



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

**Southern Lehigh School District
Teaching and Learning Workshop
November 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, November 13, 2023 pending approval.

Members present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Waycok.

Members absent: None

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

Others present: Anne Marie Lobley

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Mary Joy Reinartz called the meeting to order at: 6:30 pm.
- b. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, 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 before us for a vote.
 - i. Lisa Maloney spoke on the topic of the amendment to existing agreement for the Superintendent Contract and upgrades to SLHS Auditorium.
 - ii. Dodd Lamberton spoke on the topic of proposed change to the Superintendent's contract.
 - iii. Kathleen Parsons spoke on the topic of thanking departing Board members.

3. MINUTES

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023**
 - 1. [September 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023**
 - 1. [October 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to take items a & b 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, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Waycok

Nay: None

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- a. Board Acknowledgement
 - i. Michael Mahon acknowledged and thanked the departing Board members. Priya Sareen expressed her departing comments.
- b. Act 1 Resolution and Budget Discussions
 - i. Act 1 resolution on this evening's agenda, purpose of this is to note that we would not be increasing taxes outside of the Act 1 index.
- c. Literacy nights were held at our schools. Community turnout was positive. Teachers volunteered and engaged with parents. A thank you was extended to Principals.
- d. District Veterans day celebrations were noted. Our students did a fantastic job expressing their appreciation to the Veterans in our community.
- e. Dr. Trinkle will be providing a presentation on Student Achievement this evening.

- i. Dr. Karen Trinkle will present on Student Achievement
 - 1. [SLSD 2022-2023 Data Presentation 11.13.23](#)

Dr. Karen Trinkle, Dr. Tamera Solometo and School Principals presented SLSD 2022-2023 Student Achievement indicating measures used to determine achievement. Principals presented the data for each of their locations. Dr. Solometo concluded the presentation noting how this data will shape curriculum initiatives and professional development moving forward. Questions and comments occurred by the Board throughout the presentation.

Stephen Maund left the meeting location at 8:05 pm and returned at 8:08 pm

5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

- a. External License Agreement Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District
 - i. **Motion to Approve the External License Agreement between Lehigh University Department of Athletics and Southern Lehigh School District for the purpose of Southern Lehigh District Graduation on May 31, 2024 per the attachment below.**
 - 1. [2024 External License Agreement Lehigh University](#)

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion Carried

Discussion followed

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

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

7. TECHNOLOGY

8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Chris Wayock left the meeting location at 8:14 pm returned at 8:17pm

Louis Pepe provided a brief overview of the items listed in category 8. Business and Finance. Update provided on the HS auditorium. Questions and comments occurred by the Board. Bills list update provided. Notation was made that we will not exceed the Act 1 index.

Motion to take items a & b together under category 8. Business and Finance

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Nicole King

Motion Carried

No discussion followed

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

- a. Bills List
 - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated November 13, 2023**
 - 1. [November 13, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)

- b. Approval of Resolution with regard to Act 1 of Special Session No. 1 of 2006
 - i. **Motion to approve the Resolution with regard to Act 1 of Special Session No. 1 of 2006**
 - 1. [Act 1 Resolution Index 2024-2025](#)

9. SUPPORT SERVICES

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Ake-Little provided an update on the Human Resources report and the motion to appoint Attorney Sultanik as the Districts Labor attorney.

- a. **Motion to appoint Jeffrey Sultanik of Fox Rothschild as SLSD Labor Attorney.**
 - i. [Engagement Letter](#)

- b. [Human Resources Report](#)
 - i. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.**

Motion to approve the HR report and the engagement letter for Attorney Sultanik with the exception of item B in the HR report- amendment to the existing agreement(s), item a Superintendent of Schools Contract which will be taken separately.

Motion Emily Gehman, seconded by Priya Sareen

No discussion followed

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

Motion to approve item B Amendment to Existing Agreement(s), item a-Superintendent of Schools Contract only in the Human Resources Report.

Motion: Nicole King, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Discussion occurred

Yea: Stephen Maund, Jeffrey Dimmig, Christopher Wayock, Nicole King, William Lycett, Mary Joy Reinartz

Nay: Emily Gehman, Kyle Gangewere, Priya Sareen

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The following committee reports were made:
 - i. Facilities Committee: Summary provided of last Facilities meeting noting the following: two areas of the punch list for stadium were discussed, maintenance plans for facilities as outlined by EI Associates. The January 2024 budget presentation will include more detail regarding items noted by EI. HS Auditorium improvements were also discussed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. [Field Trip Requests](#)
- b. [Conference Requests November 2023](#)

15. VISITORS' COMMENTS

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
 - i. No visitor comments were made at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder