



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022**

**Board of School Directors Meeting
October 24, 2022
Southern Lehigh High School
High School Boardroom
5800 Main Street
Center Valley, PA 18034
6:30 p.m.**

School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 24, 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, Lynn Chromiak, Michael Mahon, Benjamin McConnell, Sean McGinty, Louis Pepe, Anthony Pidgeon, Connor Mackey, 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. Meeting was called to order at: 6:38 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. Maria Ault spoke on the topic of school issues.
 - ii. Bill Young spoke on the topic of bathroom policy and parents rights.
 - iii. William Scheinler spoke on the topic of the Intermediate School.
 - iv. Rochelle Friel spoke on the topic of gender affirmation training.
 - v. Kim Snyder spoke on the topic of gender ideology.
 - vi. Tim Kearney spoke on various topics.
 - vii. Nicole Dolan spoke on the topic of students.

3. MINUTES

- a. Executive Session Summary-Board Solicitor
 - i. Jessica Moyer indicated that there was an executive session on the following dates: October 18, 2022 to discuss a legal matter and October 24, 2022 to discuss several student related issues.
- b. Approval Board Minutes September 26, 2022
 - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Minutes of September 26, 2022**
 - 1. [September 26, 2022 School Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Approval Board Workshop Minutes of October 10, 2022
 - i. **Motion to Approve the Board Workshop Minutes of October 10, 2022**
 - 1. [October 10, 2022 Board Workshop Minutes](#)

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

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by William Lycett

Motion Carried

Discussion followed, Stephen Maund asked to abstain from October 10, 2022 minutes due to absence at that meeting. Vote will be taken on each meeting.

Motion to approve the School Board Meeting minutes dated September 26, 2022

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by William Lycett

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

Motion to approve the School Board Workshop minutes dated October 10, 2022

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded by Kyle Gangewere

Motion Carried

No discussion followed

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

Abstain: Stephen Maund

Nay: None

4. SUPERINTENDENT

a. Construction update

- i. Michael Mahon noted that Mr. Pepe will provide the primary report on District Facilities centering around cash management and financing. Update provided on the E-Rate Grant Agreement with Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12, Motion for this item is listed on this evening's agenda. Agreement will be used to apply for grant funding to improve technology infrastructure. Expected results from the applied grants would be March 2023. Switches and access points will be ordered as soon as possible to avoid delays in the supply chain. Board will be posted as updates occur. Discussion occurred regarding visitor topics this evening. Solicitor responded with legal precedent.

b. Director of Business Services presentation;

Louis Pepe, Director of Business Services presented the following items below. A handout was provided to the Board.

- i. Cash Management discussed. Simplifying liquidity, classifying cash explained, gauging needs, interest and increasing rate of return highlighted along with the investment plan. Goals outlined, security of our deposits detailed according to Act 72, short and long term investment plans explained..
- ii. Financing of Stadium Project, JPLIS brick repairs and HVAC through G.O. Bank Note \$8M explained. Three step approach was highlighted. Capital projects currently noted for repair or upgrades were made. Mr. Pepe then outlined how we prepared to determine our financial needs for such repairs or upgrades. Further details regarding advertising for a bank note were provided and the timeline for when the motion will come to the Board for vote explained. Discussion occurred among Board members and Administration.

5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

- a. No agenda items at this time.

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Karen Trinkle provided a brief overview of the agenda items noted in category 6. Special Education and Student Services.

- a. Caron Foundation Services for the 2022-2023 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the Letter for programs/services for 3.5 days per week (23.5 hours each week) from the Caron Foundation to be shared by Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, Southern Lehigh Middle School, and Southern Lehigh High School. *Grant Funding- (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) PCCD Grant 35420 and 38419**
 - 1. [Caron Foundation Agreement 2022-2023 School Year](#)

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

- b. Bayada Contract for School Nursing Services 2022-2023 School Year
 - i. **Motion to approve the Bayada contract for school nursing services to provide supplemental and/or substitute school nursing services in our district for the 2022-23 school year.**
 - 1. [Bayada Nursing Services SLSD 2022 2023](#)

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 Wayock

Nay: None

7. TECHNOLOGY

a. E-Rate Grant Agreement with Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12

- i. **Consider a motion to approve the agreement with Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 for the provision of E-rate grant coordination and compliance.**

1. [SLSD 2023-2024 E-Rate Consulting Agreement.](#)

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Emily Gehman

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

8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Louis Pepe, Director of Business Services provided an overview of all of the agenda topics under category 8. Business and Finance

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

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. Bills List

- i. **Motion to approve the attached bills list dated October 24, 2022:**

1. [October 24, 2022 Bills List](#)

b. Act 57 of 2022

- i. **Motion to approve authorization for the 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 to comply with Act 57 of 2022 as attached:

1. [Act 57 of 2022 Resolution](#)
- c. Amendment to Agreement with Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. (Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. 7101)
 - i. **Motion to approve of solicitor, interest assessment, and attorney fees and collection fees added to the amount collected as part of unpaid real estate taxes for delinquent accounts as attached:**
 1. [Portnoff Amendment](#)
- d. Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of September 2022
 - i. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of September 2022**
 1. [September Treasurer's Report & Investment Report](#)

9. SUPPORT SERVICES

Louis Pepe provided a brief overview of items a, b and c under category 9. Support Services.

Motion for all items listed under category nine Support Services regarding the stadium construction.

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Priya Sareen

- a. High School Stadium Athletic Field ScoreBoard and Game Clocks
 - i. **Motion to approve the purchase of the high school stadium athletic field scoreboard and game clocks as presented by Daktronics, Inc. Brookings, SD under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchase Agreement Bid Contract #050819-DAK, in the amount of \$263,060.00 as attached:**
 1. [Daktronics, Inc.](#)
 2. [Renderings](#)

Discussion occurred. Request made to have the vote taken separately for the Field ScoreBoard & Game Clocks

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

Nay: None

Vote taken for the items b & c together.

Discussion occurred.

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

Nay: None

- b. High School Stadium Athletic Field Lighting (Amended)
 - i. **Motion to amend resolution #7. Support Services, c (i) High School Stadium Athletic Field Lighting [September 12, 2022 School Board Workshop] for Musco Sports Lighting, in the corrected amount of \$350,000.00 as noted in the attachment:**
 - 1. [Musco Sports Lighting, LLC Amended](#)
- c. Stadium Schematic Drawings
 - i. **Consider a motion to approve the schematic drawings for the Southern Lehigh Stadium Project as noted in the attachment.**
 - 1. [SLSD Schematic Stadium Drawings](#)

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Anthony Pidgeon provided a brief overview of items a & b under category 10. Human Resources.

William Lycett and Christopher Wayock left the room at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

- a. Policies
 - i. **Discussion regarding the following Board Policies**
 - 1. [Policy 808 Food Services](#)
 - a. Discussion occurred regarding board policy 808, Food Services. Request was made to change the Director to His or Her Designee. Change will be made by Mr. Pigeon. No other changes noted.
 - 2. [Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment](#)
 - a. Mr. Pidgeon noted that proposed changes to board policy 236.1, Threat Assessment. No additional changes or discussion occurred by the Board.
 - 3. [Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel](#)
 - a. Discussion occurred regarding board policy 805.2 School Security Personnel. No changes requested. Notation made to use a different color for solicitor comments for first readings.

Motion to take all items listed in the attached Human Resources Report together.

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 Wayock

Nay: None

Holly DeNofa, our new JPLIS Assistant Principal was acknowledged for being in attendance this evening.

- b. Human Resources 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. The following committee reports were provided by the Board:
 - i. No reports noted

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No New Business Topics noted.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The following other business items were mentioned:
 - i. Busing updates provided. Routes are improving, still experiencing minor delays.
 - ii. Free breakfast update: High School and Middle School going well. JPLIS and Elementary school are still experiencing some issues due to late arrivals.
 - iii. Education loss concerns expressed. A brief update on academic reporting and initiatives will be made by Dr. Trinkle at the November board meeting with a detailed report scheduled for our December board meeting.

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Student Field Trips
 - i. [HS Orchestra Band Verizon Hall Philadelphia](#)
 - ii. [HS Desales University Lehigh Valley Youth Leadership + Ethics Conference](#)
 - iii. [HS Intermediate School Walk Language & Culture Appreciation](#)
 - iv. [HS PSPA Regional Student Journalism Competition Penn State Berks Campus](#)
 - v. [HS Physics E & M, Honors Computer Integrated, Honors Prin. of Engr-Bracalente Manufacturing Group Trumbauersville PA](#)
 - vi. [HS Class 2026 LCTI, Schnecksville, PA](#)
 - vii. [HS St Joseph's University, Philadelphia PA SLSD Speech & Debate Team](#)
 - viii. [HS Star Club Officer Meeting, Lehigh County Gov't Center](#)

ix. [HS 11/12 Grade English/Applied Communications, Automotive Training Center, Warminster, PA](#)

b. Conference Requests

i. [Conference Requests for October 2022](#)

15. VISITORS' COMMENTS

a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board

i. Rochelle Friel spoke on the topic of bathroom usage and gender assignment.

ii. Maria Ault spoke on the topic of bathrooms.

iii. Doug Durham spoke on the topic of parents rights

iv. Tim Kearney spoke on various topics.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder