



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2023**

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

School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, August 28, 2023 pending approval.

Members present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen (connection by phone), Christopher Wayock

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Ethan Ake-Little, Andria Buchman, Michael Mahon, Brian Mansfield, Benjamin McConnell, Sean McGinty, Louis Pepe, Tamara Solometo, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle, Deanna Webb

Others present: Attorney Kevin Reid (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: 6:42 pm
- b. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen (connection by phone), 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.
- ii. Tim Kearney spoke on the topic of thanks.

3. MINUTES

- a. Executive Session Summary-Board Solicitor
 - i. Attorney Reid noted that executive sessions were held on the following dates for the following topics: August 1, 2023 for possible litigation and August 28, 2023 to discuss personnel concern.
- b. Approval Board Minutes June 26, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2023**
 - 1. [June 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Approval Board Workshop Minutes August 14, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Board Workshop Minutes of August 14, 2023**
 - 1. [August 14, 2023 Board Workshop Minutes](#)

Motion to take items b & c together under category 3. Minutes

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion Carried

No Discussion Followed

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Jeffrey Dimmig-due to absence at 6/26/23 & 8/14/23 Meetings.

4. SUPERINTENDENT

- a. District Update
 - i. Michael Mahon provided the following district updates: congratulations to Jeffrey Dimmig from PSBA for 16 years of Board Service. Gratitude for the first day of the 23-24 school year and update on all of the new staff joining the District. Brief update made on the first football game in our new stadium. Introduction made for our new Director of Human Resources, Dr. Ethan Ake-Little.
- b. Construction update
 - i. No construction updates were made.

5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

Dr. Karen Trinkle and Dr. Tamara Solometo presented on the K-3 report card revisions. Dr. Solometo highlighted the revisions and why they were made along with items that will remain

unchanged. Parent/teacher communication will remain as it has been. Questions and comments occurred by the Board

- a. K-3 Report Card Revisions and Updates
 - i. [K-3 Report Card Revisions and Updates Presentation](#)

Dr. Karen Trinkle provided a brief summary of items b & c under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services and items a through e under category 6. Special Education.

Mary Joy Reinartz asked if there are any comments or questions regarding the motions listed under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services and category 6. Special Education prior vote.

Discussion occurred.

Motion to take items b and c under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services and items a through e under category 6. Special Education together.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

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

- b. Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement
 - i. Motion to approve the Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement with Wilkes University
 - 1. [Memorandum of Understanding-Wilkes University School of Education Certification Programs with Southern Lehigh School District.](#)
- c. Southern Lehigh School District Ticket Pricing Athletic Events 2023-2024 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the pricing for Southern Lehigh School District Athletic Events for the 2023-2024 School Year per the attachment below.**
 - 1. [SLSD Ticket Pricing Athletic Events 2023-2024 School Year](#)

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

- a. School Provider Agreement with Pediatric Services of America, LLC dba Aveanna Healthcare for school-based services for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - i. **Motion to approve the School Provider Agreement with Pediatric Services of America, LLC dba Aveanna Healthcare for school-based services for the 2023-2024 school year. This is an annual contract renewal.**
 - 1. [School Provider Agreement with Pediatric Services of America, LLC dba Aveanna Healthcare for school-based services for the 2023-2024 school year](#)
- b. Bayada Home Health Care Inc Contract for School Nursing Services 2023-2024
 - i. **Motion to approve the Contract for School Nursing Services with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year. This is an annual contract renewal for substitute nursing services for the district.**
 - 1. [Bayada Home Health Care Inc Contract for School Nursing Services 2023-2024](#)
- c. Bayada Home Healthcare, Inc. Student 1:1 Nursing Needs 2023-2024 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the Contract for Student Nursing Services for 1:1 nursing care through Bayada Home Healthcare, Inc. for a student with special needs for the 2023-24 school year. This is an annual contract renewal.**
 - 1. [Southern Lehigh SD \(1-1 Nursing\) 2023-2024](#)
- d. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Special Education Services Agreement for the 2023-24 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Special Education Services Agreement for the 2023-24 School Year. This is an annual contract renewal.**
 - 1. [Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Special Education Services Agreement for the 2023-24 School Year](#)
- e. New Story Tuition Agreement for the 23-24 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the New Story Tuition Agreement for the 23-24 School Year for a student with disabilities. Pending Solicitor and New Story amended changes.**
 - 1. New Story Agreement 2023-2024 School Year

7. TECHNOLOGY

8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Louis Pepe, Director of Business and Finance provided a brief summary of the items listed under category 8. Business and Finance and category 9. Support Services.

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

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Stephen Maund

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

- a. Bills List
 - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated August 28, 2023.**
 - 1. [August 28, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)
- b. Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the months of June and July, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the months of June and July, 2023.**
 - 1. [June, 2023 Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
 - 2. [July, 2023 Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
- c. Property Tax Refunds
 - i. **Motion to approve the property tax refunds per the attachment.**
 - 1. [Property Tax Refunds - August, 2023](#)
- d. Cafeteria Pricing for the 2023-2024 School Year
 - i. **The State has extended no cost breakfast for all students for 2023-2024 (see attached).**
 - 1. [Cafeteria Pricing 2023-2024](#)

9. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. Addendum to Transportation Agreement
 - i. **Motion to approve Addendum to Transportation Agreement with Krise Transportation, Inc. as attached.**
 - 1. [First Addendum to Southern Lehigh Agreement](#)
- b. 2023 – 2024 Specialized Transportation Program
 - i. **Motion to approve Administration's request to provide Specialized Transportation Routing as required for 2023/2024 school year. Normans Bus Service, 1293 Water Street, East Greenville, PA 18041 is the primary carrier for specialized transportation that is utilized for rural routes, students with special needs, non-public schools, and charter schools.**
- c. 2023-2024 Sprinkler and Fire Protection Services
 - i. **Motion to approve proposal submitted by Kistler O'Brien 2210 City Line Rd Bethlehem Pa 18017 in the amount of \$29,986.84 for service related to sprinkler and fire protection.**

Note: additional quote obtained from Keystone Fire Protection in the amount of \$33,666.28.

1. [Kistler O'Brien Proposal](#)

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Mary Joy Reinartz indicated that we will be motioning to remove item 10 B: Amendment to Existing Agreements from the Human Resources report.

Motion to table item 10a item B only: Amendment to Existing Agreement(s) from the August 28, 2023 Human Resources Report

Motion: Mary Joy Reinartz, seconded by Christopher Wayock

No Discussion occurred

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

Nay: None

Dr. Ethan Ake-Little provided a brief update of the items listed in the Human Resources Report with the exception of item 10a B. Amendment to Existing Agreement.

Mary Joy Reinartz asked if there are any comments or questions regarding the Human Resources report.

Discussion occurred

Motion to approve item a Human Resources Report under category 10. Human Resources with the exception of item 10 B, Amendment to Existing Agreement (s) in the Human Resources Report which was tabled.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

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

Nay: None

- a. Human Resources Report
 - i. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the [Human Resources Report](#)**

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. No committee reports were made

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Michael Mahon noted that every two years The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is conducted by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to students in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades regarding behavior, attitudes and knowledge regarding alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. This year would be a year that our school would be asked to participate. Participation is not mandatory by the State. Administration wanted to bring this to the Board indicating that this survey would only be administered to students in grades 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th only. It will require parental consent prior to students participation and students would not be required to take the survey. All survey results from students would be anonymous. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business items were noted

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Field Trip Proposal/Requests
 - i. K-8 Proposed Field Trip Requests for Academic Year 2023-2024
 - 1. [K-8 Field Trip List 2023-2024 School Year](#)
 - ii. High School Proposed Field Trip Requests for Academic Year 2023-2024
 - 1. [High School Field Trip List 2023-2024 School Year](#)
- b. Conference Requests
 - i. [Conference Requests for July & August 2023](#)

15. VISITORS' COMMENTS

- a. No visitor comments were made at this time

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder