



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024**

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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, March 11, 2024 pending approval.

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

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Ethan Ake-Little, Brian Mansfield, Louis Pepe, Melissa Petronio, Michael Rohrbach, Tamara Solometo, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle

Others present: Anne Marie Loblely

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Emily Gehman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- b. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock
 - ii. Absent: None
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - i. Emily Gehman 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. Jamie Caverly spoke on the topic of the Education Committee

3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- a. District Updates

- i. Dr. Karen Trinkle provided the following district updates: spring sports started last week, SLHS Spring musical begins tomorrow with the preview and dinner for community senior citizens. Read Across America events were held all last week, thank you to all staff and volunteers to make these events enjoyable for our students. Professional development occurred for StudySync on March 8th to prepare faculty for the upcoming school year. Brief update provided on our summer program jump start, vote will be coming to the Board for this at the end of the month.

4. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

The Education committee report was taken prior to items b & c under category 4.

Curriculum/Student and Staff Services. Committee Chair, Timothy Kearney provided a brief update on the 2/27/24 Education committee meeting noting the presentations and vetting process provided for both SM Savia for Spanish Immersion materials for grades 1-5 and Savvas for Social Studies Core Curriculum materials for grades 6 & 7. Questions and comments occurred by the Board prior to the vote.

- a. Memorandum of Understanding-Head Start of the Lehigh Valley

- i. **Motion to approve agreement between Southern Lehigh School District and Community Services for Children, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start of the Lehigh Valley.**

- 1. [MOU Community Services for Children, Inc \(Head Start\) SLSD 3.2024-3.2029](#)

Motion: Mary Joy Reinartz, seconded by Nicole King

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

Abstain: None

Motion to take items b & c together under category 4. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services

Motion: Stephen Maund, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion Carried

Discussion occurred prior to motion

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- b. SM Savia for Core Curriculum Materials for Spanish Immersion Grades 1-5
 - i. **Motion to approve the quotation from SM Savia for Core Curriculum materials Spanish Immersion Grades 1-5**
 - 1. [SM Savia Quote Spanish Immersion Grades 1-5](#)
- c. Savvas for Social Studies Core Curriculum Materials Grades 6 & 7
 - i. **Motion to approve Savvas for Social Studies Core Curriculum materials Grade 6 and 7**
 - 1. [Savvas Quote Social Studies Core Curriculum Grades 6 & 7](#)

5. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- a. Lou Pepe, Director of Business Services, will provide an update regarding Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program applications.
 - i. The following was provided in Mr. Pepe's update: information on the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program, deadline to complete, May 1, 2024 (application process underway), fees to apply were highlighted along with what projects would be eligible under this grant. Criteria to qualify for the grants noted and what the impact would be on the eligible projects if we are successful with this grant. Resolution will be needed to apply for the grant. A motion will be placed on the end of March agenda. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education Committee: Majority of committee report was provided prior to the voting items in Curriculum/Staff Services. Agenda topics were noted for the next committee meeting which is scheduled for 4/4/24 4:15 pm, SLHS Boardroom
- b. Technology Committee: next meeting is scheduled for 3/18/24 at 4:15 pm in the Administration Building Conference Room. The committee will be looking at some troubleshooting items and what to look forward to regarding the deployment of hardware.

- c. Policy Committee: Committee met on 3/6/24 reviewed and discussed the 120 policies. Proposed changes will go for solicitor review. Next scheduled meeting is 4/3/24 at 2 pm in the Administration Building conference room.
- d. Facilities Committee: no report provided
- e. LCTI: Budget approval underway. Reorganization and alignment of committees occurring along with review of processes (done every five years). Community services such as baked goods and cosmetology services available. Please see the LCTI [website](#) for information.
- f. ACMC: No report, will be meeting on March 20th.
- g. CLIU21: No report, meeting will be held later this month.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following new business items were noted: thank you to staff extended for opening spaces to students to observe Ramadan. Report on the Administration's progress regarding the HS Library requested. Preliminary discussions of HS library did occur at the last Facilities meeting and this will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting on 4/2/24. Updates provided on Robotics, the HS Musical and how the online SAT went. Lastly, any educators who would like to march in the Allentown St. Patricks parade, please reach out to Timothy Kearney.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

9. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. [Field Trip Requests](#)

10. VISITORS' COMMENTS

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board.
 - i. Julie Bird spoke on the topic of education committee feedback and thanks.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn
 - i. Emily Gehman adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm
 - 1. Motion by: Eric Boyer

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