



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors
School Board Workshop Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2022**

**Southern Lehigh School District
Teaching and Learning Workshop
October 10, 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, October 10, 2022
pending approval.**

Members present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Nicole King, William Lycett,, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Members absent: Emily Gehman, Stephen Maund

Administrators present: Andria Buchman, Connor Mackey, Michael Mahon, Joshua Miller, Louis Pepe, Anthony Pidgeon, 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 6:30 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Jeffrey Dimmig, Kyle Gangewere, Nicole King, William Lycett, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock
 - ii. Absent: Emily Gehman, Stephen Maund
- 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. John Barone spoke on the topic of communication during lockdown events.
 - ii. Nicole Dolan spoke on the topic of the universal free breakfast program.

3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- a. Michael Mahon provided updates on the following:
 - i. Closely monitoring the interest rate environment and reallocation of our investments. Notation made regarding rising interest rates and impact on funding mechanisms for upcoming projects.
 - ii. Acknowledgement of today's Act 80 Professional Learning Day and Dr. Trinkle's training regarding crisis management and safety and Andria Buchman's training with our nursing team regarding intervention.
 - iii. Current Niche 2022 ranking of #17 of the best places to teach in Pennsylvania noted.
 - iv. Update on transportation made. Increased drivers now for routes. Situation is improving. Green slips should return next month as long as we do not have any setbacks with drivers.
 - v. Met with homecoming court last week. Over \$46,000 was raised for charity. A process will be developed between students and administration regarding participation and raising funds for charity.
 - vi. Shortage of nurses for field trips expressed. The Bayada contract will be signed tomorrow by the Superintendent and will come to the Board later this month.
 1. Board discussion occurred regarding communication during safety events with parents and students.

4. SUPPORT SERVICES

- a. High School Mechanical Upgrades
 - i. Louis Pepe provided information regarding progress to date for the High School mechanical upgrades that are needed. Upgrades will be covered by ESSER funding, district surplus funds and loans if needed. Amount of chillers and life expectancy was outlined, along with what will be replaced. Information may appear at the 10/24/2022 Board meeting for review and vote pending that all information is received and approved by the Facilities Committee.

5. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- a. Act 57 of 2022
 - i. Louis Pepe provided information regarding Act 57 of 2022 requiring the School District to adopt a resolution to require its real estate tax collectors(s) **to waive additional charges for the late payment of real**

estate taxes in certain circumstances beginning July 1, 2023 and each tax year thereafter. Resolution will come to the board for a vote.

1. Board discussion occurred.

b. Universal Free Breakfast Program

Louis Pepe provided details regarding the universal free breakfast program. Start times were outlined. Breakfast schedule will go out to parents. Board discussion occurred.

- i. **Motion to approve the Universal Free Breakfast Program for all students enrolled at Southern Lehigh School District beginning Monday, October 17, 2022 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year as part of the SBP (School Breakfast Program) through a federal and state reimbursement program for each breakfast served that meets federal requirements; and**

Approval of additional hours for cafeteria staff, through the 2022-2023 SY, who were previously Board approved between 3 hours and 5.5 hours per day, on a rotating basis when possible, not to surpass the Board approved 28.75 hour weekly threshold.

Name	Current Daily Hours	Potential Additional Hours
Brenda Yaich	5.5	.25
Dianne Trevis	5.5	.25
Lynn Yost	5.5	.25
Karen Himmelsbach	4.25	1.5
Lauren Demosthene	4.25	1.5
Heather Occhuizi	3	2.75
Melody Dean	3	2.75
Katie Maloney	3	2.75
Veronica Gress	3	2.75
Kristen Yuhas	5.25	.5
Elizabeth Laubach	5.25	.5
Virginia Stumpf	3	2.75

Pam Kovacs	5.25	.5
Rhonda Moyer	4.5	1.25
Agnes Hacker	4.5	1.25
Cheryl Schaedler	4.5	1.25
Lisa Johnson	4.5	1.25
Wendy Krupa	4	1.75
Patty Lynn-Helmick	3.75	2
Diane Jenny	3.5	2.25
Louise Mindler	4.5	1.25
Lisa Schroy	4	1.75
Tabitha Leaver	3	2.75

Note: The first breakfast meal is free for all enrolled students. Breakfast pricing of \$1.75 at the elementary and intermediate levels and \$2.00 at the secondary level would be for additional meals.

Adult breakfast is also available for \$3.00 per meal.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion Carried

Discussion Followed

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

Nay: None

Absent: Emily Gehman, Stephen Maund

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. Separation Agreement

i. Motion to approve the separation agreement for employee number 007170.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

Motion Carried

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

Nay: None

Absent: Emily Gehman, Stephen Maund

Discussion followed the vote regarding substitute teachers.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Southern Lehigh Library
 - i. Discussion regarding the recent communication from the Southern Lehigh Library to Board members and District Administration occurred. The Board will meet publicly with the District representative from the library tentatively at the November 2022 Teaching and Learning workshop to address any questions and or concerns.
- b. Library Resources
 - i. Details were provided regarding a recent challenge of a book provided within a digital library resource available to students through a consortium agreement with the CLIU. The book in question is in digital format, is not present in any of our district libraries and is restricted to high school students only through the on-line resource. Administration is working with the CLIU to better understand how access restrictions work and if this book is appropriately classified. More information will be provided from Administration to the Board as they work with the CLIU on this issue. Discussion occurred among Board members.
- c. Bathroom usage for transgender students
 - i. Correspondence and concerns have been received regarding bathroom usage and gender identity in place of biological sex. Brief explanations of the laws were outlined, Our solicitor who was not present this evening and can address the legality of this matter at future meetings.
- d. Technology concerns
 - i. Discussion regarding technology occurred centering around upgrades to internet access, workflow process for technology tickets and the e-rate funding process. As repairs are determined matters will be brought to the Board for review and vote.

8. 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

9. ADJOURNMENT

a. Adjourn

i. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder