



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

December 1, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:36 p.m. on the above date (December 1, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Dimmig, McLoughlin, Gunkle, Lycett, Merkle, Parsons
ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Lewis, Kennedy, Jordan, Siegfried, Donahue, Davidson, Bergey, Takacs, Buchman, Sinkler (SLEA), Butz and approximately 23 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 November 23, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

VISITORS

Mr. Michael Anderson, Coopersburg, PA, read a letter regarding the swim coach and presented a mug that was distributed to swim team members in 2014.

REORGANIZATION

MOVED BY Parsons and **2ND BY** Parsons to elect Mr. Merkle as Temporary Board President.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

The Temporary President asked the Board Secretary to read into the Minutes the names of the newly elected School Directors from the Certificates of Election. The Board Secretary stated that the newly elected School Directors listed on the Certificates were Jeffrey Dimmig, Emily Gehman, Corinne Gunkle, William Lycett and Rita Sisselberger, all for a four-year term.

Mr. Merkle then introduced District Magistrate Judge Daniel Trexler who administered the oath of office to the newly elected members. The Temporary President then proceeded to the election of the office of President for the forthcoming year.

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to nominate **Mrs. Kathleen Parsons** as **Board President** for the forthcoming year.

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to close the nominations for Board President.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

Since there was no opposition to the candidate as nominated, the Temporary President directed the Secretary of the Board to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee as designated.

Dr. McLoughlin congratulated the new officers and then turned the meeting over to the newly elected President, Mrs. Parsons.

Dr. Christman thanked Dr. McLoughlin for serving as Board President during the past year and presented him with an engraved desk clock.

Mrs. Parsons declared nominations to be open for the office of Vice-President for the forthcoming year.

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to nominate **Mr. Jeffrey Dimmig** as **Vice-President** of the Board for the forthcoming year.

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Gunkle to close the nominations for Board Vice-President.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

Mrs. Parsons declared nominations to be open for the office of Treasurer to complete the term of office expiring June 30, 2016.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to nominate **Dr. Thomas McLoughlin** as **Board Treasurer** to fill the unexpired term of Corinne Gunkle.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to close the nominations for Board Treasurer.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

Since there was no opposition to the candidates as nominated, Mrs. Parsons directed the Secretary of the Board to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees as designated.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the bonding of the Board Treasurer at \$50,000.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to authorize the use of a facsimile signature plate of the President, Treasurer and Secretary when signing School District checks.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to authorize the Board Secretary to execute and submit the standard resolutions, signature cards, and any other forms necessary to reflect the change in President and Treasurer with the District's depositories.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Megan Cowell, Mathematics 7-12

Wendy Solomon, Emergency 06

Xan Hess, Elementary K-6

Melissa Tesche, Elementary K-6, Reading Spec.PK-12, Mental and/or Physical Handicapped K-12;

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

Maria Domene, Substitute Custodian, an hourly rate of \$15.07

Maria Domene, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, an hourly rate of \$9.66

Xan Hess, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01;

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

Jesse Mead Stage Manager-Play \$750

Elizabeth Elliott Lighting Designer-Play \$1150;

Approve Maria Ramunni, Afterschool Learning Lab Homework Club Staff, an hourly rate of \$43.44, for the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve the following mentors for Alexandra Lojewski, Elementary Music Teacher, effective January 4, 2016 through January 3, 2017-

Vera Marston \$350**

Benjamin Becker \$350**

***Shared position and total stipend of \$700;*

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

Matthew Tannous Boys Basketball

Troy Repneck Girls Basketball

Lee Zeisloft Girls Basketball;

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

Linda Koziel;

Approve the following swim bus monitors, an hourly rate of \$11.07, for the 2015-2016 school year-

Spencer Cameron

Casey Cooperman

Donald Harakal

Jody Hogman

Bill Kennedy

Kathleen Miller.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Southern Lehigh High School

Mrs. Christine Siegfried, Principal, Southern Lehigh High School, announced that the high school was named one of only 17 schools in the nation and two public schools in Pennsylvania to earn the prestigious 2016 21st Century Learning Exemplars list by P21, the Partnership for 21st Century Schools.

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the **High School Program of Studies** for the 2016-2017 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the Letter Of Agreement between Southern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit to provide instructional services for Title I students at St. Michael the Archangel, Coopersburg, PA, in the amount of \$9,298.97 for the 2015-16 school year.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Merkle to allow Middle School students the option to take their issued laptop off campus for home use contingent upon parental request, the completion of all necessary paperwork and payment of associated insurance.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

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

#912 Community: *Relations with Educational Institutions*

#912.1 Community: *Relations with Community College*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

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

#122 Programs: *Extracurricular Activities*

#206 Pupils: *Assignment Within District*

#208 Pupils: *Withdrawal from School*

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

NEW BUSINESS

Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon Public School Recognition

Mrs. Kristen Lewis, Principal, Lower Milford Elementary School, announced that Lower Milford was recognized as a Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon School.

- 285 total schools were awarded for 2015
- 17 Public and Private in PA
- 13 were public
- 6 were public elementary schools

VISITORS

The Board took a brief recess at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay, Quigley, Hayes (resignation effective November 24, 2015)

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

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL