



**Southern Lehigh School District
Board of School Directors
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024**

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Southern Lehigh Middle School
Auditorium
3715 Preston Lane
Center Valley, PA 18034
6:30 p.m.**

School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, September 9, 2024 pending approval.

Members present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse (remote by phone), Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Eric Fluck, Michael Mahon, Michael Rohrbach, Karen Trinkle

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Emily Gehman called the meeting to order at: 6:49 pm
- b. Recording of Attendance
 - i. Present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse (remote by phone), Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock
 - ii. Absent: None
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - i. Emily Gehman 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. No visitor comments were made at this time.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

- a. Attorney Jessica Moyer (King, Spry, Herman Freund & Faul, LLC) noted that an executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting with the full Board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- a. Michael Mahon provided the following district updates: Special Education enrollment numbers have increased, specifically at JPLIS. It is likely that we will need to add a staff member. The position will be posted per District protocol and once a candidate is selected, a recommendation for hire will be brought to the Board for vote. Update on the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2025 made. Recommendation to keep the ceremony at Lehigh University's Stabler Area noted. This item will be added to a future board agenda for discussion and vote.

5. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

- a. Materials for Disposal
 - i. **Motion to dispose of District items from the Materials Inventory list provided below.**
 - 1. [Materials Inventory August/September 2024](#)

Motion: Timothy Kearney, seconded by Candi Kruse

Motion carried

Thanks extended to the individuals who prepared materials for disposal.

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

Abstain: None

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

7. TECHNOLOGY

8. BUDGET AND FINANCE

9. SUPPORT SERVICES

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Human Resources Report
 - i. **Motion to approve the following personnel items presented in the Human Resources Report.**

1. Human Resources Report

Motion: Timothy Kearney, seconded by Stephen Maund

Motion carried

No discussion followed

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

Abstain: None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy Committee: First meeting will be held October 2, 2024.
- b. LCTI: Overview of last meeting provided highlighting Skills USA, achievements, new programs and expansions of current programs with conclusion expressing the importance of apprenticeships for students prior to graduation.
- c. Technology Committee: First meeting scheduled for September 16, 2024 at 4 pm. Infinite Campus rollout and its importance noted. Discussion will continue regarding this topic at the September 16th meeting.
- d. Facilities Committee: Progression underway regarding the RFP for the High School Library project. This will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting held on October 1, 2024.
- e. ACMC: Meeting this Thursday at 3:30 regarding three approvals and calendar for the year will be determined at this time.
- f. Education Committee: Next meeting will be held on October 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm. The following will be on the agenda, a status report for the RFP for all day Kindergarten, comprehensive plan and curricular updates on Spanish Immersion, ELA, Social Studies and Math.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendation made regarding reports on all committees at full board meetings to include data reports as provided in the past by administration.
- b. Female participation in the Girls Individual Championship and District IX Girls Individual Championship at the High School level discussed. Letter of support to District IX Golf and Colonial League Golf Committees was provided to the Board and the Board Recorder from Dr. Christopher Wayock and a motion to consider was proposed. Solicitor feedback provided regarding Sunshine rules and recommendations on how to proceed regarding this topic occurred. Discussion concluded with recommendation to add to the next policy meeting or a future Board agenda for consideration.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Independent Counsel
 - i. **Motion that Ellis Katz, independent counsel, who was appointed by motion made and approved on August 12, 2024 be authorized to cover additional personnel issues as necessary.**

Motion: Timothy Kearney, seconded by Eric Boyer

Motion carried

Discussion occurred

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Melissa Torba,

Nay: Nicole King, Mary Joy Reinartz, Christopher Wayock

Abstain: None

- b. Timothy Kearney provided general comments regarding food insecurity and the flags that will be placed on District grounds for 9/11 remembrance.

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. [Professional Development Conference Requests](#)
- b. [Field Trip Requests](#)

15. VISITORS' COMMENTS

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn
 - i. Emily Gehman adjourned the meeting at: 7:25 pm
 - 1. Motion: Timothy Kearney

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

