



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

February 8, 2016

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:38 p.m. on the above date (February 8, 2016) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Parsons, Dimmig, McLoughlin, Gehman, Gunkle, Lycett, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Christman, Millman, Kennedy, Lewis, Bergey, Jordan, Takacs, Harakal, Buchman, Butz, Donahue, Gonzalez, Sinkler (SLEA), Malinchak (Morning Call), and 19 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.

January is PSBA School Board Recognition Month, but the January 25, 2016 meeting was cancelled due to the weather and the celebration postponed to this evening. Dr. Christman recognized the Board and thanked them for their dedication. Board members received certificates and a small gift of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

VISITORS

Mr. Erwin Rattin, visiting Science teacher from Uruguay was introduced by Ms. Laura Gonzalez, Middle School Spanish teacher and Cameron F., 8th grade student. Mr. Rattin is visiting with Ms. Gonzalez for two weeks through a guest teacher program sponsored by Teachers of Critical Language Program sponsored by the US Department of State.

Mrs. Mary Selman, Coopersburg, PA distributed a letter to the board and spoke regarding a swim team issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve Homebound Instruction for student #021601 and #021602;

Approve the bills list dated February 8, 2016 showing paid bills in the amount of \$317,962.39 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$527,998.21 for a total amount of \$845,960.60 for the General Fund and bills paid in the amount of \$332,295.10 for the Construction Fund;

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

Sandra Berry Physics 7-12

Adam Frank All Subjects 4-6, Social Studies 7-8

Donna Atkinson School Nurse, Licensed Health Room Nurse;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Carl Crouse, Guidance Counselor, Southern Lehigh High School, March 31, 2016 and April 1, 2016;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Lisa Allison, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, March 7 through 11, 2016

Marion Beck, Cleaning Person, District, February 12, 2016

Darlene Giessler, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, February 17, 2016 (6 hours)

Denise Lounsberry, Instructional Assistant, Lower Milford Elementary School, March 10 and 11, 2016

Christina Jann, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, March 31; April 1 and 4, 2016

Georgios Mitakos, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, March 10 and 11, 2016

Krista Metter, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, February 23 and 24, 2016

Amber Neetz, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, March 7 through April 1, 2016

Margaret Treacy, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, March 8, 2016 (3 hours)

Barbara Elsner, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, February 19, 22 and 23, 2016;

Approve the following staff-

John Thomas, HVAC Technician, an hourly rate of \$30.68, effective January 26, 2016. Mr. Thomas will fill the position due to the retirement of *Luther Lutz*;

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

Daniel Drabick, Substitute Custodian, an hourly rate of 15.07;

Accept the resignation of Laura Girodo, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective end of business day January 29, 2016;

Approve the appointment of David Marchek, Southern Lehigh Middle School, Afterschool Learning Lab Staff, an hourly rate of \$43.44, for the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve the following Homework Club Staff, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, an hourly rate of \$43.44, for the 2015-2016 school year-

Lisa Dex

Megan Hallman

Sherry Lesavoy

Lisa Lowry

Lorena Placencia

Brynne Rice

Karen Ryan

Sandra Santiago

Russell Tucker;

Approve the following extracurricular advisor for the 2015-2016 school year-

Jesse Mead Stage Manager, HS Musical \$750

Approve the appointment of Donald Harakal, Interim Coordinator of Athletics (part-time), effective January 12, 2016, an hourly rate of \$43.44. Mr. Harakal will fill the position due to the resignation of *Kathleen Miller* until the full-time position is appointed;

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

<u>Todd Miller</u>	Head Baseball	\$7894
<u>Matthew Greenawald</u>	Asst. Baseball	\$4738
<u>Terry W. Johnson</u>	Asst. Baseball	\$3553.50**
<u>Casey Cooperman</u>	Asst. Baseball	\$1184.50**
<i>**Shared position and stipend 75%-25% split.</i>		
<u>Desiderio Gonzales</u>	Head Boys Lacrosse	\$6273
<u>Herbert Clark</u>	Asst. Boys Lacrosse	\$3763

<u>Kimberly Checkeye</u>	Head Girls Lacrosse	\$4077**
<u>Samantha Lavin</u>	Asst. Girls Lacrosse	\$3137**
<i>**Shared position and stipend 65%-35% split.</i>		
<u>Brian Neefe</u>	Head Softball	\$7894
<u>Rosemary Grube</u>	Asst. Softball	\$4738
<u>Devon Hagy</u>	Asst. Softball	\$4738
<u>Andreae Drabenstott</u>	Boys Tennis	\$5407
<u>Cotie Strong</u>	Head Track	\$7894
<u>Joseph Breisch</u>	Asst. Track	\$4738
<u>Brenton Ditchcreek</u>	Asst. Track	\$4738
<u>Justin Kocis</u>	MS Track and Field	\$2823;

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

<u>Alex David</u>	Baseball
<u>Spencer Cameron</u>	Baseball
<u>Eric Boyer</u>	Baseball
<u>Matthew Edwards</u>	Baseball
<u>Robert Mirth</u>	Baseball
<u>Frank Rochon</u>	Track
<u>(Lori) Michelle Schumaker</u>	Track
<u>Enos Martin</u>	Track
<u>Stephen Lick</u>	Boys Lacrosse
<u>James Oleskowitz</u>	Boys Lacrosse
<u>Brian Ritter</u>	Softball
<u>Robert Trexler</u>	Softball
<u>Beverly Marant</u>	MS Track and Field
<u>Martin Matsumora</u>	MS Track and Field
<u>Lynn Glueck</u>	MS Track and Field;

Approve the following athletic workers for the 2015-2016 school year-

Anne Cooper
(Lori) Michelle Schumaker;

Approve the appointment of Thomas Seidenberger, Assistant to the Coordinator of Athletics (Spring), a stipend of \$3416.66 for the 2015-2016 school year.

There was Board discussion.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Parsons, Dimmig, McLoughlin, Gehman, Gunkle, Merkle, Sisselberger, Smith – Motion Carried
ABSTAIN: Lycett
ABSENT: None

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Lower Milford Elementary School Update

Mrs. Kristen Lewis, Principal, provided a video update on the fall and winter activities.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the request from Mr. Jason Marakovits, a doctoral candidate at Immaculata University to conduct a survey to explore teacher and parent perceptions about gifted education in elementary schools. Participation is voluntary.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the Liberty Trail program be held at Liberty Bell Elementary School on June 13 through 30, 2016 (*tentative pending the last day of school due to additional snow days*).

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the proposed General Operating Budget for Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for 2016-2017.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the General Fund and Academic Center Budgets for Lehigh Career and Technical Institute for 2016-2017.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Mr. Merkle reported that the committee met on January 20, 2016 and minutes are available on the website:

- There was board discussion regarding exterior aluminum color on the new school and all in agreement that tan is acceptable vs. blue as designed.

Education Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and discussed:

- Field trips
- All day intervention kindergarten discussed

LCTI

Mrs. Smith reported that the 2016-2017 budget was approved and three Southern Lehigh high school students placed in the recent SkillsUSA competition.

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported that board members were recently recognized and received a token of appreciation.

Private Funding of Sports Facilities Committee

Mr. Lycett reported the committee plans to update the Board with a presentation on February 22, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Congratulations to Mr. Nathan Davidson, Middle School Assistant Principal for being selected as 2016 Outstanding Administrator by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association.
- 13 Southern Lehigh high school students selected as "LCTI Student of the Month"
- Congratulations to Mr. Matthew Wehr and 6 District Chorus students who placed and made the PMEA Region V Chorus.
- HS presents the classic musical, "Carousel", which will be held April 7-10.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunke and 2ND **BY** Merkle to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policies-

- #115 Programs: *Vocational Technical Education*
- #235 Pupils: *Student Rights*
- #311 Administrative Employees: *Furlough*
- #411 Professional Employees: *Furlough*

#916 Community: *School Volunteers*

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

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

#819 Operations: *Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response*

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to suspend the punishment of expulsion of Student #011601 for a violation of the School District's Weapons Policy, Section 1317.2 of the Public School Code, and Section 912 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, subject to the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Waiver of Rights and Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Suspension of Expulsion signed by the Student and the Student's parent, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on January 11, 2016.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

#120.1 Programs: *Participation in Activities*

#227 Pupils: *Controlled Substances*

There was Board discussion.

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

There was Board discussion regarding the school board committee structure. Director Jeffrey Dimmig made a motion that the upcoming topic of the Intervention Kindergarten Program be brought to the full board for review.

MOVED BY Dimmig and **2ND BY** by Gunkle to bring all presentations and review of an All Day Intervention Kindergarten to the full board for consideration.

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

There was additional Board discussion regarding the timeline of committee meeting agendas.

MOVED BY Gehman and **2nd BY** Gunkle to post all committee agendas at least 48 hours prior to a meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Parsons reported correspondence was received in support of the swim team program.

VISITORS

Mrs. Mary deCastro addressed the Board regarding her concerns about a swim team issue.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary