



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 12, 2014

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 (May 12, 2014) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

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

ABSENT: Parsons

OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Lewis, Millman, Kennedy, Buchman, Bergey, Takacs, Jordan, Siegfried, Davidson, Limpar, Farris, Sinkler (SLEA), Morning Call (Peterson), and approximately 29 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. Emily Gehman addressed the Board regarding the Spanish Immersion enrollment procedure. Mrs. Gehman submitted a proposal to increase the class size of the 2014-2015 first grade Spanish Immersion class from 29 to 31 students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Lindsay to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Parsons

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills to be paid list as of May 12, 2014 showing bills paid in the amount of \$7,075.59 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$794,349.99 for a total amount of \$801,425.58 for the General Fund and bills to be paid in the amount of \$311.20 for the Construction Fund;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Michelle Robinson, Tech Facilitator, Hopewell Elementary School, effective the end of business day May 15, 2014

Tammy Terlingo, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Jane Dunbar, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, for June 17, 2014

Agnes Hacker, Cafeteria Worker, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, for June 6 (½ day) and June 9 through 11, 2014

Approve the following staff for the 2013-2014 school year-

Tammy Terlingo, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$17.46

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

High School report –

- Keystone and AP testing
- 5/17 – Prom

Middle School report –

- 4/29, 30 - Science PSSA testing
- 5/5 - PA-CTE Presentation: State capitol Building
- 5/7 - Band and Jazz Concert
- 5/7, 8 - 8th grade Constitution Center Field trip
- 5/8 - 6th grade visit to the Middle School (Transitions)
- 5/9 - Band Adjudication, Hershey
- 5/13 - Chinese Language Field trip
- 5/14, 15 - Keystone testing
- 5/15 - National Junior Honor Society Induction
- 5/23 - In-house Music Concert
- 5/28 - Dorney Park Field Trip, Science Day trip
- 5/29 - District Choral Festival
- Exams-
 - 6/2 - Social Studies
 - 6/3 – 7th grade Reading, 8th grade Language Arts
 - 6/4 - 7th grade Language Arts, 8th grade Reading
 - 6/5 - Exam make-ups
 - 6/6 - Science
 - 6/9 - Math
 - 6/11 - Awards Ceremony 6/11, Students' Last day

Intermediate School report –

- 5/12, 14 - Students from the elementary schools introduced to new instruments available in 4th grade
- 5/15, 16 - PSI 2 testing
- 5/15 – Spring Choral Concert, 7PM
- 5/21 – 4th grade Harrisburg Trip
- 5/22, 28 – 4th grade Crystal Cave trip
- 5/23 - 6th grade Social
- Students are completing their last round of DIBELS for the 2013-14 school year

Elementary schools –

- Lower Milford has two field trips coming up:
 - 5/16 - 1st Grade-Lehigh Valley Zoo
 - 5/19 - Kindergarten – Wildlands Conservancy
- 5/22 - Lower Milford will celebrate students meeting their reading goals with a Storyteller Assembly
- 6/2 – Lower Milford’s “Wet and Wild” Day
- 5/15 - Liberty Bell’s Play Day (5/16 rain date)
- 5/16 - Liberty Bell’s Spring Festival (sponsored by PTA)
- 5/13 - Liberty Bell’s Kindergarten - Wildlands Conservancy

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve for student #041404 and student #041405 to attend the HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) National Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL, from June 23-29, 2014.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to preliminary approve new social studies and English textbooks recommended for the 2014-2015 school year. Textbooks will be on display at the Administration Building for two weeks. Final adoption will be at the May 27, 2014 Board meeting.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve Mr. Jeffrey Dimmig who was elected Schol Board Treasurer in December, 2013 to continue to serve as School Board Treasurer until the next election of board officers in December, 2014. The School Code requires the election of a Treasurer each May for the year beginning July 1st. Historically, the Board has asked the sitting Treasurer to continue to serve as School Board Treasurer.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the continuation of bonding of the Board Treasurer and Board Secretary at the current level of \$50,000.

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

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Quigley to maintain the current contribution of \$64,000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2014-2015 budget.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported the following was discussed at today’s meeting-

- Spanish Immersion sign up procedures

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Christman reported the following-

- High School student, Mindy W. won as the Pennsylvania representative to the Doodle 4 Google National competition based on the theme, “If I could Invent One Thing to Make the World a Better Place...”
- 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 policies-

#209.1 Pupils: *Food Allergy Management*

#214.1 Pupils: *Infectious Diseases*

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

#237 Electronic Devices

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

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the proposed School Board Meeting dates for September, 2014 through August, 2015.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Lycett to hold the "Resolution of Intent to Participate with Upper Saucon Township in the Creation of the Curly Horse Park", approved at the June 4, 2012 school board meeting, until a building design and location is determined.

WHEREAS, the Board voted to approve a land swap with Upper Saucon Township on the Hopewell Elementary property on June 4, 2012 by Resolution as noted in the June 4, 2012 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Lehigh School District will be building a new elementary building on the property.

NOW, Therefore, in consideration of this "development", the Board of School Directors' desires to express its continued intent to cooperate with the Township but wishes to place this proposed land swap on hold until a building design and location is determined at which point this will be revisited in support of the Curly Horse Park in Upper Saucon Township.

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

Ballots for the election of Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors were distributed to board members to complete and collected by the Board Secretary.

Ballots for the election of Trustee-at-Large seat on the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees were distributed to board members to complete and collected by the Board Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 7:55 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary