



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors  
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2024 @ 2:00p.m.  
Southern Lehigh Administration Building  
5775 Main Street | Center Valley, PA 18034**

**1. OPENING**

- a. Roll Call/Introduction of Roles

The meeting was called to order by Emily Gehman. Committee Chair at 2:00p.m.

- b. Recording of Attendance

*Present:* Emily Gehman, Candi Kruse, Timothy Kearney, Ethan Ake-Little, Michael Mahon, Karen Trinkle, and Deanna Webb

**2. POLICY REVISION PROCESS & REVIEW CYCLE**

The presentation by Dr. Ethan Ake-Little focused on the logistics of policy review including (a) administrative review leading to a draft of the first reading, (b) the Policy Committee's approach to policy review, including recommendations for alternative language, and (c) the differences between a first and second reading before full Board vote. Additionally, the presentation included a summary of policies that the Committee plans to review for the remaining months of SY2023-24.

**3. REVIEW AND PLANNING**

- a. Policy 122: Extracurricular Policies

The Committee focused on language related to non-instructional time and student behavior that occurs during off-campus events.

- b. Policy 123: Interscholastic Athletics

- c. Policy 123.2: Adding, Eliminating or Changing the Status of a School District Sponsored Activity, District Recognized Interscholastic PIAA Sports Team, Program, or Sport

The Committee reviewed both policies in tandem, per the PSBA's recommendation to consolidate them. Additionally, the Committee focused on simplifying language related to addition, elimination, or changing activity status guidelines, as well as discussing the impact of the PIAA on policy design.

- d. Policy 123.1: Concussion Management

- e. Policy 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest (*New Policy*)

- f. Policy 123.4: Hazing

The Committee discussed these policies collectively since they focused on student mental and physical welfare when participating in district extracurricular and athletic activities.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

*Prepared by Ethan Ake-Little and Karen Trinkle.*