



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
School Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes**

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December 4, 2024
Southern Lehigh High School
High School Boardroom
5800 Main Street
Center Valley, PA 18034
5:15 p.m.**

School Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 4, 2024 pending approval.

Members present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney (remote by phone), Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz (remote by phone), Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Ethan Ake-Little, Eric Fluck, Michael Mahon, Karen Trinkle

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Emily Gehman called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - i. Emily Gehman led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- c. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney(remote by phone), Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz(remote by phone), Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock
 - ii. Absent: None

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. No visitor comments were made at this time

3. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Qualified, legally elected or appointed members of the Southern Lehigh Board of School Directors for the year now beginning:

**Eric Boyer
Emily Gehman
Timothy Kearney
Nicole King
Candi Kruse
Stephen Maund
Mary Joy Reinartz
Melissa Torba
Christopher Wayock**

- a. Election of Temporary President
 - i. **Motion to approve the Temporary President.**

Motion to nominate Emily Gehman as Temporary President was made by Candi Kruse

No other nominations were received

Motion to close nominations for Temporary President

Motion: Timothy Kearney, seconded by Candi Kruse

Motion to elect Emily Gehman as Temporary President

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

Emily Gehman will serve as the Temporary President this evening.

- b. Nomination and Election of Board President
 - i. **The Temporary President, Emily Gehman will now accept nominations for President who will serve for one year. Board members will cast their ballots for the President.**

Motion to nominate Emily Gehman was made by Timothy Kearney

Motion to nominate Eric Boyer was made by Christopher Wayock

Motion to nominate Timothy Kearney was made by Stephen Maund and Nicole King.

Timothy Kearney noted that he would like to rescind his nomination for President and extended a thank you to Stephen and Nicole for the consideration.

Motion to close nominations for President

Motion: Candi Kruse, seconded by Melissa Torba

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

Motion for discussion

Motion: Stephen Maund, seconded Christopher Wayock

Solicitor input provided

Yea: Nicole King, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Christopher Wayock

Nay: Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba

Motion does not carry

Call to question for vote for Board President

Motion to elect Emily Gehman for Board President

Yea: Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba

Nay: Nicole King, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Christopher Wayock

Motion carries, five yea, four nay

c. Nomination and Election of the Board-Vice President

- i. **The newly appointed President, Emily Gehman will accept nominations for Vice-President who will serve for one year. Board members will cast their ballots for the Vice-President.**

Motion to nominate Candi Kruse was made by Eric Boyer

Motion to nominate Stephen Maund was made by Nicole King

Motion to close nominations for Vice President

Motion: Candi Kruse, seconded by Christoher Wayock

Motion for discussion

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded by Stephen Maund

Call to question

Yea: Nicole King, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Christopher Wayock

Nay: Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba

Motion does not carry

Call to question for vote for Vice President

Motion to elect Candi Kruse for Vice President

Yea: Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba, Mary Joy Reinartz

Nay: Nicole King, Stephen Maund, Christopher Wayock

Motion carries, six yea, three nay

d. Depository Resolutions

Motion to take item d, Depository Resolutions & items e, Facsimile Plates together

Motion: Candi Kruse, seconded by Eric Boyer

Motion carried

No discussion occurred

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

- i. **The Administration recommends authorization for the Board Recorder to execute and submit the standard resolutions, signature cards, and any other forms necessary to reflect the change in President, Treasurer and Secretary with the district's depositories.**
- e. Facsimile Plates
 - i. **The Administration recommends authorization to use facsimile signatures plates of the President, Treasurer and Secretary when signing school district checks. This request is necessary each year when officers of the Board change**
- 4. Other Business Items**
 - a. Clarifications on votes were made specifically regarding rotation of board leadership roles and attendance at meetings. Consideration of revisiting board operating procedures suggested.
 - b. Notation made regarding budget season and consideration of school needs for student support.
 - c. Michael Mahon extended congratulations to Board members in leadership roles for the upcoming year and also noted that budget discussions will occur at our January meetings.
 - d. Emily Gehman extended a happy holiday to all. Notation made that the first Girl's Wrestling match will be happening this evening.
- 5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
 - a. [Field Trip Requests](#)
- 6. VISITORS' COMMENTS**
 - a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board.
 - i. No visitor comments were made at this time.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Emily Gehman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm
 - i. Motion: Eric Boyer

Respectfully submitted:



Anne Marie Loble, Board Meeting Recorder & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent