



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting  
Monday, November 21, 2022**

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November 21, 2022  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 21, 2022 pending approval.**

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

**Members absent:** None

**Administrators present:** Andria Buchman, Michael Mahon, Benjamin McConnell, Louis Pepe, Anthony Pidgeon, Michael Rohrbach, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle

**Others Present:** Attorney Jessica Moyer (King, Spry, Herman Freund & Faul, LLC), Anne Marie Loble

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting was called to order by Mary Joy Reinartz at: 6:39 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock
  - 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. No visitor comments 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 matters and potential litigation. Michael Mahon noted in committee reports that an Executive Session was held at the November 15, 2022 Facilities Committee Meeting for the purposes of legal matters.
- b. Approval Board Minutes October 24, 2022
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Minutes of October 24, 2022**
    - 1. [October 24, 2022 School Board Minutes](#)
- c. Approval Board Workshop Minutes of November 7, 2022
  - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Workshop Minutes of November 7, 2022**
    - 1. [November 7, 2022 Board Workshop Minutes](#)

**Motion to take items B & C together under category 3. Minutes.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Christopher Wayock

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

Nay: None

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT**

- a. Brief update provided regarding the Steam Club, agenda item five b under Curriculum/Student and Staff Services provided.
- b. Construction update
  - i. Update provided regarding the HVAC project at the High School which is on the agenda for vote this evening under Support Services ,category 9 item a. Administrative details are currently underway regarding the stadium project. The hope is to begin the stadium project soon.

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

Dr. Karen Trinkle provided a brief overview of PCCD grant 38419, item a under Curriculum/Student and Staff Services.

**Motion to take items a & b together under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services.**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

- a. PCCD Grant 38419 PCCD Mental Health Supports and School Safety
    - i. **Motion to approve the PCCD Grant 38419 PCCD Mental Health Supports and School Safety.**
      - 1. [PCCD Grant 38419 PCCD Mental Health Supports and School Safety](#)
  - b. High School MRC (Manufacturing Resources Center) STEAM Pilot Club
    - i. **Motion to approve the High School Manufacturer's Resource Center(MRC) STEAM Pilot Club in accordance with Board policy 123.2.**
      - 1. [SLSD & MRC High School STEM Pilot Club 2022 2023 SY](#)
- 6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES**
- a. No agenda items noted
- 7. TECHNOLOGY**
- a. No agenda items noted.
- 8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Louis Pepe provided a brief overview of agenda items a through d under category 8. Business and Finance. Bill list for November 2022 and the Treasurer's report for October 2022ts noted. Update regarding the resolution with regard to Act 1 of Special session No. 1 of 2006 provided. Act 1 index is 4.1. Notation made by Mr. Pepe that we will not come close to exceeding this index.

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

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, Seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried

No discussion.

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

Nay: None

Board discussion followed the vote.

- a. Bills List
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated November 21, 2022**
    1. [November 21, 2022 SLSD Bills List Summary and Detail](#)
- b. Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of October 2022
  - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of October 2022**
    1. [October Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
- c. 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 as attached:**
    1. [Act 1 Resolution Index 2023-2024](#)
- d. Approval of annual support for the Southern Lehigh Public Library for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year
  - i. **Motion to Approve the first payment of \$17,850 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library representing one quarter of the district's annual contribution as allocated in the 2022-2023 budget under GRANTS TO OTHERS. Subsequent requests for disbursement will be presented to the board in January 2023, March 2023, and June 2023.**

## 9. SUPPORT SERVICES

Louis Pepe provided a brief overview of agenda item a under category 9. Support Services. El Associates did present twice to the Facilities Committee regarding this project. Holistic assessment was done with priorities established for all district projects. Preventive maintenance by District staff has enabled many units of our HVAC to go well beyond expected life. Mr. Pepe closed out this update noting 1.5 million will be billed to ESSER funds for the High School HVAC Project.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

- a. High School Mechanical Upgrades
  - i. **Motion to Approve the proposal dated October 4, 2022, for professional services submitted by EI Associates, 2001 N. Front St., Bldg #3, Harrisburg, PA 17102 for High School Mechanical Upgrades on a lump sum fee of \$146,700.00 as follows. *Please note a portion of this project will be funded through ARP ESSER Grant Funding.***
    - 1. [EI Associates](#)
      - a. Phase I - Detailed Design and Documentation - \$98,990.00
      - b. Phase II - Bidding - \$5,720.00
      - c. Phase III - Construction Administration - \$41,990.00

## **10. HUMAN RESOURCES**

Anthony Pidgeon provided a brief overview of the agenda items listed under category 10. Human Resources. First read of policies noted. Only minor adjustments were made by the Solicitor. Board discussion occurred. Requests for changes to be in red or with cross outs made for future first reads. Update provided regarding the affiliation agreement and the Human Resources Report. Substitute concerns from the Board expressed.

- a. Board Policies First Reading
  - i. **Motion to approve the first reading of the following board policies.**
    - 1. [Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment](#)
    - 2. [Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel](#)
    - 3. [Policy 808 Food Services](#)

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

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

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

Nay: None

Dr. Trinkle extended a welcome to our new Director of Curriculum, Tamara Solometo who was present this evening.

- b. Eastern School of Nursing Affiliation Agreement
  - i. **Motion to approve the Cooperative School Nurse Practicum Affiliation Agreement for 2022-2023 with Eastern School of Nursing.**
    - 1. [Eastern School of Nursing Cooperative School Nurse Practicum Affiliation Agreement](#)
- c. Human Resource Report
  - i. **The following Personnel items are presented for discussion and action by the Southern Lehigh School District Board of Directors:**
    - 1. [Human Resources Report](#)

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. A CLIU Board meeting is being held tonight. Nothing to report at this time.
- b. Facilities Committee update provided. The committee will be updated regarding the JPLIS brick issue at the next scheduled Facilities Committee meeting. Post this meeting a vote will be coming to the Board regarding this issue. Michael Mahon noted that an Executive session was held at the last Facilities Committee meeting.
- c. A LCTI Board meeting is being held tonight. Stephen Maund noted that the LCTI Open House was well attended. Encouragement made to check out this impressive facility.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Attorney Lincoln Treadwell, Consultant for Lower Saucon Township and Thomas Beil, Township Manager for Upper Saucon Township will address the Board and Public regarding Library Discussions.
  - i. Attorney Treadwell provided a detailed update and addressed questions and concerns from the Board regarding Lower Saucon's position regarding the Hellertown and Southern Lehigh Library. Thomas Beil then spoke briefly regarding the current position of Upper Saucon in regards to the Southern Lehigh Library and Lower Saucon's request to join. Questions and comments followed. Gratitude expressed to Upper Saucon Township for all the support provided to the District.

*Notation: Jeffrey Dimming left the meeting at 8:01 pm and returned at 8:09 p.m.*

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a. Field Trips
  - i. [HS 11/4/22 Boy/Girls Basketball Trip to JPLIS-March Madness Reading Assembly](#)
  - ii. [HS 11/2/22 Aavidum Youth Mental Health Summer Arts Quest, Bethlehem, PA](#)
  - iii. [HS AP 2D Art and Design, SV Promenade Shops, Center Valley, PA](#)
- b. Athletic Overnight Trips 2022-2023
  - i. [2022-2023 Athletic Overnight Trips Pending Qualification](#)

- c. Professional Development Conference Requests
  - i. Attached for review please find the Professional Development Conference Requests for Board and Public Review for the 11/21/2022 School Board Meeting.

- 1. [SLSD Professional Development Conference Requests November 21, 2022](#)

**15. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board.
  - i. No public comments were made at this time.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble*

*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*