



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

May 26, 2015

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:34 p.m. on the above date (May 26, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons, Gunkle, Dimmig, Hayes, Lycett, Quigley
ABSENT: Lindsay, Merkle
OTHERS: Christman, Melber, Millman, Lewis, Kennedy, Jordan, Bergey, Buchman, Takacs, Sinkler (SLEA) and no 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.

VISITORS

No visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows –

Approve Homebound Instruction for student #050215;

Approve the bills list dated May 26, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$2,811.25 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$374,062.28 for a total amount of \$376,873.53 for the General Fund; and bills to be paid in the amount of \$35.75 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund and bill paid in the amount of \$47,470.41 for the Construction Fund;

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2014 school year-

Mary Hostetter K-6 Elementary, Reading Specialist;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Karen Himmelsbach, Cafeteria Worker, Southern Lehigh High School, June 2 and 3, 2015;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Stephen Ohocinski, Jr., Multimedia Technician, effective the end of business day, May 29, 2015

Brittany Thomas, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, effective the end of business day, May 29, 2015;

Approve the following Seasonal Computer Technicians, an hourly rate of \$15.59, with the anticipated start date of May 27, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

Jarred Andrews
Connor Mackey;

Approve the following Seasonal Computer Technician, an hourly rate of \$15.59, effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2014-2015 school year through June 30, 2016-

Amanda Ruth;

Approve the following new seasonal employees, effective June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, at a rate of \$7.25 per hour-

Ryan Luybli
Kristopher Rank
Cailyn Reinhard
David Rush;

Approve the following existing district staff as seasonal employees, effective June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour-

Kendra Beltz
Ruth Berghold
Charise Grube
Lori Michael
Lynn Yost;

Approve the following returning seasonal employees, effective June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour (\$7.25 per hour for ages 16-18**)-

Hanna Dorsey
Therese Gulla
Matthew Guro
Matthew Kee
Jason Labbiento
Adam Leferovich
Christopher McCarthy
Andrej Quatrone
Daniel Perrelli**

Hanna Salamon
Katrina Salamon
Robyn Somers
Peter Dex
Thomas Dex
Shawn Fassel
Joseph Funk
Timothy Senters;

Approve an unpaid externship for Edgar DelaCruz under the supervision of Mr. Erik Malmberg, Coordinator of Network and Information Services. Mr. DelaCruz will be completing the 90-hour externship as required by Lincoln Technical Institute.

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

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Ms. Lori Limpar, Hopwell Elementary School Principal, presented a video that highlighted spring events, including: Iron Pigs game, musical concerts and educational trips.

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle for final approval of new science and English textbook recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year. Textbooks have been on display in the Administration Building for two weeks.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the following student trip request-

Southern Lehigh High School Future Business Leaders of America to participate in the National Leadership Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 27 to July 3, 2015.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **2015-2016 District Mini Grants** for a total amount of \$39,830 (*pending approval of the final 2015-2016 budget.*)

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

The Administration presented the PDE-2028, Final General Fund Budget for 2015-2016 and asked the Board to take the following actions:

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **Final Adoption of the General Fund Budget for 2015-2016** with no tax increase.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **Levying of Millage**.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **Levying of Various Act 511 Taxes**.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the **Fund Balance Designations** for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the resolution concerning the designation of depositories and the investment of District funds for 2015-2016.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the attached **Homestead/Farmstead Resolution**.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the award of Construction Waste Management Services for the New Elementary School to Chrin Hauling, Inc., 400 South Greenwood Ave., Easton, PA 18045, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The waste separation and hauling services are based on material type and number of trips as listed in the attached document.

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

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to approve the award of Construction Testing and Special Inspections for the New Elementary School to Advantage Engineers, 6520 Stonegate Drive, Allentown, PA 18106, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The professional services are based on type of service and associated rates as listed in the attached proposal.

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

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Gunkle to accept the retirements of the following staff:

Cynthia Sterrett, Gifted Elementary Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2014-2015 teacher school year. Mrs. Sterrett has been a district employee for 22 years.

Mary Hostetter, Reading Specialist, Hopewell Elementary School, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Hostetter has been a district employee for 29 years.

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

REPORTS

Private Funding of Sports Facilities Committee

Mr. Lycett provided an update on the committee’s work with ideas on fundraising to offset raising taxes for upgrades to the facilities, including the possibility of installing turf fields and field house. The committee plans to reach out to the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation in order to partner fundraising efforts to benefit the entire district. There was Board discussion to consider and maintain advertising signage as tasteful and aesthetically pleasing.

Finance Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported the following was discussed at the May 21, 2015 Finance Committee meeting-

- Economics of adding additional several club sports to PIAA status
- The Committee will schedule a meeting over the summer to discuss further.

Education Committee

Dr. McLoughlin reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and discussion included-

- Review of sex education curriculum for Middle and High Schools (There was Board discussion.)
- Changes to the Middle and High School Handbooks
- All day kindergarten

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported on the Early Intervention Program.

LCTI

Mr. Hayes reported that LCTI is currently looking to hire a public relations person.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Athletic teams successful, with girls lacrosse maintaining an undefeated regular season
- Liberty Bell Elementary School held their first science fair
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley recommends a first reading of the following revised policies-

- #137 Programs: *Home Education/Home Schooling Programs*
- #307 Administrative Employees: *Student Administrative Interns*
- #609 Finances: *Investment of District Funds*

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the expulsion of Student #050315 for the balance of the 2014-2015 school year for a violation of the School District's Controlled Substances Policy in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Waiver of Rights and Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Suspension of Expulsion signed by the Students' parents, as discussed by the Board in Executive Session held on May 11, 2015.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the Guest Mandarin Chinese Program Instructor(s) Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Lehigh School District and the Southern Lehigh Education Association, for the period beginning August 1, 2014 through July 30, 2016.

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

MOVED BY Gunkle and **2ND BY** Quigley to approve the Cyber Option offered by the District in partnership with eLearn21 Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Lehigh School District and the Southern Lehigh Education Association, for the period beginning July 1, 2015 through July 30, 2016.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Lindsay, Merkle

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman* Board Secretary