



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors  
School Board Workshop  
Monday, February 13, 2023**

**Southern Lehigh School District  
Teaching and Learning Workshop  
February 13, 2023  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Workshop Minutes, Monday, February 13, 2023-pending approval**

**Members present:** Jeffery Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King (present by phone), William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Waycok.

**Members absent:** None

**Administrators present:** Andria Buchman, Michael Mahon, Joshua Miller, Louis Pepe, Tamara Solometo, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle,

**Others Present:** Anne Marie Lobley

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting was called to order by Mary Joy Reinartz at 6:32 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Jeffery Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King (present by phone), William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Waycok.
  - 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. John Fistner spoke on the topic of freshman football.
  - ii. Ken Mohr spoke on the topic of the LCCC budget.

Board comments occurred regarding the LCCC budget passed, dual enrollment options for students at LCCC and additional details needed for freshman football. Discussion regarding freshman football will occur at the March Board Workshop.

### **3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES**

Michael Mahon will provide information and updates on the following topics:

- a. College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) site application
  - i. The District has recently applied to be a College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) site. Our application has been approved. Becoming a testing center enables students to test for college level credits on a specific course topic without having to pay for an AP exam. We are the only district to date in Southeastern PA that is designated as a CLEP testing location. This will help students break barriers in achieving college level credits at the high school level. We would be open to allowing students from other Districts to test at our site. Comments and questions occurred from the Board.
- b. Unified Sports - Bocce Ball Grant
  - i. Grant approval received from the PA Special Olympics for Bocce Ball as a Unified Sport. The grant would provide funding to purchase indoor bocce ball courts, equipment for bocce ball, uniforms and a coaching stipend. The hope is to get this up and running for spring on an intramural level. Approval for the memorandum of this grant will be placed on the end of the month School Board agenda. Questions and comments occurred from the Board.
- c. [Draft 2023-2024 District Calendar](#)
  - i. The draft 2023-2024 District Calendar was opened up for comments and suggestions from the Board. Suggestions were made to eliminate the Monday after Thanksgiving, first of April, and to add one more day to the end of the year to achieve an entire week off for Spring break. Notation made that we did align with other Districts to avoid complications for our LCTI students missing school. Clarification regarding the impact of additional days off and our LCTI students was made by our High School Principal, Mr. Miller. Additional questions and concerns by the Board occurred regarding attendance tracking and FID and snow days.
- d. [Health and Safety Plan Mandatory Review](#)
  - i. Current Health and Safety Plan review by the Board occurred. Minor changes to wording will be made such as removal of the word required, changing it to encouraged. Otherwise no significant changes to our current plan were made.
- e. [PSBA Cyber Resolution](#)

- i. PSBA Cyber resolution reviewed and discussed. Other Districts have been signing off on this resolution. Board members do not want to participate in signing resolutions. No action will be taken by our Board regarding this resolution.
- f. Technology Survey and Hardware Deployment
  - i. Types of devices that our students are using were outlined. Survey was sent to staff regarding technology. Presently we have two years left on our contract with Apple. We will not end this early. Current contract is leased to own. Significant District analysis will continue regarding hardware needs for the district. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.
  - ii. Technology Infrastructure Update: Data Center: Presently we have ten various servers for the District. Goal is to bring them together for a data center. By doing so it creates computer maintenance cost reduction and flexibility which will create long term value for the school district. In storage an unused main server was located so the bulk of cost for this has already been covered. There will be on-going costs such as consulting costs. An action item for the Board to vote on regarding this project will be placed on the end of February School Board agenda. Questions and concerns occurred by the Board. Mr. Summa, Director of Technology, provided details to the Board.
  - iii. E-rate Infrastructure Upgrades: Significant failure occurred to our internet infrastructure early this year. We are stable now but in need of an upgrade. 48 switches and 225 access points to control the wireless internet will be added along with small internal labor costs. All will go through e-rate with 40 percent of costs for this covered through federal funding. Bids have gone out for this and are scheduled to be returned 2/21/23. A voting action item will be placed on the end of the month School Board agenda for this item. Questions and comments occurred from the Board.
- g. Construction Update
  - i. Stadium Project:
    - 1. Handout distributed to the Board and the public with updates on the stadium project. As this project progresses updates will be placed on the website for the public to view. Land permitting results were received which will require adjustments to our basin. To do this there will be a substantial change order needed which will result in an increase in cost. Independent construction engineers (who are covered by Athletic Fields of America) will look at this and work with the land permitting individuals to see if the changes to the basin are necessary. The contingency fund for this project will be used to cover this change order if needed. More information will come to the Board as it is available. Updates were then provided by Mr. Pepe. Comments and questions occurred by the Board.

- ii. JPLIS Exterior Wall Project (Bids):
  - 1. Bids advertisement is occurring for this project. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2/23/23 . Bid opening is scheduled for 3/2/23. Awarding of the bids is scheduled for 3/27/23. Final completion date is 8/15/23. Substantial completion date is 8/25/23. Board comments and questions occurred.
- iii. SLHS HVAC Project (Bids):
  - 1. Technical review of specifications 2/28/23, advertisement for bids will begin 3/1/23. Mandatory pre-bid meeting is 3/21/23. Bid opening will be 4/12/23. Hope to award bids 4/24/23. Substantial completion date schedule is 8/2024. A long lead time for equipment is being put into place due to concerns regarding supply chain issues. Board questions and comments occurred.
- iv. Suggestions for future upgrades for the District
  - 1. Please send all suggestions for future updates to district facilities to Michael Mahon.

#### **4. HUMAN RESOURCES**

Michael Mahon noted the following Board policies listed below had received very minor changes to be compliant with law. Questions and comments occurred by the Board. Suggestion made to consider first readings at workshops.

*Priya Sareen left the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and returned at 8:22 p.m.*

- a. Review and discussion of the following Board policies listed below.
  - i. [Policy: 200](#)
  - ii. [Policy: 202](#)
  - iii. [Policy: 204](#)
  - iv. [Policy: 217](#)
  - v. [Policy: 221](#)
  - vi. [Policy: 233](#)
  - vii. [Policy: 251](#)
  - viii. [Policy: 810](#)

#### **5. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board.
  - i. Tim Kearney spoke on various topics.
  - ii. Elizabeth Cancelliere spoke on the topic of school dismissal and security.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Adjourn
  - i. Mary Joy Reinartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loblely  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*