



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

October 26, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:31 p.m. on the above date (October 26, 2015) at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Schnecksville, PA.

PRESENT: Parsons, Gunkle, Hayes, Lycett, Merkle, Quigley
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Kennedy, Bergey, Knoll, Takacs, Jordan, Malincheck (MCall) (arrived at 8:15 p.m.) and 2 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

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

The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

VISITORS

Mary deCastro, Center Valley resident, addressed the board to discuss concern regarding swimming.

Michael Anderson, Coopersburg resident, addressed the board to discuss concern regarding swimming.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve The Administration recommends approval of Homebound Instruction for student #101503;

Approve the bills to be paid list dated October 26, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$43,160.00 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$256,538.34 for a total amount of \$299,698.34 for the General Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$8,791.20 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$676,414.99 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$767,332.15 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year-

Kristin Simme, PK-4

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2015-2016 school year-

Kristin Simme, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff:

Lisa Crowley, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, November 11 and 12, 2015

Barbara Elsner, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, November 9, 2015

Kristen McGuire, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, December 21, 22 and 23, 2015

Adriana Muth, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, January 13, 14 and 15, 2016

Kathy Smith, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, January 19, 2016

Laura Sunners, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, October 28 and 29, 2015

Marion Beck, Cleaning Person, JPLIS, October 30, 2015;

Approve the following athletic event worker for the 2015-2016 school year-

Michael Fay;

Approve the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year-

<u>Matthew Cooper</u>	Head Girls' Basketball	\$9192
<u>Louis Skrapits</u>	Asst. Girls' Basketball	\$5516
<u>Erin Laney</u>	Asst. Girls' Basketball	\$5516

<u>Steven Turpening</u>	Jr. High Girls' Basketball	\$5056**
<i>**Effective 10/29/15 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.</i>		
<u>Paul Sabino</u>	Asst. MS Girls' Basketball	\$2758
<u>Robert Gaugler</u>	Rifle	\$4109
<u>Carl Crouse</u>	Asst. Rifle	\$2465
<u>Edward Labatch</u>	Head Wrestling	\$9192
<u>Matthew Gorkos</u>	Asst. Wrestling	\$5516
<u>Christopher Labatch</u>	Head Jr. High Wrestling	\$5056
<u>Stephen Siderias</u>	Asst. Jr. High Wrestling	\$4136
<u>Cotie Strong</u>	Winter Track	\$4109
<u>John Neumann</u>	Head Swimming	\$7894
<u>Kim Moncman</u>	Asst. Swimming	\$4738
<u>Benjamin Tannous</u>	Head Boys' Basketball	\$8732.40**
<u>Jeffrey Hudson</u>	Asst. Boys' Basketball	\$ 459.60**
<i>**Shared position and stipend.</i>		
<u>Daniel Tannous</u>	Asst. Boys' Basketball	\$5516
<u>Kyle Reifinger</u>	Asst. Boys' Basketball	\$5516
<u>Thomas Carlstrom</u>	MS Asst. Basketball	\$2758
<u>Samantha Shultz</u>	Competition Cheering	\$2091.50**
<u>Christina Pulcini</u>	Competition Cheering	\$2091.50**

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Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2015-2016 school year-

<u>Andrew Fetterman</u>	Boys' Soccer
<u>Melvin Derby</u>	Wrestling
<u>Alexander David</u>	Wrestling
<u>Michelle Forrester</u>	Swimming

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Student Driver Education Program Agreement effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to approve the change order MC-001 for Geothermal Well Drilling to JBM Mechanical, Inc., 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064. The change order represents an “add” in the amount of \$395,241 for the addition of 56 geothermal wells being drilled to a depth of 200’. The additional wells were required to compensate for poor conditions at depths in excess of 200’.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Parsons, Gunkle, Hayes, Lycett, Merkle – Motion Carried
“NO”: Quigley
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to approve the following allowance adjustments for construction of the New Hopewell Elementary School. These unanticipated costs were included in the contractor’s base contract and will not result in an increase or decrease of the contractors bid amounts-

- GC-001 – District requested deletion of exterior courtyard benches.....\$22,593.29 credit
- GC-002 – Addition of sanitary sewer manhole drop required for tie in to public sewer.....\$5,638.33 add
- GC-003 – Addition of gym scoreboard controller.....\$1,004.85 add
- GC-004 – Unsuitable soil replacement under building footprint.....\$11,499.95 add
- PC-001 – Addition of radon piping above slab to roof exhaust.....\$ 9,462.05 add

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to accept the retirement of Susan Covey, Temporary Lead Cafeteria Worker, Lower Milford Elementary School, effective the end of business day January 4, 2016. Mrs. Covey has been a district employee for 20 years.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

REPORTS**Facilities Committee**

Mr. Merkle reported that the committee met on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 and discussed the following-

- New Hopewell Elementary Project on schedule
- Ball Shed
- Capital Project & Construction Fund
- Minutes are posted on the website.

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported that the Behavioral Unit was featured at the October 19, 2015 meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Holocaust survivor, Esther Bauer, provided a moving presentation for HS students on October 15, 2015
- Homecoming activities, including the homecoming dance went smoothly
- Hanan Gawdet, former guest high school Arabic teacher, returns to the district for the month of November for K-12 classroom visits.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Hayes to approve the 2015-2016 salary grid as proposed by the Southern Lehigh Education Association, effective September 1, 2015.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Lycett to rescind the following policy-
#120 Programs: *Philosophy of Student Activity Groups*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Quigley to approve a first reading of the following revised policies-

#123 Programs: *Interscholastic Athletics*

#218 Programs: *Student Discipline*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

Mrs. deCastro questioned the board on their opinions of her comments earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Parsons, Board Vice-President explained that the school board is prohibited to make any comments regarding personnel issues.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:30 p.m.

The Board met in executive session at 8:35 p.m.

(John Quigley left the meeting at 8:58 p.m.)

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2nd BY** Merkle to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary