



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors
School Board Workshop Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022**

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Teaching and Learning Workshop Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022
Southern Lehigh High School
High School Boardroom
5800 Main Street
Center Valley, PA 18034
6:30 p.m.**

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pending approval.**

Members present: Jeffrey Dimmig arrived at 6:32 p.m., Kyle Gangewere, Emily Gehman, Nicole King, William Lycett via telephone at 6:30 p.m., arrived in-person at 7:05, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Priya Sareen, Christopher Wayock

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Andria Buchman, Lynn Chromiak, Jack Hankee, Michael Mahon, Joshua Miller, Anthony Pidgeon, Michael Rohrback, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle, Mark Zimmerman

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Mary Joy Reinartz called the meeting to order at: 6:30 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
 1. **Note: Jeffrey Dimmig was not present for roll call; however, arrived at 6:32 p.m. William Lycett was**

present by phone at 6:30 p.m. and arrived in person at 7:05 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. Beth Clausnitzer spoke on the topic of turf fields and present stadium conditions.
 - ii. Trisha Przyuski (Priskey) spoke on the topic of the need for a new stadium.
 - iii. Kim Fritts spoke on the topic of student athletes and current stadium conditions.
 - iv. Angela Traub spoke on the topic of turf fields and stadium updates.
 - v. Jack Inglis spoke on the topic of conditions of the current stadium.
 - vi. Colleen Hutterr spoke on the topic of stadium updates and need for turf.
 - vii. Adrienne Searfoss spoke on the topic of the need for turf fields and the updated stadium.
 - viii. Lori Sams spoke on the topic of support for stadium updates.

3. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Michael Mahon provided a brief overview of District Facilities and outlined the PCCD Grant Allocations as of August 2022.

- a. Facility Update
 - i. On the agenda for vote this evening are the planned renovations to the stadium. A bocce ball court will be added if this is approved. The bocce ball court will expand access to athletes that may not have been able to play a competitive sport before. Notation was made that later this month architect of record interviews will take place with the facilities committee for other district projects such as roofs and HVAC. Final selection of an architect of record will come to the full Board for vote. Board members acknowledged the community for their support of the stadium project. Notation was made regarding the increase of seating on the home side of the stadium if this project is voted forward. New bleachers will be ADA compliant and welcoming for all community members. Quality of turf highlighted and why Shaw was chosen as our vendor. Concerns for usage were addressed and how equitable usage will be handled. Construction will begin immediately following the fall

season. Stadium will be ready by August 2023. Spring sports for this school year will be on the road.

- b. PCCD Grant Allocations (August 2022)
 - i. Gratitude expressed to Dr. Trinkle for submission of a PCCD Grant which has resulted in a \$294,000 award to the District from the state for mental health and school safety. This funding will allow the district to extend the time for our social worker at the district. The grant will also enable us to continue the expansion of the Caron Foundation. Funds from this grant will also be allocated toward the purchase of the Navigate platform to assist with drills and threat assessment. Purchase of a Safety Care training platform for de-escalation and restraint training for staff will be done to ensure that they are compliant. Some of this grant funding will also be allocated toward our school resource officers. Bus updates were addressed and nationwide shortages of bus drivers was stressed. Loss of instruction time due to late buses noted. Suggestions were made to assist in this concern. Community support of current bus drivers was highlighted.

4. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

Motion to take items A under category four, Curriculum/Staff and Student Services and items A, B & C under category five, Special Education and Student Services.

Motion: Emily Gehman, seconded by Christopher Wayock

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. English Language Development (ELD) Family Engagement Night proposal for the 2022-2023 School Year.
 - i. **Motion to consider the attached English Language Development (ELD) Family Engagement Night proposal for the 2022-2023 School Year. Cost for this event would be covered using Title III Funding.**
 - 1. [Proposal for ELD Family Engagement Night Fall 2022](#)

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

- a. Bucks County IU Student Placement

- i. **Motion to approve the Bucks County Intermediate Unit Special Education Services Agreement for the 2022-23 school year per the attachment below.**
 - 1. [Bucks County IU 22 23 School Term Special Education Services Agreement](#)
- b. CHC (SAP)
 - i. **Motion to approve the annual Letter of Agreement for Student Assistance Program Liaison Services through the Center for Humanistic Change for the 2022-23 school year.**
 - 1. [Letter of Agreement Student Assistance Program Liaison Services CHC](#)
- c. Safety Care Training
 - i. **Motion to approve the CLIU21 Workshop Presenter Agreement for Safety Care Initial Certification Training for October 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2022 for selected staff, K-12 (grant funded).**
 - 1. [CLIU 21 Special Programs and Services Department Workshop Presenter Agreement](#)

6. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- a. Bond Counsel
 - i. **Motion for the Board of School Directors of the Southern Lehigh School District to hereby approve the appointment of Kevin C. Reid, Esq. of King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul LLC to serve as Bond Counsel for an estimated Bond or Bank loan not to exceed \$8 Million at a fee amount not to exceed \$12,000 plus expenses.**

In addition as set forth in their proposal dated August 24, 2022, King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul LLC agree to waive the solicitor's fee (typically 50% of Bond Counsel's fee).

Note: All fees are not due until closing. In the event the district does not close, only actual costs incurred would be reimbursed.

- 1. [King Spry - RFP Bond Counsel Services](#)

Motion: Nicole King, seconded by Christopher Wayock

Motion Carried

Discussion and clarification regarding how Concord Public Financial Advisors would work with the appointment of Bond Counsel from King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul. Use of the district fund reserve and financing addressed.

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

Nay: None

- b. BuyBoard National Cooperative
 - i. **Motion to approve National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with Buy Board at no cost.**
 - 1. **BuyBoard Agreement**

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded Nicole King

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

7. SUPPORT SERVICES

Motion to take items A, B & C under category 7, Support Services together.

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded Stephen Maund

Motion Carried

Stephen Maund left the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Discussion occurred regarding sponsorships, vote on the scoreboard at an upcoming school board meeting, size of track and consideration for needed updates to our Performing Arts facilities for future renovation discussions.

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

Nay: None

- a. Athletic Fields of America/Shaw Sports Turf
 - i. **Motion to approve the construction contract for Synthetic Turf and Track along with all incidental and related site work,**

to include all ancillary site furnishings for the high school stadium athletic field project proposal submitted by Athletic Fields of America/Shaw Sports Turf, Montville, NJ under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchase Agreement Bid Contract #031622-SH, in an amount not to exceed \$4,562,939.71 as attached:

1. [Sourcewell Distributor Letter](#)
2. [Shaw Contract](#)
3. [Southern Lehigh High School - Contract Cover Letter Final 9.7.22](#)

b. High School Stadium Athletic Field Bleachers and Press Box

- i. **Motion to approve the purchase of the high school stadium athletic field bleachers and press Box as presented by Southern Bleacher Company, Inc., Graham, TX under the BuyBoard National Cooperative Purchase Agreement Bid Contract 592-19, in the amount of \$1,086,281.00 as attached:**

1. [Southern Bleacher Company](#)

c. High School Stadium Athletic Field Lighting

- i. **Motion to approve the purchase of the high school stadium athletic field lighting as presented by Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, Muscatine, IA under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchase Agreement Bid Contract #071619, in the amount of \$343,168.00 as attached:**

1. [Musco Sports Lighting, LLC](#)

8. HUMAN RESOURCES

Anthony Pidgeon provided a brief overview of items A through I under category eight, Human Resources.

Motion to take items A, B, C, E F, G H I, I together under category eight Human Resources

Motion: Kyle Gangwere, seconded Nicole King

Motion Carried

No Discussion Occurred

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

Nay: None

a. Certified Employee Appointment

i. Motion to approve the following certified employee appointments.

Name	Position	Location	2022-23 Salary	Effective Date
Tamara Solometo	Instructional Coach	Liberty Bell, Hopewell, and JPLIS	\$73, 849 Prorated	9/12/2022 Revised date

b. Independent Employee Appointment

i. Motion to approve the following Independent Employee appointments.

Name	Position	Location	2022-23 Salary	Effective Date
Debrah Miceli	Human Resources Generalist	Central Office	\$50,000 Prorated	September 21,2022

c. Classified Employee Appointment

i. Motion to approve the following classified employee appointment.

Name	Position	Location	2022-2023 Salary	Effective Date
Nicole Lounsberry	Secretary to the Principal of SLMS	MS	\$33,277.50 prorated	September 6, 2022
Kaylee Rupell	Instructional Assistant	HS	\$20.91 per hour	September 13, 2022

d. Settlement Agreement

i. Motion to approve the settlement agreement for employee # 005185

Motion: Kyle Gangwere, seconded Nicole King

Motion Carried

No Discussion Occurred

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

Nay: None

e. Unpaid Internships Placement

- i. **Motion to approve the following Unpaid Internship placements for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Name	Area	College/ University	Cooperating Teacher	Location	Effective Date
Adelle Sturgell	School Psychology	Lehigh University	Brynne Rice	Intermediate School	Updated August 29, 2022 - May 31, 2022
Jessica Palmarini	School Psychology	Lehigh University	Kristin Stiles	Liberty Bell, Hopewell	September 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022
Darien Correa	Athletic Training	DeSales	SL Athletic Training Staff	District Wide	September 13, 2022- December 22, 2022

f. **Extended Term Substitute Teacher**

- i. **Motion to approve the following 2022-2023 Extended Term Substitute.**

Name	Location	Position	Rate	Effective Date
Jessica Smith	HS	Extended Term Sub History	\$200 daily	Effective September 6, 2022

g. **Classified Employees Resignations**

- i. **Motion to approve the following classified employees resignations.**

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Nicole Emery	Instructional Assistant	Hopewell	September 30, 2022
Amanda Hilbert	Instructional Assistant	JPLIS	August 31, 2022

h. 2022-20223 Extra Curricular Coaching Volunteers

- i. **Motion to approve the following Extra Curricular Coaching volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Volunteer Coach	Level	Position
Jozlyn Minnema	HS	Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

- i. Homebound/Instruction in Home Teacher Approval
 - i. **Motion to approve the following teachers as homebound instructors for the 2022-2023 School Year.**

Name	Rate
Michael Bjelobrk	\$50.02 per hour
Shannon Mauro	\$50.02 per hour
Kate Flannery	\$50.02 per hour
Brad Siesko	\$50.02 per hour

- i. 2022-2023 Substitute Teachers, & Substitute Instructional Assistants,
 - i. **Motion to approve the following substitute teachers, substitute instructional assistants & substitute cafeteria monitors for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Name	Level	Position	Rate	Start Date
Laura Tiers	District Wide	Substitute Teacher	\$130 a day	9/13/2022
Kelty Tarvin	District Wide	Substitute Teacher	\$130 a day	9/13/2022
Rachael Rivera	District Wide	Substitute Teacher	\$130 a day	9/13/2022
Carol Mickley	District Wide	Substitute Teacher	\$130 a day	8/29/2022
Melinda Guffy	District Wide	Substitute Teacher	\$130 a day	9/13/2022

Mylene Seelie	District Wide	Substitute Instructional Aide	\$17.80 per hour	9/13/2022
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9. VISITORS' COMMENTS

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

10. New Business

- a. Follow up regarding bringing back green slips requested by the Board. Board members requested class counts for all schools for review. Administration noted that this data is ready and will be distributed to the full Board for review.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn
 - i. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 8:25 p.m.

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