



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

August 25, 2014

The second regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date August 25, 2014 at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, Dimmig, McLoughlin, Hayes, Lycett, Merkle, Parsons, Quigley
ABSENT: Lindsay
OTHERS: Christman, Lewis, Melber, Kennedy, Millman, Jordan, Bergey, Hafner, Davidson, Sinkler (SLEA), 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

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

VISITORS

Ms. Andrea Sisk distributed research material regarding Spanish Immersion. Documents include: Spanish Immersion Research and Nationwide Immersion Program Research.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the bills list dated August 25, 2014 showing paid bills in the amount of \$4,736.82 and the bills to be paid in the amount of \$272,016.82 for a total amount of \$276,753.64 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$182.80 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund;

Approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of June, 2014;

Approve FMLA leave of the following staff-

David Dougherty, Learning Support Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, for August 26, 2014

Kelly Dougherty, Grade 2 Teacher, Liberty Bell Elementary School, for August 26, 2014;

Approve the following increment requests, effective September 1, 2014-

Alison Bauer, Masters to Masters +15

Michael Bjelobrk, Masters to Masters +15

Tammy Post, Bachelors to Masters

Stephen Schrader, Masters +15 to Masters +30

Charise Trilling, Bachelors+15 to Masters

Carol Yale, Masters +15 to Masters +30;

Approve the following student teacher placement-

Raell Bryce Nair, Counselor Education, Holy Family University, with Mrs. Tara Cooke, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, from August 28, 2014 to mid-December, 2014;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Nicole Muhleisen, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, October 6, 2014 through November 14, 2014

Heidi Kelly, Cleaning Person, Southern Lehigh High School, June 3 through 5, 2015

Lisa Crowley, Instructional Assistant, Hopewell Elementary School, September 5 and 8, 2014

Terry Nair, Licensed Personal Care Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, August 27, 2014 (5.75 hours) and August 28, 2014

Laura DeMars, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, October 20 through 22, 2014

Karen Blum, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, up to 10 days beginning in October, 2014 with specific dates to be determined;

Accept the resignation of the following staff-

Dawn DelPriore, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective August 20, 2014

Stephanie Schlofer, Instructional Assistant, Southern Lehigh High School, an hourly rate of \$16.50, effective August 8, 2014;

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

Sara Kimble, Instructional Assistant, RTII (3 hours/day), Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, an hourly rate of \$17.81

Christina Pulcini, Instructional Assistant (20 hours/week), Southern Lehigh Middle School, an hourly rate of \$17.81

Nicole Wild, Instructional Assistant (5.75 hours/day), Lower Milford Elementary School, an hourly rate of \$17.81. Ms. Wild will fill the position due to the reassignment of Ms. Olinik;

Approve the following substitute staff for the 2014-2015 school year-

Tiffany Billiard, Substitute Custodian, an hourly rate of \$14.70

Brenda Shelly, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.62

Ashley Smith, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$15.62

Veronica DeBlois, Substitute Licensed Personal Care Assistant, an hourly rate of \$20.40;

Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2014-2015 school year-

Brennen Harding Football.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Lilly, 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 –

- Freshmen and New Student Orientation went well, with positive feedback from parents and students
- First day of school went well
- Created a Tech Table in the cafeteria which is already being utilized
- New laptop filtering software is working great
- Sports practices, scrimmages, and games are beginning. First home football game is September 5th vs. Wilson Area.

Middle School report –

- Special thanks to Mr. Bergey, Mr. Yons and all of the support staff who made our building look great for the opening of the school year!
- First day of students went very well
- 8/21 - New Student Orientation was very well attended
- 8/27, 28 - Administration will be meeting with 7th and 8th grade students to outline the expectations for the school year
- Important dates:
 - 9/3 - Student photos
 - 9/9 - Parent-Teacher Group
 - 9/16 - Open House

Intermediate School report –

- 8/21 - 4th grade orientation, new student orientation, and classroom visitation
 - All 4th grade students visited homerooms and met their new teachers
 - All students and families new to SLSD were given tours of the building
 - Returning students and families had a chance to visit homerooms, and meet teachers

- 8/20 - All staff participated in PA Act 126 training and classroom teachers participated in planbook.com training
- 9/9 - Open house
- Students and staff at JPLIS are off to a great start, and were able to manage their first day with ease.
- Mr. McGinty also provided an update on the Chinese Teacher Exchange Program that he and 2 other Southern Lehigh teachers participated in this past summer.

Elementary schools –

- All three schools had great openings this morning!
- Open House Dates-
 - 9/3 - Lower Milford, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - 9/10 – Hopewell, 7:00 PM
 - 9/11 - Liberty Bell, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

MOVED BY McLoughlin and **2ND BY** Parsons to approve the **Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Special Education Services Agreement** for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Quigley and **2ND BY** Merkle to approve the following certificated staff, effective August 18, 2014 (pending receipt of required documentation)-

Amanda Ruth, Elementary Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, at Masters, Step 11, an annual salary of \$57,028**. Mrs. Ruth will fill the position due to the transfer of Maria Ramunni.

**The salary listed is for the 2013-2014 school year and the 2014-2015 salary will be determined after the school year begins.

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

REPORTS

Policy Committee

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

- Spanish Immersion enrollment presentation planned for September 22, 2014 board meeting

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Gunkle reported the following discussed at the August 20, 2014 meeting-

- Support Services will develop an AR to address school property development
- Lower Milford Roof Project complete
- Liberty Bell Asphalt Project complete
- High School request to purchase and install additional security cameras presented

(See motion under new business regarding the purchase of additional surveillance cameras.)

CLIU

Mrs. Parsons reported on the summer camp for autistic students.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- Students continued to register today
- As a result of allowing Channel 39/PBS to use a classroom for filming a children's science show, three high school students were offered a station-sponsored scholarship to PBS39 Production U
- The entire Superintendent's Report is available on the district's website.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY Merkle and **2ND BY** Dimmig to approve the purchase and installation of additional surveillance cameras at the high school.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

"NO": Gunkle

ABSENT: Lindsay

(There was Board discussion during the Facilities Committee report regarding the placement of cameras.)

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: "YES" - Unanimous - Motion Carried

ABSENT: Lindsay

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST: Diana S. Millman Board Secretary