



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

August 10, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:39 p.m. on the above date (August 10, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons, Gunkle, Dimmig, Hayes, Merkle,
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Kennedy, Bergey, Buchman, Jordan,
Knoll, Gill, Sinkler (SLEA), Gibbons (Concord Public Finance),
Twaddel (Rhoads and Sinon) and 1 other members of the
community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. McLoughlin 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 Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

VISITORS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated August 10, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$998,127.09 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$780,758.37 for a total amount of \$1,778,885.46 for the General Fund; and bills to be paid in the amount of

\$36.80 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund; and bills paid in the amount of \$27,235.45 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$37,272.84 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the first period of childrearing leave of the following certificated staff-

Katie Quartuch, Social Studies Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, effective August 25, 2015 through the end of the first semester.

Jennifer Edwards, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, effective the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve the following student teacher placement-

Shannon Colgan, Counselor Education, Kutztown University, with Tara Cooke, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from August 25, 2015 to mid-December, 2015;

Approve unpaid leave of Laura DeMars, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, December 21 through 23, 2015;

Approve the following staff-

Marion Beck, Cleaning Person, an hourly rate of \$15.92, effective August 11, 2015. Ms. Beck will fill the position of Heidi Kelly,

Kathy Smith, Special Education 1:1 Instructional Assistant (29 hours/week), Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, an hourly rate of \$18.26, effective August 25, 2015,

Stephanie Muller, Instructional Assistant (29 hours/week), Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, an hourly rate of \$18.26, effective August 25, 2015. Ms. Muller will fill the position of Lisa Dex,

Darlene Giesler, Instructional Assistant (29 hours/week), Southern Lehigh High School, an hourly rate of \$18.26, effective August 25, 2015. Ms. Giesler will fill the position due to the resignation of Brittany Thomas;

Approve the appointment of Anthony Haddad, Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$18.26 for Extended School Year (ESY) services from July 6, 2015 to July 30, 2015;

Approve the following change in hours of the following staff-

Georgios Mitakos, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, increase in hours from 20 hours to 28.75 hours per week in accordance with the district's Title I grant application.

Barbara Betz, Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, reduction in hours by request from 4.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 4.75 hours per day/3 days per week, with no change in the hourly rate of pay.

Joan Decker, Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, increase in hours by request from 3 hours per day/5 days per week to 4.75 hours per day, 2 days per week, with no change in the hourly rate of pay;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Laura Jordan, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective July 31, 2015;

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

Linda Gross, mentor for *Yujing Zhang*, Chinese Exchange Teacher, High School, at a total stipend of \$700

Tara Walter, mentor for *Ruoyun Sun*, Chinese Exchange Teacher, Middle School, at a total stipend of \$700

Thomas Beaupre, mentor for *Paul Sabino*, Long-term Substitute High School Social Studies Teacher, a total stipend of \$700

Megan Dellegrotti, mentor for *Diane D'Agostino*, Long-term Substitute High School Health & Physical Education Teacher, a total stipend of \$700

Patricia Smiley, mentor for *Erik Steiner*, High School Science Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Linda Gross, mentor for *Joseph Zacher*, High School Family & Consumer Science Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Matthew Wehr, mentor for *Larry Fisher*, High School Music Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Stephen Schrader, mentor for *Matthew Hummel*, Long-term High School Health and Physical Education Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Donna Gaugler, mentor for *Amanda Cossman*, Elementary Gifted Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Derek Bleiler, mentor for *Casey Cooperman*, .5 Elementary Teacher, Intermediate School, at a stipend of \$700

Krista Sterner, mentor for *Spencer Cameron*, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, at a stipend of \$700

Nicole Ott, mentor for *Lisa Dex*, Elementary Teacher, at a stipend of \$350**

Ann Horner, mentor for *Lisa Dex*, Elementary Teacher, at a stipend of \$350**

***This is a shared position and total stipend of \$700;*

Approve the following Dance Chaperones, Southern Lehigh Middle School, at \$47.79 per event, for the 2015-2016 school year:

Kimberly Halloran

Kristen Heydt;

Approve the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2015-2016 school year, at \$52.89 per session**-

- Kristen Heydt Builders Club, MS
- Heather Toto Yearbook, MS

***The per session rate listed is for the 2014-2015 school year and the 2015-2016 rate will be determined after the school year begins;*

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

- Larry Fisher Band, HS \$8587
- Larry Fisher Orchestra, HS \$2318
- Marlo Spritzer Band Front, HS \$4256
- Kimberly Halloran Student Senate, MS \$1469
- Erin Jividen Musical Production, MS \$ 900
- Michael Pauling AV and Stage, MS \$1692
- Nancy Beitler Band, MS \$3611
- Nancy Beitler Orchestra, MS \$1385
- Tina Lebrecht Choral Music, MS \$2215
- Jennifer Kindt Junior Honor Society \$582**
- Kate Flannery Junior Honor Society \$582**

***Shared position and total stipend of \$1164;*

Approve the appointment of Rebecca Segovis, Reading Camp instructor for the 2014-2015 school year, at \$42.28 per hour;

Approve the appointment of Ronnette Mays, Math Counts Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year, at \$42.28** per hour;

***The hourly rate listed is for the 2014-2015 school year and the 2015-2016 rate will be determined after the school year begins;*

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

- Jody Hogman
- Jeffery Hudson;

Approve the following fitness center monitors for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$14.52 per hour-

- Mary Rockel
- Jody Hogman;

Approve the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year (*pending receipt of required documentation*). The stipends listed represent the appropriate stipend amounts for 2014-2015. The 2015-2016 stipend amounts will be determined after the start of the school year.

<u>Julie Rosenkaimer</u>	MS Field Hockey	\$3457
<u>Brittany Antonelli</u>	MS Cheering (Fall/Winter)	\$2599
<u>Robert McVicker</u>	Asst. HS Girls Volleyball	\$3663
<u>Michael Gurdineer</u>	MS Head Football	\$4738
<u>Andrew Shorb</u>	MS Asst. Football	\$1579**
<u>Curtis Reigle</u>	MS Asst. Football	\$1579**
<i>**Shared position</i>		
<u>Michael Litzenberger</u>	Asst. Football	\$2105.40
<u>Derek Blieler</u>	Asst. Football	\$5052.80
<u>Michael Feifel</u>	Asst. Football	\$5052.80
<u>Adam Legath</u>	Asst. Football	\$5052.80
<u>Eugene Legath</u>	Asst. Football	\$5052.80
<u>Charles Sonon</u>	Asst. Football	\$5052.80
<u>Justin Kocsis</u>	Asst. HS Cross Country	\$3663
<u>Carolyn Dunham</u>	MS Cross Country	\$2748;

Approve the change in stipend of John Toman, Head Football Coach from \$10527.00 (approved at the July 13, 2015 Board meeting) to \$8421.60;

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

<u>Andrew Fetterman</u>	Boys Soccer
<u>Joseph Patrick Cassidy</u>	Football;

Approve the following new volunteer coach for the 2015-2016 school year-

<u>Robert McVicker</u>	Girls Volleyball.
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VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Welcome and introduction of Ruoyun Sun and Yujing Zhang, Chinese Scholar BCIU Teachers.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the **Agreement for CLIU #21/Edmentum Consortium** for online access to Study Island, ESL Reading SMART and Reading Eggs.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the **Agreement for CLIU #21/Discovery Streaming Agreement**.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Mr. Chris Gibbons presented the results of the 2015 bond sale for the New Elementary School Project.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the Resolution to incur nonelectoral debt in the principal amount of \$7,140,000 to be evidenced by its General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to Approve the Resolution to incur nonelectoral debt in the principal amount of \$15,330,000 to be evidenced by its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the Director of Business Services as the Trustee on behalf of the District for the Lehigh Schools Consortium. The Lehigh Schools Consortium is composed of eight of the nine school districts in Lehigh County, Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Lehigh Carbon Community College and Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit. The consortium self insures the dental benefits that are currently being provided to the employees of the member schools.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the resolution authorizing issuance of individual procurement cards.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the Primary Student Transportation Program for the 2015-2016 school year, provided by:

Brandywine-Lehigh Transportation Inc.
595 State Street
Mertztown, PA 18539

In accordance with 22 PA Code 23.4 et.al. Documentation includes the following:

- **Bus routes**
- **Bus stop listing**
- **Student alpha roster**
- **Vehicle listing for Brandywine-Lehigh Transportation**
- **Brandywine-Lehigh Transportation driver listing and required certifications**

Individual contracted carrier contracts for specialized transportation will be submitted for Board approval as contracts are completed.

The Administration requests the authority to make such adjustments throughout the year to routes, students or vehicle assignments or to bus stops as necessary to accommodate changes in student or school program assignments, residence changes, system improvements, safety concerns or system efficiency.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the Subdivision and Land Development Agreement for Construction of the New Hopewell Elementary School with the Township of Upper Saucon, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Center Valley, PA 18034. The Agreement outlines the Districts responsibilities for construction, operation, maintenance and repair of improvements associated with the construction of the new Hopewell Elementary School, 4625 West Hopewell Road, Center Valley, PA.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the Storm Water Management Agreement for the Construction of the New Hopewell Elementary School with the Township of Upper Saucon, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Center Valley, PA 18034. The Agreement outlines the Districts responsibilities for construction, operation, maintenance and repair of storm water management systems.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the following certificated staff, effective August 24, 2015 (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Spencer Cameron, Language Arts Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, at Bachelor's, Step 13, an annual salary of \$47,103**. Mr. Cameron will fill the position created with the resignation of *Holly Emmert*.

Amanda Cossman, Elementary Gifted Teacher, at Bachelors, Step 14, an annual salary of \$46,697**. Ms. Cossman will fill the position due to the retirement of *Cynthia Sterrett*.

Lisa Dex, Elementary Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at Master's, Step 10, an annual salary of \$59,163**. Ms. Dex will fill the position due to the retirement of *Philip Markley*.

Casey Cooperman, .5 Elementary Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at Bachelor's, Step 14, an annual salary of \$23,348.50**. This is a new position.

Matthew Hummel, Long-term Substitute Health and Physical Education Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, at Bachelor's Step 14, an annual salary of \$46,697**.

***The salary listed is for the 2014-2015 school year and the 2015-2016 salary will be determined after the school year begins.*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

REPORTS

Education Committee

- The giving of honorary diplomas was discussed.
- Changing our procedures regarding class rank was discussed.
- The entire report can be found on the districts website

CLIU

- New hires were approved.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Over 340 educators spent two days last week at the annual BucksLehigh EduSummit, a conference focusing on technology integration.
- PSSA scores have been preliminarily released to districts. This years scores can not be compared to past scores since it is a new test with new cut scores.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the following memoranda of understanding with local law enforcement authorities for the two-year period beginning September 1, 2015:

Borough of Coopersburg
Township of Lower Milford
Township of Upper Saucon

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve that the New Elementary School to be located on 4625 West Hopewell Road, Center Valley, PA 18034 maintain the existing Hopewell Elementary School name of the same address. Maintaining the address and Hopewell name will allow federal and state Department of Education IDs and records, Department of Health records, utilities and contacts to all remain consistent.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Parsons to terminate the employment of Employee #19800.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Lycett, Quigley

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

ATTEST: *Kristen Lewis*, Assistant Board Secretary