



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting  
Monday, October 23, 2023**

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October 23, 2023  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 23, 2023 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:** Ethan Ake-Little, Michael Mahon, Brian Mansfield, Sean McGinty, Joshua Miller, Louis Pepe, Tamara Solometo, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle, Deanna Webb

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

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Mary Joy Reinartz called the meeting to order at: 6:34 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 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.
  - a. Pat D'Amico spoke on the topic of use of facilities

- b. Renee D'Amico spoke on the topic of use of facilities
- c. Orrin Bossert spoke on the topic of technology

### 3. MINUTES

- a. Executive Session Summary-Board Solicitor
  - i. Attorney Moyer noted that executive sessions were held on the following: Facilities Committee held an executive session on October 17, 2023 to discuss potential litigation and the Negotiations Committee held two executive sessions one on October 19, 2023 and the second on September 21, 2023 for the purpose of contract negotiations preparations.

- b. Approval Board Minutes

Approval of the Board Meeting minutes from September 25, 2023 did not occur. Minutes will be placed on the November 13, 2023 School Board Workshop Agenda for Board Approval.

- i. [September 25, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes](#)

### 4. SUPERINTENDENT

Michael Mahon provided updates on the following:

- a. District Update
  - i. Presentations on ELA for grades 7-11, the High School Library and a board discussion on all day Kindergarten will occur this evening.
- b. Construction update
  - i. Update provided on resolving the technical issues that occurred regarding the score board. Questions and comments occurred from the Board regarding funding and needs for the Arts.
- c. Technology Report
  - i. Update was provided regarding improvements to District technology.

### 5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

Dr. Karen Trinkle briefly noted all agenda items in category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services and introduced Dr. Solometo who presented on Language Arts Curriculum for grades 7-11. Dr. Solometo's presentation highlighted the following: determination of the selection of StudySync and the timeline for the implementation including details on professional development for teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. Questions and comments occurred by the Board. Dr. Karen Trinke then provided a brief presentation on a preliminary vision and outlook for the High School library. Questions and comments occurred by the Board.

- a. [Language Arts Curriculum Presentation](#)
  - i. **Motion to approve StudySync as the English Language Arts Curriculum grades 7-11**
    - 1. [Three year quote](#)

Motion: Emily Gehman, seconded by Priya Sareen,

Motion Carried

Discussion occurred

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

Nay: None

*Mary Joy Reinartz left at 7:55 pm and returned at 7:58 pm*

- b. Southern Lehigh High School Library Presentation and Discussion
  - i. [Southern Lehigh High School Library Presentation](#)
- c. All Day Kindergarten Discussion
  - i. Michael Mahon opened the discussion to the Board. He noted that tonight is just a discussion among the Board regarding the topic, no action would be done. Discussion occurred among Board members indicating that research on what other schools are doing, why they are doing it and what they learned when transitioning to all day K would be needed. A study of what is driving the need for all day K within our community along with an analysis of how our students are performing academically compared to how students are performing with all day K would also be helpful.
- d. Southern Lehigh Middle School Robotics Club Funding
  - i. **Motion to approve the Southern Lehigh Middle School Robotics Club with funding provided by Team 834 SparTechs Foundation.**

Dr. Karen Trinkle provided a brief overview of the motion for the Middle School Robotics Club.

Motion: Emily Gehman, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion carried.

Discussion occurred.

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

Nay: None

- 6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES**
- 7. TECHNOLOGY**
- 8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Louis Pepe provided a brief update regarding the items in section 8. Business and Finance and section 9. Support Services.

**Motion to take items a through c in category 8. Business and Finance and item a in category 9. Support Services**

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by William Lycett

Motion carried.

Discussion occurred.

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

Nay: None

- a. Bills List
  - i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated October 23, 2023.**
    - 1. [October 23, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)
- b. Treasurer's Report and Investment Reports for the months of August and September 2023
  - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the months of August and September 2023.**
    - 1. [August, 2023 Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
    - 2. [September 2023 Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)
- c. Tax Settlements
  - i. [Motion to approve real estate tax settlement with property PID 641551184529-2.](#)
  - ii. [Motion to approve real estate tax settlement with property PID641573886583.](#)

**9. SUPPORT SERVICES**

- a. Change Order Approval - Athletic Fields of America
  - i. **Motion to approve Change Order #CO-09 - Additional Asphalt in the amount of \$24,977.52 (see attached)**
    - 1. [Change Order #CO-09 - Additional Asphalt](#)

**10. HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dr. Ethan Ake-Little provided a brief update of all agenda items under category 10. Human Resources.

**Motion to take items a and b together under category 10. Human Resources with exception of item b in the Human Resources Report.**

Motion: Priya Sareen, seconded by Kyle Gangewere

Motion carried.

No discussion occurred

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

Nay: None

**Motion to approve part B of the Human Resources Report, settlement agreement with employee number 007963**

Motion: Priya Sareen, seconded by William Lycett

Motion carried

No discussion occurred

Yea:., Nicole King, William Lycett, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Nay: Kyle Gangewere and Emily Gehman

Abstain: Jeffrey Dimming

- a. [Human Resources Report](#)
  - i. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.**
- b. [Clinical Education Affiliation Agreement](#)
  - i. **Motion to approve the clinical education affiliation agreement between Southern Lehigh School District and Moravian University.**

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. The following committee reports were provided:
  - i. Facilities Committee: William Lycett noted that EI will be coming next month for a district facilities assessment. The punch list for the stadium was discussed at the last meeting along with an update on the HVAC project. Update provided regarding what occurred last week with the Scoreboard. Discussion occurred among the Board and Administration.
  - ii. Negotiations Committee: Mary Joy Reinartz indicated that the Negotiations committee has begun to meet.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Question occurred regarding the Southern Lehigh Public Library third quarter payment. Louis Pepe noted that there would not be a separate motion for this and it will be paid timely and listed on the bills list along with all other district bills.

**14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**15. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. No visitor comments were made at this time.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. An Executive Session was held at the conclusion of this meeting.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 9:25 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Lobley*

*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*