



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting  
Monday, January 23, 2023**

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January 23, 2023  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 23, 2023 pending approval.**

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

**Members absent:** Stephen Maund

**Administrators present:** Lynn Chromiak, Chad Kinslow, Michael Mahon, Louis Pepe, 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 6:34 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock
  - ii. Absent: Stephen Maund
- 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. No visitor comments were made at this time.

### **3. MINUTES**

- a. Executive Session Summary-Board Solicitor
  - i. Attorney Jessica Moyer indicated that there was an executive session held this evening to discuss legal and personnel related matters.
  
- b. Approval Board Minutes November 21, 2022
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Minutes of November 21, 2022**
    - 1. [November 21, 2022 School Board Minutes](#)
  
- c. Approval Board Minutes December 5, 2022
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Minutes of December 5, 2022**
    - 1. [December 5, 2022 School Board Minutes](#)
  
- d. Approval Board Workshop Minutes of January 9, 2023
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Workshop Minutes of January 9, 2023**
    - 1. [January 9, 2023 Board Workshop Minutes](#)

**Motion to take items a, b and c together under category 3. Minutes.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried.

No discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT**

- a. District updates
  - i. Michael Mahon noted that we will be securing bids for the JPLIS exterior wall project and High School ventilation project. A retroactive motion for approval of the bids will occur at the February Board meeting. No work will begin until all bids are received, a contractor is determined and approval is secured by the Board. Discussion and questions occurred by the Board.

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

- a. K-6 ELA Core Programing: Wit and Wisdom
  - i. **Motion to approve Wit and Wisdom as the K-6 ELA Core Programming for the Southern Lehigh School District.**
    - 1. [Wit and Wisdom Student and Teacher Materials Payment](#)
    - 2. [Wit and Wisdom Professional Development and Implementation Payment](#)

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried.

No discussion followed.

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

Nay: Jeffrey Dimmig

Absent: Stephen Maund

- b. 2023-2024 High School Program of Studies
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached 2023-2024 High School Program of Studies**
    - 1. [2023-2024 High School Program of Studies](#)
    - 2. [2023-2024 High School Program of Studies Changes.](#)

**Motion to take items b and c together under section 5. Curriculum/Student Services.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

- c. External License Agreement Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District

- i. **Motion to Approve the External Licence Agreement between Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District for the purpose of Southern Lehigh District Graduation per the attachment below.**
  - 1. [External License Agreement Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District](#)
- d. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Agreement
  - i. **Motion to approve the Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Agreement concerning student # 201535.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried

No discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

## **6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES**

- a. No agenda items or discussion

## **7. TECHNOLOGY**

- a. No agenda items or discussion

## **8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Louis Pepe provided an overview of items a through e under Business and Finance noting the following: bills list highlights and treasurer's report. Auditor Marc Anderson was present and provided a brief overview of the audit. Comments from the Board occurred. Louis Pepe then provided a presentation on the District Budget update for the upcoming year. LCCC and CLIU budgets were highlighted for next year. Recommendation was made to put a bid out for the District Auditor. Questions and comments occurred from the Board.

**Motion to take items a through f together under category 8. Business and Finance.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

Notation made following the vote regarding Mr. Pepe and the benefits consortium he will be attending.

- a. Bills List
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated January 23, 2023.**
    1. [January 23, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)
- b. Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the months of November and December 2022
  - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the months of November and December 2022.**
    1. [November, 2022 Treasurer's Report](#)
    2. [December, 2022 Treasurer's Report](#)
- c. Property Tax Refunds
  - i. **Motion to approve the property tax refunds per the attachments.**
    1. [Property Tax Refunds - December, 2022](#)
    2. [Property Tax Refunds - January, 2023](#)
- d. Approval of annual support for the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year
  - i. **Motion to approve the second quarterly payment to the Southern Lehigh Public Library due January, 2023 in the amount of \$17,850.**
- e. Audit Report for Southern Lehigh School District - 2021-2022
  - i. A presentation of the Southern Lehigh School District audit report for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be made by Louis Pepe, Director of Business Services and Mark Anderson from the firm France, Anderson, Basile and Company, P.C. per the attachments listed below.
    1. **Motion to approve the audit report for fiscal year 2021-2022 as prepared by the firm of France, Anderson, Basile and Company, P.C.**
      - a. [Financial Statements-Audit Report \(June 30, 2022\)](#)
      - b. [Letter Re Governance \(2021 - 2022\)](#)
- f. 2023-2024 Budget Update to include CLIU and LCCC Proposed Budgets for action

- i. Louis Pepe, Director of Business Services, will discuss the Draft Annual Budget for the district and proposed budgets for CLIU and LCCC for the 2023-2024 year per the attachments listed below.
  - 1. Southern Lehigh School District 2023-2024 Draft Budget Update
    - a. [SLSD 2023-2024 Budget Draft Update 1-23-23](#)
  - 2. **Motion to approve the proposed General Operating Budget for Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for 2023-2024. The 2023-2024 Budget represents a 0.6% decrease in contribution for Southern Lehigh.**
    - a. [CLIU Proposed General Operating Budget 2023-2024](#)
  - 3. **Motion to approve the proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Lehigh Carbon Community College for 2023-2024. The 2023-2024 Budget represents a 0.5% decrease in contribution from the prior year for Southern Lehigh.**
    - a. [LCCC 2023-2024 Budget Book](#)

## 9. SUPPORT SERVICES

Louis Pepe provided a brief overview of agenda items a and b under category 9. Support services.

### **Motion to take items a and b together under category 9. Support Services**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried

No discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

- a. Subdivision and Land Development Improvements Agreement: Southern Lehigh School District and Upper Saucon Township
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached Subdivision and Land Development Improvements agreement between Southern Lehigh School District and Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County.**
    - 1. [Subdivision and Land Development Improvements Agreement: Southern Lehigh School District and Upper Saucon Township](#)

- b. Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, Waiver, and Indemnity Agreement for Southern Lehigh School District
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, Waiver, and Indemnity Agreement for Southern Lehigh School District.**
    - 1. [Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, Waiver, and Indemnity Agreement for Southern Lehigh School District](#)

## 10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Anthony Pidgeon provided a brief overview of all agenda items, a through c under category 10. Human Resources.

### **Motion to take items a through c together under category 10. Human Resources.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by William Lycett

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Stephen Maund

- a. First Reading of Policies 000, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006.1, 006, 007, 011, 012, 016 and 019.
  - i. **Motion to approve the First Reading of policies, 000, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006.1, 006, 007, 011, 012, 016 and 019.**
    - 1. [Policies First Reading](#)
- b. Second Reading of Policies 808, 236.1 and 805.2
  - i. **Motion to approve the Second Reading of policies, 808, 236.1 and 805.2**
    - 1. [Policies Second Reading](#)
- c. Human Resources Report
  - i. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.**
    - 1. [Human Resources Report](#)

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee Reports were provided for the following:
  - i. Facilities Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday in February. Executive session was noted at the last Facilities Committee meeting which was held on January 17, 2023.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Curriculum committee proposed by Mary Joy Reinartz. Discussion occurred among Board members regarding interest and need for a committee. History of past practice provided. A vote will be taken at the February Board meeting regarding this matter.
- b. *Southern Lehigh School District currently has female wrestlers competing on both its middle school and high school teams. By way of this correspondence, we express support for the PIAA to sanction the formation of girls wrestling as a PIAA sport to provide our athletes the opportunity to compete with other female athletes across our region and state.*
  - i. Michael Mahon provided information regarding item b under section 12. New Business. A letter will be drafted to offer our support. Comments occurred by the Board.

*Nicole King left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.*

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. No agenda items or discussion.

## **14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a. **Field Trip Requests:**
  - i. [HS Field Trip Catasauqua HS STAR 12.14.22](#)
  - ii. [HS Field Trip DeSales Univ-Computer Science Students 12.20.22](#)
  - iii. [HS Field Trip LB, HW, IS and Valley Manor Meistersingers 12.14-16.22](#)
  - iv. [HS Field Trip PPL Center Phantoms Hockey Meistersingers:Chorus 3 13 22](#)
  - v. [JPLIS Field Trip 6th grade instrumental Music Parkland High School 1.13.23](#)
  - vi. [HS Honors A & P DaVinci Center Allentown 4.17.23](#)
  - vii. [JPLIS Field Trip 6th Grade Chorus Students, PMEA Elementary Songfest-Palmerton High School, Palmerton, PA 3.16.23](#)
  - viii. [HS Speech and Debate Team Moravian Academy 2.11.23](#)
- b. **Conference Application Requests**
  - i. [January 2023 Conference Requests](#)
- c. **Graduate Study**



<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>COURSE/PROGRAM PRE-APPROVAL</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>REIMBURSE MENT</b>	<b>COLUMN MOVEM ENT</b>	<b>ACMC APPROVAL DATE</b>
Carli Rasich	Elem Teacher	Library Science / Media Technology K-12	Kutztown	Yes	Yes	1/17/2023
Andrew Miller	Tech Ed Teacher	Special Education Certification	Moravian University	Yes	Yes	1/17/2023

**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 7:44 p.m

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Lobley*

*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*