22/2010

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

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated April 12, 2010 showing paid bills in the amount of \$438,281.72 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$290,463.31 for a total amount of \$728,745.03 for the General Fund;

Approval of
Bills

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

Approve the
Treasurer's
Report &
Investment
Report

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

Amanda Foltz, Elementary, Mid Level Math

Melissa Monteith, Special Education, K-3, Reading Specialist**

Brittany Powers, Elementary

Melissa Thoet, Elementary**

Eric Vernon, Citizenship

Delia Vey, Biology, Mid Level Math and Science;

***Pending receipt of required documentation*

Approve
substitute
teachers for
the 2009-
2010 school
year-Foltz,
Monteith,
Powers,
Thoet,
Vernon, Vey

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

Ann Marie Martin, School Nurse;

Approve
substitute
school
nurse for
the 2009-
2010 school
year-Martin

Approve 2nd
childrearing
leave for the
2010-2011
school year-
Gordon,
Hufgard,
Haupt,
Snyder

Approve second childrearing leave of the following staff for the 2010-2011 school year -

Jessica Gordon, Language Arts Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School

Rochelle Hufgard, Reading Specialist, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School

Kristin Haupt, 1st Grade Teacher, Lower Milford Elementary School

Anne Snyder, Language Arts Teacher, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School;

Accept
resignation-
Barna

Accept the resignation of the following staff -

Veronica (Roni) Barna, Instructional Support Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective May 3, 2010;

Accept
retirement-
Combs,
Impink

Accept the retirement of the following staff -

Patricia Combs, Spanish Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, effective June 23, 2010 (or the last day for teachers). Mrs. Combs has been employed at Southern Lehigh School District since September 5, 1989

Jay Impink, Science Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, effective the end of the school year (June 22, 2010). Mr. Impink has been employed at Southern Lehigh School District since September 1, 1975;

Accept
resignation-
Kaplan

Accept the resignation of Elizabeth Kaplan, Summer Custodian, effective March 18, 2010;

Approve
substitutes
for the 2009-
2010 school
year-Beck,
Monteith,
Martin

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

Scott Beck, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Melissa Monteith, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Ann Marie Martin, Substitute Supplemental Nurse, at an hourly rate of \$16.19.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Zuk, Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Farris and Mr. Hafner reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

Mr. Zuk reported the following –

- The High School Scholastic Challenge team defeated the team from Northwestern Lehigh School District to reach the quarter-finals where their next opponent will be Parkland School District.
- The Southern Lehigh High School music department has completed the region level festivals over the course of the last few weeks. For the first time ever, SLHS students have made all 3 major Pennsylvania State ensembles (Band, Chorus, and Orchestra). The PMEA State ensembles are the very best musicians as drawn from throughout the commonwealth. The ensembles are akin to PIAA States for athletics. Congratulations go out to Matthew Guro (10th gr.) 3rd chair, Violin I in State Orchestra, Cara Kinney (10th gr.) 4th chair, Clarinet in State Wind Ensemble, Allison Long (12th gr.) 1st chair, Bass Clarinet in State Concert Band, and Matthew Moisey (12th gr.) 1st chair, Tenor II in State Chorus. These students will participate in the State Music Festivals and Convention in Pittsburgh from April 22-24, 2010.

Mr. Davidson reported the following –

- PSSA testing – Math and Reading through today. Make-up exams will be administered through April 16th if necessary.
- Report cards were mailed April 9, 2010
- Finishing course registration for incoming 6th grade students and beginning to build next year schedule
- PTG meeting – April 7th
- 2nd Annual Craft and Auto Show were well attended on 27th of March.
- Final planned school dance is scheduled for April 16th.

Mrs. Farris reported on the following –

- Report cards are again in the process of preparation. Third (3rd) quarter reports will be sent home with students on April 12.
- Approximately 2400 test booklets and answer booklets were received by the IS and prepared for students and teachers for PSSA administration. The daily schedule was adjusted and we are in the throngs of state testing at this moment.
- The IS has been working closely with the MS to communicate to parents of 6th grade students regarding course registration and recommendation approval processes. The IS sent Connect-Ed messages to parents of 6th graders on behalf of the MS.
- An IS Report Card committee is currently at work to bring about improved consistency in the appearance and information appearing on grade 4-6 report cards. In connection with this effort a parent survey was generated and is currently live on the IS website.

Mr. Hafner reported the following –

- Kindergarten registration (March 22-25) went smoothly. Special thanks are extended to our health services staff, particularly Mrs. Tina Lentz, who coordinates the entire process, and to our Instructional Assistants for their work in making registration week a success.
- The Kindergarten Parent Workshop (April 8) went well and provided a good introduction, especially for families new to the district. Our kindergarten teachers provided parents with a wealth of information and ideas for helping prepare their child for entering kindergarten in the fall.
- Kindergarten visitation day is April 22 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM.
- Third Quarter Report Cards and BMI letters will be sent home on April 16th.
- Lower Milford PTA will hold a fundraiser night at Red Robin and Maggie Moo's at the Promenade Shops on Thursday, April 22.
- Hopewell had the Weller Center present a program to all students on April 6: K/1 saw "It takes practice to be a friend" and grades 2/3 saw "Where do bullies grow?" Both were informative and interactive programs for our students.
- Third graders are in the process of taking Math and Reading PSSA's thru 4/14.
- Liberty Bell successfully held their annual Spanish Immersion sign-ups on the A.M. of March 31st.

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

Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team to attend the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament on May 28, 2010 through May 31, 2010 in Omaha, NE.

Approve student trip for SL Speech & Debate Team- Omaha, NE

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

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the enclosed textbook recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year. Textbooks will be on display at the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the April 26, 2010 Board meeting.

Approve enclosed textbook recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

G. Wayne Large, Parcel ID # 13 548174996359 1, \$532.84 for 2009-10

Approve real estate tax refund- G. Wayne Large

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

REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Dimmig reported that the committee will meet Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm at the Intermediate School.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Liberati recognized teachers Patricia Combs and Jay Impink who are retiring at the end of school this year. Mrs. Combs and Mr. Impink have been with the District since 1989 and 1975 respectively.
- He had meetings with High School AP teachers and with Parkland School District gathering information on the requirements to take AP courses, AP tests, and the use of grade point average.
- It is Public Health Recognition Week and the Lehigh County School Districts were recognized for the joint effort H1N1 vaccination clinic that took place at Parkland High School last fall.
- He had also met with Mr. McCullick, the new principal at St. Michael's School, who is looking for some small partnerships with the District.

OLD BUSINESS

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

#201 Pupils: *Admission of Students*

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

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy #201

ADJOURNMENT

