



# Southern Lehigh School District

## Board of School Directors Meeting

April 14, 2009

The first monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:34 p.m. on the above date (April 14, 2009) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Stelts, Auteri, Dimmig, Eddinger, Gunkle, Hayes, Miracle, Quigley, Schubert

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Engler, Takacs, Jordan, Bergey, Zuk, Davidson, Farris, Hafner, Harakal, and approximately 100 teachers and other members of the community.

### **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Dr. Stelts led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hafner introduced an *Odyssey of the Mind* team from Liberty Bell Elementary School. The team performed earth trek to 4 locations.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of  
3/23/09

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**ABSENT: None**

### **VISITORS**

Linda Gross read a letter to the Board that was signed by 49 tenured faculty of Southern Lehigh High School that contained a list of recent events over the last two years that in their opinion demonstrated a clear lack of professional courtesy being given to the teaching staff.

Natalie Holland read a letter to the Board asking the Board to accept the recommendations of the Intermediate School Task Force and the Middle School Task Force committees with regard to foreign language acquisition, and urged the Board to find better alternatives to cutting the budget.

Sylvia Fowler, Theresa Andreucci, Cris Miller, Keith Ruppel, Greg Holland, and Kim Kreider all urged the Board to not eliminate German or French as a foreign language from the curriculum.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the bills list dated April 14, 2009 showing paid bills in the amount of \$34,584.00 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$307,573.26 for a total amount of \$342,157.26 for the General Fund, and paid bills in the amount of \$15,813.77 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$4,893.19 for a total amount of \$20,706.96 for the Construction Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$558.28 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approval of  
Bills

Approve the retirement of the following staff, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year -

Doris Brunner, Math Teacher, Middle School. Mrs. Brunner has been employed with the district for 35 years.

Maryann Impink, ESL Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School. Dr. Impink has been employed with the district for 35 years.

Approve  
retirement of  
staff, effective  
the end of the  
2008-2009  
school year-  
Brunner,  
Impink

Cont. -  
Approve retirement of staff, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year-  
Lee,  
Shoemaker,  
Weinberger

Gary Lee, Science Teacher, Middle School. Mr. Lee has been employed with the district for 35 years.

Candace Shoemaker, Reading Specialist Teacher, Middle School. Mrs. Shoemaker has been employed with the district for 19 years.

Jan Weinberger, School Psychologist, Hopewell Elementary School. Mr. Weinberger has been employed with the district for 24 years;

Approve second period of childrearing leave for the 2009-2010 school year-  
Brundage

Approve second period of childrearing leave for the 2009-2010 school year of the following staff -

Molly Brundage, Reading Teacher, Middle School;

Approve FMLA leave of the following staff -

Colleen West-Slotter, Math Teacher, Middle School, beginning March 31, 2009 through May 11, 2009;

Approve FMLA-West-Slotter

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year -

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Degruccio,  
Doherty-Faust,  
Fenstermaker,  
Laurence,  
Schantz

<u>Gail Degruccio</u> ,	Elementary
<u>Erin Doherty-Faust</u> ,	Elementary and Reading Specialist
<u>Lauren Fenstermaker</u> ,	Elementary
<u>Jacqueline Laurence</u> ,	Elementary and Special Education
<u>Laura Schantz</u> ,	Elementary;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -

Approve unpaid leave-  
Rothrock,  
Dunbar

Trudy Rothrock, Cafeteria Worker, Middle School, Monday, October 5, 2009 through Friday, October 9, 2009.

Jane Dunbar, 3 hour Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary, Friday, May 22, 2009;

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2008-2009 school year -

Approve substitute support staff for the 2008-2009 school year-Fadeley,  
Foulke, Lynn-Helmick,  
Khawaja,  
McCue, Fluck,  
Patterson,  
Huber

<u>Roxanne Fadeley</u> ,	Substitute Cafeteria Worker
<u>Rosa Foulke</u> ,	Substitute Cafeteria Worker
<u>Patty Lynn-Helmick</u> ,	Substitute Cafeteria Worker
<u>Humera Khawaja</u> ,	Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Monitor
<u>Vikki McCue</u> ,	Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Monitor
<u>Robert Fluck</u> ,	Substitute Custodian
<u>Linda Patterson</u> ,	Substitute Health Paraprofessional
<u>Susan Huber</u> ,	Substitute Instructional Assistant;

Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coach for the 2008-2009 school year -

Approve the appointment of the volunteer coach for the 2008-2009 school year-  
Miller

Joshua Miller Football.

**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 that 2 successful overseas student trips to Spain and Germany had returned prior to the spring break, and that the National Honor Society induction will be held tomorrow night in the auditorium.

Mr. Davidson announced that the Auto Show Craft Fair on March 28 was a success, and that the final dance of the school year will be April 17. He said the Middle School Read-On project raised \$7,744 for the Child Advocacy Center.

Mrs. Farris reported on the following –

- The incoming Intermediate School students participated in an on-line survey contest called “Pick Your Spartan” during PSSA week. The Spartan logo with the most votes will appear on the covers of their agenda books in September.
- Teacher committees are being organized for the purpose of planning for the Intermediate School.
- The Intermediate School Parent Teacher Group has a board of officers and is in the process of filing the necessary paperwork to become incorporated in Pennsylvania, and will also seek non-profit status under IRS code section 501c3.
- A student handbook has been drafted with the help of Sean McGinty and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.
- Faculty planning continues at this time, including preparation of evacuation and emergency planning and movable furnishings color and materials meetings.

Mr. Hafner mentioned that Lance Mackey, the 2008 Iditarod champion was currently next door in the auditorium. He also said that the elementary schools will all be having their spring concerts, and Spanish Immersion registration will be on April 29.

**MOVED BY** Quigley and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Miracle to approve the following student trip -

*Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Team* to attend the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament in Albany, NY, Friday, May 22, 2009 to Monday, May 25, 2009.

Approve student trip-SL Speech & Debate Team-Albany, NY

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Quigley to approve the following student trip -

*Southern Lehigh Boys’ Lacrosse Team* to participate in a Team Camp at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY, July 23, 2009 to July 25, 2009.

Approve student trip-SL Boys’ Lacrosse Team-Rochester, NY

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve new Language Arts, Art and Social Studies textbooks. Textbooks will be on display in the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the April 27, 2009 Board meeting.

Approve new Language Arts, Art & Social Studies textbooks

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve revised 2009-2010 Southern Lehigh School District Calendar.

Approve revised 2009-2010 SL School District Calendar

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the attached Investment of Funds.

Approve Investment of Funds

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the enclosed Letter of Agreement regarding coordination of the National School Lunch Program. This action is taken annually by the School Board.

Approve Letter of Agreement regarding coordination of the National School Lunch Program

**VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

Approve refund of 2007-2008 school real estate taxes-Kusko

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve a refund of 2007-2008 school real estate taxes of \$1892.23 to James and Cheryl W. Kusko, Parcel ID#22 64257697796 1, pursuant to the enclosed letter from the County of Lehigh Office of Assessment.

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

Approve Treasurer's Report & Investment Report

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of March 2009.

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

Authorize R. Guerriere to transfer to the Construction Account the remaining funds from the 2006 AA Bond Proceeds account at US Bank and close the current account

**MOVED BY** Hayes and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to authorize Robert Guerriere to transfer to the Construction Account the remaining funds from the 2006 AA Bond Proceeds account at US Bank and close the current account. There is an approximate balance of \$91,000 in the account at US Bank. The 2006 AA Bond proceeds and accumulated interest earned have been used to pay contractor invoices on the Intermediate School construction project, excluding \$2,366,000 that is in the Tri-Party Financial Security Agreement account with Upper Saucon Township, and \$72,225 that is in the PennDOT Letter of Credit Collateral account. The balance of contractors' invoices for the Intermediate School construction will be paid from the 2008 bond proceeds.

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

Approve permission to utilize the cooperative purchasing program of the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies and the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Schubert to approve permission to utilize the cooperative purchasing program of the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies and its Pennsylvania counterpart, the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council (PEJPC) which have been researched by Attorney Bartholomew. The contracts offered through these programs allow the District to make purchases of various services and products without conducting our own local bids.

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

Approve Change Order G-11 to Penn Builders for the addition of a roll-up service/ticket window door

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve Change Order G-11 to Penn Builders in the amount of \$2,724.00 for the addition of a roll-up service/ticket window door to be installed in the new storage building.

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

Approve allowance change HC-001 to add approximately 16 linear feet of air diffuser

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve allowance change HC-001 in the amount of \$746.03 to add approximately 16 linear feet of air diffuser.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley**  
**"NO" - Quigley – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

Approve allowance change HC-002 to add additional smoke detectors in the building duct system

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to approve allowance change HC-002 in the amount of \$3,666.00 to add additional smoke detectors in the building duct system.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Quigley**  
**"NO" - Quigley – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

Contingent on Lehigh County Conservation District approval, award the visitor's bleacher replacement to Imperial Excavating & Paving, LLC

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to, contingent on Lehigh County Conservation District approval, award the visitor's bleacher replacement to Imperial Excavating and Paving, LLC, 1234 South Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18013 in the amount of \$392,722. This includes replacement with a 1327 seat bleacher at a cost of \$370,222 and a filming platform at \$22,500.

**VOICE VOTE: "YES" – All but Dimmig and Auteri**  
**"NO" – Dimmig, Auteri – Motion Carried**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MOVED BY** Miracle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Gunkle to, contingent on Lehigh County Conservation District approval, accept the proposal for Bleacher Construction Observation Services from Architerra, PC, 205 North Main Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036 in the amount of \$7,120.

Contingent on Lehigh County Conservation District approval, accept proposal for Bleacher Construction Observation Services from Architerra, PC

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOVED BY** Hayes and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Miracle to approve Sean McGinty, Assistant Principal, Intermediate School, at a salary of \$80,000 per year from start date (*to be determined*) through June 30, 2010 (*pro-rated*) pending receipt of required documentation. This is a new position.

Approve Assistant Principal, Intermediate School-McGinty (pending receipt of required documentation)

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

**REPORTS**

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle announced that it was student awards night at the last Joint Operating Committee meeting that included 5 students from the District. All student award winners are eligible to go on to state and national competitions.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Liberati recognized 5 retiring teachers with an accumulated total of 148 years of service. They were Doris Brunner, Maryann Impink, Gary Lee, Candace Shoemaker, and Jan Weinberger.

Facilities Report

Mr. Liberati reported that he will be meeting with the Lightspeed Organization next week to possibly add teacher speech amplification systems to the Intermediate School.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOVED BY** Gunkle and **2<sup>ND</sup> BY** Auteri to approve the first reading of Policy #916, *School Volunteers*.

Approve first reading of Policy #916

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

**VISITORS**

Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Gunkle, Mr. Eddinger, and Mr. Dimmig all had responses to the visitors' comments from earlier in the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

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