



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

April 14, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:35 p.m. on the above date (April 14, 2014) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Lindsay

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Millman, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Takacs, Jordan, Siegfried, Davidson, Limpar, Farris, Sinkler (SLEA), Long, Morning Call (Rizzo), www.Channel 69 (Kraft) and approximately 48 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.

The Board recognized Mr. David Long and the High School Speech and Debate team students who competed and placed in state and national qualifying events.

VISITORS

High School student, Alexandra C. addressed the Board with a proposal to consider switching the start time for elementary and secondary students.

Mr. Lenny Skibicky, Lower Milford Township resident, addressed the Board regarding the Elementary School Plan and the decision to close Lower Milford Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills to be paid list as of April 14, 2014 showing bills paid in the amount of \$5,849.26 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$812,158.05 for a total amount of

\$818,007.31 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$122,424.25 for the Construction Fund;

Accept the retirement of Carol Mickley, Principal, Lower Milford Elementary School, with an effective date no later than August 29, 2014. Mrs. Mickley has served the district for 35 years;

Approve the second period of childrearing leave of Meredith Dapsis, Science Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for the 2014-2015 school year;

Approve the FMLA leave of the following staff-

Krista Sterner, English Teacher, Southern Lehigh Middle School, for March 26, 2014 through May 1, 2014;

Approve the Sabbatical Leave for restoration of health, Bradley Siesko, Math Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, beginning April 2, 2014 through October 22, 2014;

Approve (*pending receipt of required documentation*) of the following staff-

Heather Krey, Substitute Math Teacher (Intermediate Category C), Southern Lehigh High School, effective April 11, 2014 through the end of the 13-14 school year. Ms. Krey will fill the position due to the sabbatical leave of Mr. Siesko;

Accept the retirement of the following staff-

Caroline Frantz, Library Secretary, Liberty Bell Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014. Mrs. Frantz has been a district employee for 25 years.

Deborah Galle, Administrative Assistant, Administration Building, effective June 30, 2014. Mrs. Galle has been a district employee for 27 years;

Approve the unpaid leave of the following staff-

Jane Kline, Custodian, Lower Milford Elementary School, for May 8, 2014 (1/2 day) and May 9, 2014

Heidi Kelly, Custodian, Southern Lehigh High School, July 3; December 26, 29, 30, 31, 2014

Ellen Beidelman, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for May 1 and 2, 2014

Judith Lynch, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, for April 21, 2014

Kelly Fitzmaurice, RtII Instructional Assistant, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for June 12 and 13, 2014

Lisa Crowley, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for April 17, 2014;

Approve the FMLA leave of the following staff-

Jaimie O'Donnell, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, effective March 25, 2014 for a period not to exceed 12 weeks;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Elaine Lebo, Human Resources Secretary, Administration Building, effective April 15, 2014;

Approve the following appointment-

Elaine Lebo, Administrative Assistant, Administration Building, an hourly rate of \$20.74, effective April 15, 2014. Mrs. Lebo will fill the position due to the retirement of Deborah Galle;

Approve the following Summer Math Lab Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year, at the homebound rate of \$41.23-

Joseph Breisch

Paul Malik;

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

Holly Emmert

Stephanie Fiscella

Stephanie Hantz

Joseph Helinski

Anthony Italiani, Jr.

David Loew

Matthew Miller

Michelle Riley

Lori Michelle Schumaker;

Accept the resignation of Megan Dellegrotti, High School Girls Basketball Coach, effective February 27, 2014;

Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2013-2014 school year-

Angela Staub MS Lacrosse.

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

Mrs. Gunkle recognized the retirements of Mrs. Carol Mickley, Mrs. Caroline Frantz and Mrs. Deborah Galle for their years of service to the district.

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 –

- A number of our students have been competing at State Competitions and placed in the top 3 overall. Students competed in the State Skills USA competition, TSA and FBLA and have qualified for National competitions this summer.
- Students in Algebra I, Biology I and English 10 classes are preparing for the upcoming Keystone Exams in May.
- The Holocaust museum in the library has been a wonderful educational opportunity for our students. The 3 guest speakers did an excellent job of sharing

their personal experiences with students last week during an assembly. Special thanks to Mrs. Bausher for coordinating this educational opportunity.

- Parent Advisory Council met on Friday, April 4
- Mr. Lilly and Mrs. Siegfried are working to complete observations, walkthroughs and begin end-of-year evaluations

Middle School report –

- 3/24-27 - Math and Reading PSSA
- 4/28 - 8th Grade Career Fair was held
- 4/4-4/6 - Middle School Musical “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”
- 4/8, 9 - PSSA Writing test
- 4/10 – 6th grade parent workshop-course selection
- 4/11 - Report cards mailed
- 4/17 - Chinese speech contest
- 4/29, 30 - PSSA Science test

Intermediate School report –

- PSSA testing continues. All reading, math and writing testing has been completed. PSSA Science testing will take place in April 29 and 30th, following spring break.
- Report cards were distributed on Friday, April 11th. 7th grade course selection sheets were sent home with 6th grade report cards. Additionally, information concerning Accelerated Math testing was sent home with all 5th and 6th grade student report cards.
- Student art is currently on display at the Southern Lehigh Public Library's Young Artist Showcase.
- Coming up next month will be the Instrumental Music Concert, Spring Chorus, and many other spring events.

Elementary schools –

- 4/8 – Thank you to Mrs. Parsons for spending the morning and taking the time to learn about all the great things that make the k-3 schools unique during the Elementary Board Visitation Day
- 4/22 - Lower Milford second grade students will have a field trip to the Kutztown University Planetarium
- Lower Milford Spring Concert will be held on April 24th at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.
- Hopewell third grade classrooms are touring the Lutz- Franklin one room schoolhouse museum in Hellertown as part of their unit on Lehigh Valley History.
- 4/22 - Liberty Bell is holding an Earth Day assembly and workshops. Students will learn how Native Americans lived off the Earth and its resources 10,000+ years ago! Hopewell will be doing some earth day planting and hosting a school spirit days to support Earth Day by wearing green for plants, blue for water, yellow for the sun, and orange for flowers.

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the renewal agreement to participate in eLearn21 between the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit and Southern Lehigh School District for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the following student trip requests:

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament, Chicago, Illinois from May 22-26, 2014.

Southern Lehigh High School Speech and Debate Team to participate in the National Forensic League National Championship, Overland Park, Kansas from June 14-21, 2014.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

LCTI

Mr. Quigley reported on the partnership with Lehigh Carbon community College and Bloomsburg University for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership program.

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Dimmig reported the committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. in the Administration Building conference room.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following-

- Congratulations to FBLA and Technology Students of America who recently qualified for national competition this summer.
- Five Southern Lehigh educators have been selected for the Chinese Summer Camp.
- 22 student teams competing in the SLEF/SLSD/Southern Lehigh Chamber Film Festival on June 4.
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Lycett to approve a second and final reading reading of the following revised policy-

- #915 Community: *Booster Organizations*
- #918 Community: *Commercial Activities*

There was Board discussion and Policy #918 Community: *Commercial Activities*, was tabled for clarification. The motion was amended by Mr. Dimmig as follows-

MOVED BY Dimmig and 2nd by McLoughlin to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policy-

- #915 Community: *Booster Organizations*

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

MOVED BY Quigley and 2ND **BY** Lycett to approve a second and final reading of the following new policies-

- #123.3 Programs: *District-Sponsored Activity, Varsity Sports Program or Club Sport Operations*
- #229 Pupils: *Student Fundraising*
- #915 Community: *Relations with PTA/PTO/PTG Organizations*

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Parsons and 2ND **BY** Quigley to approve the following changes to the 2013-2014 district calendar-

- Last day for students will be June 11, 2014
- Teacher In-service (Act 80) days will be June 12, 13, 2014

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

MOVED BY McLoughlin and 2ND **BY** Quigley to suspend the punishment of expulsion of Student #041401 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’s parent, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on March 24, 2014.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

(Mr. Hayes left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)
The Board took a brief recess at 8:31 p.m.
The Board met in Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL