



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

January 13, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:37 p.m. on the above date (January 13, 2014) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, McLoughlin, Dimmig, Lindsay, Lycett, Merkle, Parsons, Quigley

ABSENT: Hayes

OTHERS: Christman, Lewis, Melber, Millman, Kennedy, Buchman, Jordan, Takacs, Bergey, Siegfried, Davidson, Farris, Limpar, Sinkler (SLEA), Scattergood (SLPL), Rizzo (Morning Call), Popichak (PATCH), Gombocz (WFMZ.com) and approximately 3 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.

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

VISITORS

Mrs. Sonya Burmeister addressed the Board with a transportation issue concerning ride times of St. Thomas More students. Mr. Bergey, Support Services Director, was asked to follow-up with Mrs. Burmeister.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Lindsay and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve Homebound Instruction for student #11401;

Approve the bills to be paid as of January 13, 2014 showing bills paid in the amount of \$561,416.85 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$644,176.87 for a total amount of \$1,205,593.72 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$8,331.25 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$165,974.40 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following student teacher placements (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Alexandra Keyes, Early Childhood, Cedar Crest College, with *Kelly Dougherty*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from January 14, 2014 through March 5, 2014.

Kathleen Pegg, Early Childhood, Cedar Crest College, with *Colleen Pizzo*, Liberty Bell Elementary School, from March 10, 2014 through April 25, 2014.

Jessica Gryn, Art, Kutztown University, with *Lynn Yocum*, Southern Lehigh Middle School, from January 22, 2014 through March 14, 2014;

Approve the first period of childrearing leave of Meredith Dapsis, High School Science Teacher, beginning December 11, 2013 through the remainder of the 2013-14 school year;

Approve the extension of FMLA leave of Sonya Dill, Grade 4 teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, through January 20, 2014.

Approve increment request of the following staff, effective February 1, 2014-

Tricia Anderson, Masters to Masters +15

Joseph Breisch, Masters to Masters +15

Gregory Collins, Bachelors +15 to Bachelors +30

Melissa Greenawald, Bachelors +15 to Bachelors +30

Jennifer Kindt, Masters +30 to Masters +45;

Approve the following staff-

Kara Kernick, Special Education Instructional Assistant (20 hours/week), Southern Lehigh Middle School, an hourly rate of \$17.46, effective December 16, 2013. Ms. Kernick will fill the position due to the resignation of *Jody Gottier*.

Charise Grube, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, an hourly rate of \$15.03, effective January 14, 2014. Ms. Grube will fill the position due to the transfer of *Roxann Fadeley*.

Approve the following Dance Chaperones for the 2013-2014 school year-

Thomas Beaupre

Lynn Kovecses;

Approve the following Extra-Curricular Advisor for the 2013-2014 school year-

Troy Ruch Student Senate Advisor, HS \$2512

Approve the following athletic event positions-

Swimming Hy-Tech Meet Manager \$45.48 per hour

Swimming Adult Announcer \$41.97 per hour;

Approve the following Athletic Event Workers for the 2013-2014 school year-

Jake Hendrzak

Anne Geis

Carrie Smith

Chase Asman;

Accept the resignation at the end of the 2012-13 school year of the following coach-

Jennifer Edwards Head Girls Lacrosse

Approve the following coach effective January 6, 2014 for the 2013-14 school year-

Megan Borascius MS Winter Cheerleading \$1267 (pro-rated)

**Ms. Borascius will fill the position due to the resignation of *Michelle Oleskowitz*.

Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2013-14 school year:

Christine Glemser Swimming

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- 1/16-1/21- Mid Term
- 1/22 – Start of second semester
- Students will enroll in new Spartan Period offerings for the second semester and there will be approximately 100 new offerings with a total of about 390 overall.
- Course selection will begin the last week of January with counselors meeting with students to discuss information on courses for next year.

Middle School report –

- Mid-Term Exam Schedule:
 - 1/6 - Social Studies
 - 1/8 - 8th grade Language Arts/7th grade Reading
 - 1/9 - 8th grade World Language/7th grade Language Arts
 - 1/10 - Science
 - 1/16 - Math
- 1/10 - Auditions began for "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"
- 1/15 - Parent Night – "Teaching Our Kids Coping Skills"
- 1/17 - Teacher In-service (1/2 day) – Mid-Term Data Analysis
- 1/27 - HS Course Selection Night (8th grade parents)
- 2/7 - Dance

Intermediate School report –

- 1/7 - The Language Arts department meeting was held. The focus continues to be on how best to align and integrate PA Common Core practices and standards. The school based SWPBS (School-Wide Positive Behavior Support) Team continued their training at CLIU this month.
- 1/8 - A faculty meeting was held and teachers were trained in the use of LAN School (a tool that allows teachers to monitor students individual laptop activity).
- 1/10 - The school wide spelling bee winner is Erica W. and she will compete in a written test in February at NCCC.
- 1/17 – Teacher In-service (early dismissal)

- 1/17 - End of the 2nd Marking Period
- 1/20 - ML King Holiday-School closed
- 1/24 - Report Cards will be sent home
- 1/28 - Tentative date for school based Geography Bee competition
- 1/31 - A school wide assembly, "Bach to Rock" is being sponsored by the PTG

Elementary schools –

- January and midyear DIBELS testing is occurring in all K-3 buildings
- 1/17 - End of the 2nd marking period
- 1/17- Data team meetings and mid-year progress will be discussed at faculty in-service
- 1/24 - Report cards will be sent home

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the following student trip requests-

Southern Lehigh High School Future Business Leaders of America advisor and qualifying students to participate in the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 6 through April 9, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Future Business Leaders of America advisor and qualifying students to participate in the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN on June 27, 2014 through July 3, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the Falcon Invitational Tournament in Fairless Hills, PA on January 31, 2014 through February 2, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the Harvard University Invitational Tournament in Boston, MA on February 14 through 17, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championships in Selinsgrove, PA on March 28 through 29, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Competition Cheerleading Team to participate in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, FL on February 6 through 10, 2014.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes

MOVED BY Lindsay and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the Liberty Trail Summer Program for June 23 through July 11, 2014. The program will be held at Lower Milford Elementary School. The program will run for 14 days over three weeks. There will be no session on July 4. The Liberty Trail program is a summer environmental awareness program for students finishing grades two through six.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Southern Lehigh Public Library

Mr. Scattergood, Southern Lehigh School District board representative, reported the following-

- The library recently celebrated its 50th year anniversary
- The first annual Book It! 5K Run/Walk was held in the fall
- Programming suggestions from a recent patron survey include yoga and cooking classes
- Online resources available, including downloading eBooks to supported devices (Nook, Kindle, iPad, iPhone)

Mr. Scattergood thanked the Board for their continued support.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following-

- The Curriculum Office will be hosting a parent presentation on Keystone Exams and Graduation (class of 2017) requirements
- The District's School Performance Profiles compared to Charter schools where district students are enrolled was shared
- A tour of Lower Milford and Hopewell Elementary buildings was held on January 8th for Township supervisors and managers
- Southern Lehigh High School will present "Shrek the Musical" beginning February 26th through March 2
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

Elementary Buildings Planning

Mrs. Gunkle informed those in attendance that board members should be prepared to vote on the options related to the elementary school buildings at either the February 24, 2014 or March 10, 2014 school board meetings.

There was board discussion. Board members were asked to inform administration if they had any questions on any of the options presented prior to the vote. There will not be another presentation of information previously presented at the August 28, September 23 board meetings or special board hearing held on October 24, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to rescind the following policies:

#339.4 Administrative Employees: *Military Leave*

#439.4 Professional Employees: *Military Leave*

#539.4 Classified Employees: *Military Leave*

The above policies were replaced by Policies 336.1, 436.1, and 536.1 respectively titled *Military Duty and Leave*.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Merkle a first reading of the following policy:

#718 Property: *Service Animals in Schools*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes

COMMUNICATION

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST: Diana S. Millman Board Secretary