



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

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 11, 2024 pending approval.**

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

**Members absent:** Nicole King

**Administrators present:** Ethan Ake-Little, Andria Buchman, Lynn Chromiak, Eric Fluck, Michael Mahon, Brian Mansfield, Sean McGinty, Joshua Miller, Louis Pepe, Tamara Solometo, Karen Trinkle, Deanna Webb

**Others present:** Anne Marie Lobley

**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, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock
  - ii. Absent: Nicole King
- 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. Orrin Bossert spoke on the topic of library renovations

### 3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- a. Michael Mahon provided the following Superintendent updates: Gratitude extended to our veterans. Many wonderful events took place across our District today to honor our Veterans. Notation was made that great success is occurring not only on our athletics fields but in our classrooms as well. This will be highlighted in the student achievement presentation this evening.

### 4. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

- a. Student Achievement Presentation
  - i. Dr. Karen Trinkle opened the presentation noting broad areas of outcome and student trends that would be highlighted. Reaching or exceeding standards is our District's goal. A general overview of the future ready index was provided by Dr. Karen Trinkle. Dr. Tamera Solometo followed with an overview PVAAS and EMetric Data providing an explanation of achievement and growth data. Presentation continued with reports from each building Principal on student achievements and growth at all grade levels. Questions and comments occurred by the Board following each building's presentation.

- 1. [SLSD 2024-2025 Data Presentation](#)

*Stephen Maund left at 7:18 and returned at 7:21.*

*Eric Boyer left at 7:21 and returned at 7:24.*

- b. 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 on May 30, 2025 per the attachment below.**
    - 1. [External Licence Agreement between Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District](#)

Thanks extended Administration for finding an alternative date.

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded by Candi Kruse

Motion carried

Discussion occurred

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

Nay: None

Absent: Nicole King

Abstain: None

**5. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES**

**6. TECHNOLOGY**

- a. Consider a motion to enter into an agreement with PSBA for the provision of BoardDocs Pro at an approximate recurring cost of \$10,500 per year pending solicitor review.

Motion: Melissa Torba, seconded by Timothy Kearney

Motion carried

Discussion/comments occurred

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

Nay: None

Absent: Nicole King

Abstain: None

**7. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

**8. SUPPORT SERVICES**

**9. HUMAN RESOURCES**

- a. Human Resources Report

- i. Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.

- 1. [Human Resources Report](#)

Motion: Candi Kruse, seconded by Timothy Kearney

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

Absent: Nicole King

Abstain: None

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Education Committee: Update provided regarding secondary Math Curriculum Review: Big Ideas Learning. The Education Committee supports this and a motion will be on the November 25, 2024 School Board Agenda. A six year contract will be suggested. We are currently using this product; however, this will be a newer version. Improvements of the updated version were then made. Materials will be available to the public for review if this is approved at the November 25, 2024 Board meeting. Professional development will occur in Spring 2025 with implementation in Fall 2025. A brief summary was provided on all agenda items discussed at the November 4, 2024 Education Committee meeting. Brief overview of the HS Library renovation project was made with an update on the last steering committee meeting for this project.
- b. Facilities Committee: Louis Pepe provided a brief update regarding roof bids. Explanation for bid extensions was noted. Current deadline for bids is November 13, 2024. Extension should not impact the Summer 2025 project start dates. HVAC and exhaust systems will need to be lifted with a crane at both schools when roof replacement occurs. Looking into replacement for some HVAC or exhaust fans vs removal and replacement of existing HVAC and exhaust fans. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. The following other business items were discussed:
  - i. Timothy Kearney noted that he attended the October 29th Senior Citizens dinner and Fall play. Thanks extended to Food Services and the Key Club Students for assisting with the Senior Citizens dinner. Both were great events. Looking forward to the Spring play, Legally Blond.
  - ii. Emily Gehman extended a thank you to our Veterans and thanks to all of our staff that made the Veterans Day events happen throughout our District.

## **13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a. [Professional Development Conference Requests](#)
- b. [Field Trip Requests](#)

## **14. 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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Adjourn
  - i. Emily Gehman adjourned the meeting at: 8:50 pm
    - 1. Motion: Candi Kruse

*Respectfully submitted:*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne Marie Loble".

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