



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023**

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

School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, September 25, 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, Andria Buchman, Lynn Chromiak, Holly DeNofa, Jack Hankee, Michael Mahon, Joshua Miller, Louis Pepe, Michael Rohrbach, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle

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: 6:33 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.

- i. Douglas Durham spoke on the topic of football and announcers.
- ii. Amy Bausher 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 dates for the following topics: September 19, 2023 Facilities Committee met to discuss litigation. September 21, 2023 Negotiations Committee met to discuss upcoming contract negotiations and September 25, 2023 the Board met to discuss personnel matters.
- b. Approval Board Minutes August 28, 2023
 - i. **Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023.**
[August 28, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes](#)

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

4. SUPERINTENDENT

- a. District Update
 - i. Michael Mahon provided the following district updates: technology concerns addressed this evening in visitors' comments will be discussed and brought back to the Board in the near future. Yom Kippur acknowledgement was made, and a thank you was extended to students for 9/11 acknowledgement.
- b. Presentation and Discussion of 2023-2024 SLSD Strategic Objectives
 - i. Michael Mahon presented and discussed the following SLSD District Strategic Objectives for the 2023-2024 School Year: Highlights from US News rankings. Updates and status of initiatives made regarding the following: language arts and curricular initiatives, public access to curricular materials, public reporting of achievement data, dual enrollment and CLEP exams, partnership with SLEF, utilization and function of SLHS library, technology enhancements and future initiatives, Human Resources policy, procedures, guidelines and position control, facilities status updates, upcoming projects/plans, negotiations updates and internal controls and efficiencies. Presentation concluded with evidence of

progress. Due to time constraints the preliminary discussion of all day Kindergarten was tabled. It will be addressed at a future meeting.

5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

Dr. Karen Trinkle provided a brief overview of all agenda items listed under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services.

a. Update on upcoming curricular events

The following updates were made on the upcoming curricular events: Wit and Wisdom and Geodes underway. Family literacy nights are coming soon. Grade 7-11 ELA review underway with recommendations coming soon. October 10, 2023 will be our ESL Family Night.

Motion to take items b through d together under category 5. Curriculum/Student and Staff Services

Motion: Kyle Gangewere, seconded by Nicole King

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

b. Disposal of District Texts

i. **Motion to approve the disposal of the following items from the Districts [Materials Inventory list](#).**

[HS June 2023 tab-Science and English texts](#)

[MS June 2023 tab- Professional ELA texts](#)

[July 2023 tab-HS English texts](#)

[September 2023 tab-Central Office Professional texts](#)

c. 2023-2024 Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan

i. **(No Action Required) Consideration and revision of the 2023-2024 Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan.**

[2023-2024 Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan](#)

d. Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS program (SBAP) Local Education Agency Agreement to Participate FY 2023-2024

i. **Motion to approve Southern Lehigh School District participation in the Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS program (SBAP) Local Education Agency for the FY 2023-2024 per the attachment below.**

[SLSD & Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program Local Education Agenda Agreement to Participate FY 2023-2024](#)

e. Letter of Agreement SLSD and CLIU 21 Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services

- i. **Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Southern Lehigh School District and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 regarding Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services per the attachment below. [SLSD & CLIU 21 Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services Letter of Agreement](#)**

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

7. TECHNOLOGY

8. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Louis Pepe provided a brief update on the agenda items listed in category 8. Business and Finance and category 9. Support Services.

Mary Joy Reinartz left the meeting at 7:53 pm and returned at 7:55 pm.

Motion to take items a & b under category 8. Business and Finance and items a through c under category 9. Support Services.

Motion: Nicole King and 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

a. Bills List

- 1. Motion to approve the attached bills list dated September 25, 2023.**

- i. [September 25, 2023 Bills List Summary and Details](#)

b. Donation from Hopewell Elementary PTA

- 1. Motion to accept donation from Hopewell Elementary PTA in the amount of \$27,148.00 for playground equipment to be purchased by the district through Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.**

9. SUPPORT SERVICES

a. Hopewell ES Playground Equipment

- 1. Motion to approve proposal submitted by Great Lakes Recreation - DBA Boyce Recreation 39 Veterans Drive, Suite 310, Holland MI 49423 for Playground Equipment including delivery and installation in the amount of \$27,148.00 through Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement contract 010521-LTS-4.**

b. [Great Lakes Recreation Proposal](#)

Note: Purchase covered by donation from Hopewell Elementary PTA

b. HS Tennis Courts Repairs

1. **Motion to approve proposal submitted by Miller Sports Construction, 827 Lincoln Ave, Suite 15, West Chester, PA 19380 for HS Tennis Courts repairs in the amount of \$45,200.00 as approved by RGA Claims Management adjuster under the COSTARS 014-E23-327 Recreation/Fitness Bid in connection with Utica National Insurance for 07/05/2023 loss - claim number 0010379386.**

a. [Miller Sports Construction Proposal](#)

Note: Check received \$38,120 for damages *including* \$2,200 tree removal (emergency) minus deductible \$2,500 and depreciation \$ 6,780 (recoverable)

c. MuniBid online auction marketplace

1. **Motion to approve participation in online auction for sale and disposal of surplus equipment, vehicles and furniture through MuniBid 395 Circle of Progress Dr. Suite D, Pottstown, PA 19464**

a. [MuniBid Terms & Conditions](#)

b. [List of Item for Sale/Disposal](#)

Note: All items have been reviewed for sale/disposal by district officials and recommended by the Director of Facilities.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Ethan Ake-Little provided a brief update regarding the Human Resources report.

a. [Human Resources Report](#)

1. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report**

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

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee Reports were made on the following:

- ii. Facilities Committee: met last Tuesday, stadium update and punch list reviewed, IS brick completion discussed and HVAC project keying up. Long term facilities plan will be outlined on 11/7/2023.
- iii. The Negotiations Committee held their first meeting last week
- iv. CLIU 21 Board update made- Annie Sullivan award was given to a CLIU School Psychologist who is also a SLSD District resident.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Visitors comment acknowledged regarding Middle School sports announcers. This will be looked into by the Administration, Director of Athletics and School Principals.

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. [Conference Requests September 2023](#)
- b. [Field Trip Request September 2023](#)
- c. Graduate Study

Name	Position	Course/Program Pre-Approval	Institution	Reimbursement	Column Movement	Approval Date
Danielle Lenhart	Elementary Teacher	Graduate Certificate in the Science of Reading	DeSales University	X	X	9/5/2023

15. VISITORS' COMMENTS

- a. No visitors' comments were made at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. An executive session was held post this meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mary Joy Reinartz adjourned the meeting at: 8:13 pm.

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