



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting  
Monday, April 24, 2023**

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April 24, 2023  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 24, 2023 pending approval.**

**Members present:** Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

**Members absent:** None

**Administrators present:** Andria Buchman, Lynn Chromiak, Michael Mahon, Benjamin McConnell, Sean McGinty, Anthony Pidgeon, Michael Rohrbach, Tamara Solometo, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle,

**Others present:** Attorney Jessica Moyer (King, Spry, Herman Freund & Faul, LLC), Anne Marie Lobley

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Mary Joy Reinartz called the meeting to order at: 6:30 pm
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock
  - ii. Absent: None
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - i. Mary Joy Reinartz led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board on items that are before us, or may come for us for a vote.

- i. William Ostroski spoke on the topic of full day kindergarten for IEP students.
- ii. Nicole Dolan spoke on the topic of the budget.

### **3. MINUTES**

- a. Executive Session Summary-Board Solicitor
  - i. Attorney Jessica Moyer noted that there were executive sessions held on the following dates: April 18, 2023 for review of building security/student safety and on April 24, 2023 regarding personnel matters, legal advice or other litigation.
- b. Approval Board Minutes March 27, 2023
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Minutes of March 27, 2023**
    - 1. [March 27, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, second Nicole King

Motion carried.

No discussion followed.

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT**

- a. Construction update
  - i. Mr. Pepe provided an update on District construction in his preliminary budget presentation. Information regarding technology infrastructure upgrades and staffing projections for the 2023-2024 school year were made by the Superintendent. Dr. Trinkle provided a brief update regarding the Edmentum Remote Learning Agreement, item C under Curriculum/Student Staff Services. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

**Motion to take items b & c together under category 4. Superintendent.**

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded by Emily Gehman

Motion Carried

Discussion occurred.

Note: Items motioned together with Nay on item B only for Kyle Gangwere and Emily Gehman.

(Item B)

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Nay: Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman

(Item C)

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock (item c only)

Nay: None

- b. 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar
  - i. **Motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar**
    - 1. [2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar](#)
- c. Draft Memorandum of Understanding Great Valley YMCA and SLSD
  - i. **For consideration and discussion please see below for the draft MOU between The Greater Valley YMCA and SLSD.**
    - 1. [Draft Memorandum of Understanding between The Greater Valley YMCA and Southern Lehigh School District](#)

## **5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES**

- a. K-3 Report Card Updates
  - i. Dr. Karen Trinkle and Dr. Tamera Solometo provided an update on K-3 Report Cards upgrades which will provide alignment to content and skill. Upgrades are still in draft form. Further details will come to the Board as this progresses. Brief updates were also made on items b & d under curriculum/student and staff services and all items listed in category 6 & 7 by Dr. Trinke.

**Motion to take items b, c & d together under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services, through category, Technology.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried

Discussion followed

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock (item c only)

Nay: None

- b. CLIU21 & SLSD Agreement for TranPerfect Remote Interpreters Products & Services
  - i. **Motion to approve the agreement between Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 and Southern Lehigh School District for TransPerfect Remote Interpreters Products and Services per the attached agreement.**
    - 1. [Transperfect Consortium Contract 2023-24 CLIU 21 & Southern Lehigh](#)
- c. Edmentum Remote Learning Agreement 2023-2024
  - i. **Motion to approve the agreement between Edmentum and the Southern Lehigh School District to participate in EdOptions Academy for a remote learning platform for the 2023-2024 School Year.**
    - 1. [Edmentum Order Form SLSD 2023 2024 School Year](#)
- d. Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania and SLSD Memorandum of Understanding
  - i. **Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania and Southern Lehigh School District. Courses will be at a reduced rate of \$115.00 per credit of instruction subject to yearly review by the District and the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania.**
    - 1. [2023 Commonwealth University of PA & SLSD MOU](#)

## 6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

**Motion to take items a & b under category OR Motion to take items a & b under Special Education and Student Services and item a under category 7. Technology**

- a. Caron Foundation Agreement 2023-2024
  - i. **Motion to approve the Caron Foundation Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year. PCCD Grant 38419 will be used as the funding source.**
    - 1. [2023-2024 SLSD and Caron Foundation Agreement](#)
- b. 2023-2024 CLIU Special Education Facilities Plan
  - i. **Motion to approve the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 2023-2024 Facilities Plan Committee Report per the attachment below.**
    - 1. [23-24 CLIU SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES PLAN DOCUMENTS](#)

## 7. TECHNOLOGY

- a. CLIU Technology Pool Agreement
  - i. **Motion to approve the CLIU Technology Pool Legal Services Consultation Agreement using Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP ("SSKW") as legal counsel for Southern Lehigh School District**

during the 2023-2024 school year (July, 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). Rate to be determined as outlined on page two of the agreement based on the amount of school entities who participate. Anticipated fee is \$559.00 based on previous years participation of 17 organizations.

1. [CLIU Technology Pool Annual Agreement 2023-24 Southern Lehigh](#)

## 8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- a. The Director of Business Services presented the 2023-2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET for consideration. Mr Pepe highlighted the following: May will be the approval for the proposed budget. Recommendation will be to hold the millage rate for this year (no increase). Significant budget challenges heading into 2023-2024 were highlighted. District construction projects were noted and what the District is continuing to monitor with the assistance by our Architect of Record, EI Associates. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

*William Lycett left the meeting 8:08 pm returned: 8:11 pm*

Mr. Pepe provided a brief update on all of the motion items listed in category 8 Business and Finance and category 9. Support Services.

### **Motion to take items b through d under category 8. Business and Finance and items a and b under category 9. Support Services**

Motion: Emily Gehman, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried

Discussion followed

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock (item c only)

Nay: None

- b. Bills List
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated April 24, 2023.**
    1. [April 24, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)
- c. Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of March, 2023
  - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of March, 2023.**
    1. [March, 2023 Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
- d. Property Tax Refunds

- i. **Motion to approve the property tax refunds per the attachment.**
  - 1. [Property Tax Refunds - March 2023](#)
- e. TD Bank Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution/Updated Signature Card
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached Resolution and updated Signature Card Authorization Form pertaining to the Sinking Fund.**
    - 1. [TD Bank Certificate of Resolution and Signature Form](#)

## 9. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Bid Award for Mechanical/Plumbing HVAC for High School HVAC Project
  - i. **Motion to award the bid to JBM Mechanical, 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 in the base bid amount of \$1,874,000 (One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand dollars) Attorney review for compliance with bid specs has been completed.**
    - 1. [Bid Recommendation - JBM Mechanical](#)

**Note: \$1,000,000.00 of ARP ESSER III Funds are being used for a portion of this award in accordance with Allowable Uses Under ARP ESSER established guidelines for Facilities Upgrades, specifically, Improving indoor air quality, including installation of mechanical ventilation and/or advanced filtration systems and/or upgrading HVAC systems. Source: ARP ESSER Guidebook A guide to federal emergency relief funding for Pennsylvania LEAs 2021.**

- b. Purchase of HVAC Chillers for Southern Lehigh High School
  - i. **Motion to approve purchase of Carrier proposal for HVAC Chillers in connection with HS HVAC Project through Sourcewell (Contract # 070121-CAR in the amount of \$534,000 as attached.**
    - 1. [Sourcewell Contract & Proposal](#)

**Note: \$534,000 of ARP ESSER III Funds are being used for this purchase in accordance with Allowable Uses Under ARP ESSER established guidelines for Facilities Upgrades, specifically, Improving indoor air quality, including installation of mechanical ventilation and/or advanced filtration systems and/or upgrading HVAC systems. Source: ARP ESSER Guidebook A guide to federal emergency relief funding for Pennsylvania LEAs 2021.**

## 10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Pigeon provided a brief update on all items in category 10. Discussion occurred regarding the first readings of all policies listed below in category a. Human Resources. *Notation: line item 6. in policy 105.1, Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students, will be struck prior to the second reading of this policy.*

- a. First Reading of Policies 100, 101, 102, 105, 105.1, 105.2, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120.1, 121 and 141.

- i. **Motion to approve the First Reading of policies, 100, 101, 102, 105, 105.1, 105.2, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120.1, 120 and 141.**

1. [Policies First Reading](#)

Motion: Kyle Ganewere, seconded by Emily Gehman

Motion carried

Discussion followed

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Nay: Emily Gehman

- b. Human Resources Report

**Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.**

1. [Human Resources Report](#)

Motion: Kyle Ganewere, seconded by Emily Gehman

Motion carried

No Discussion followed

Yea: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Facilities committee report was made by William Lycett. Stadium construction is on target. Work cannot begin on the stadium itself until retention pond work is completed. Mr. Pepe provided the timelines for completion for this project.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Update requested regarding the robotics team.
- b. CLIU 21 Golf tournament will be held on June 20th if anyone is interested in this event.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. None noted.

## **14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a. Field Trips Requests HS various classes/groups:

- i. [4/11/23, 4/17/23, 4/18/23, 4/18-4/23/23, 4/21/23, 4/29/23, 5/2/23, 5/10/23, 5/11/23, 5/15/23, 5/17/23 & 5/19/23, 5/18/23, 5/23/23, 5/25-29/23, 6/10-17/23](#)
- b. Conference Application Requests
  - i. [April 2023 Conference Application Requests](#)

**15. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
  - i. Amy Bausher spoke on the topic of budget.
  - ii. Nicole Dolan spoke on the topic of budget.
  - iii. Timothy Kearney spoke on various topics.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 9:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble*

*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*