



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors  
School Board Workshop  
Monday, November 7, 2022**

**Southern Lehigh School District  
Teaching and Learning Workshop  
November 7, 2022  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Teaching and Learning Workshop Minutes Monday, November 7, 2022  
pending approval.**

**Members present:** Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock, Jeffery Dimmig (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

**Members absent:** None

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

**Others Present:** Anne Marie Lobley

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting was called to order by Mary Joy Reinartz at: 6:32 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance: Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock, Jeffery Dimmig (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
- 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. Tim Kearney spoke on various topics.

### **3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES**

- a. Michael Mahon provided updates on the following:
  - i. Acknowledgment made for the following: Veterans Day on November 11, 2022, the upcoming SLSD High School play, Mother Hick's running 11/9/22 through 11/12/2022 and the success of all athletic teams this fall season. Update: Bus Stop Permits/Green slips will return following parent teacher conferences. Return date is tentatively scheduled for November 29, 2022. Information will be released on parameters for usage from each school.
- b. Southern Lehigh Public Library Discussion
  - i. Michael Mahon welcomed representatives from the Southern Lehigh Library for an open discussion on operations and funding. Library representatives present: Bruce Eames, Lynnette Saeger, Kathy Parsons, Candi Hartman, Mark Sullivan and Kat Moyer. Packets (which were previously provided to the Board) were distributed for review. Representatives provided information on the library's current budget, Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Library status and the impact on Southern Lehigh Library. Bylaws were addressed, potential tax referendum for Spring noted. Strategic planning process outlined. Questions occurred between Board members and the library. Motion will be added to the November 21, 2022 Board meeting for vote on releasing funds budgeted for Southern Lehigh Library from the District.

### **4. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- a. Presentation by Christopher Gibbons of Concord Public Financial Advisors and Kevin Reid, Bond Counsel, King Spry regarding financial obligations.
  - i. Mr. Gibbons and Attorney Reid were in attendance to discuss financial obligations for the District. Mr. Gibbons outlined the motion that appears on the agenda this evening noting Embassy bank offered the best rate. Bond vs Bank loan financing briefly explained. The general obligation note series of 2022 would be used for district capital improvements explained in the motion. Principal schedule and interest rates highlighted. Wrap around explained. Questions and discussion occurred. Attorney Reid provided a brief update on what would occur next if the motion is approved.
- b. General Obligation Note, Series of 2022 - \$8,039,000.00
  - i. **Motion to approve the 2022 Financing Project - \$8M to undertake a capital improvement plan including renovation, alterations and improvements to the School's Stadium and JPL Intermediate School**

**and such other capital projects of the School District as authorized by the Board**

**1. [2022 Financing Project Resolution](#)**

Motion: Stephen Maund, seconded by Kyle Gangewere

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

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

a. Academic Reporting and Initiatives

- i. Dr. Karen Trinkle presented on Academic Reporting and Initiative expressing that this is just a preview of what will be presented in December. Progress in early literacy programs outlined. Update provided on dual enrollment and additional courses added this year. Positive student outcomes, goal setting data and metrics highlighted. Success of the Summer Ramp Up program was noted. Data points in the December presentation briefly explained. Expansion of our after school programming will be coming for grades seven through twelve. Questions and comments occurred by the Board. Michael Mahon encouraged the Board to visit our elementary schools to see Foundations in action.

1. [11/7/22 Presentation: Academic Reporting & Initiatives](#)

**6. New Business**

- a. Dual sport registration restrictions concerns noted.

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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Adjourn
  - i. Meeting was adjourned at: 8:28 p.m. by Mary Joy Reinartz

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