



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors**

**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2024 @ 1:00p.m.**

**Southern Lehigh School District Administrative Offices  
5775 Main Street | Center Valley, PA 18034**

**1. OPENING**

a. Roll Call/ Recording of Attendance

Emily Gehman, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. *Present:* Emily Gehman, Candi Kruse, Timothy Kearney (*Committee Members*); Michael Mahon, Ethan Ake-Little, Karen Trinkle, Louis Pepe, Michael Rohrbach, Matthew Spengler (*Administrators*)

b. Approval of Minutes (October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting)

The Committee approved meeting minutes for the October 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

**2. OVERVIEW OF PROCESS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION** (*Brief Presentation*)

The presentation by Dr. Ethan Ake-Little recapitulated the logistics of the policy review process including (a) administrative review leading to a first draft and (b) a summary of resolved and outstanding questions for Policy 122, Policy 123, Policy 717, and Policy 815.

**3. FINAL DRAFT POLICIES FOR REVIEW** (*Discussion*)

a. Policy 122: Extracurricular Policies (*Last Updated: DEC 2015*)

The Committee requested a full accounting of all extracurricular (non-athletics) activities in the Southern Lehigh SD from the Administration. In addition to provide days, times, and pay status of moderators, the Committee requested whether this district offered transportation for off-campus activities. Furthermore, the Committee decided to revisit the policy once the Administration had compiled this list, preferably by the January 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

b. Policy 123: Interscholastic Activities (*Last Updated: NOV 2015*)

The Committee discussed modifications to definitional languages (e.g., inclusion of eSports as a type of interscholastic activity) as well as clarifying that district sports are “PIAA-pathway programs”. However, the Committee opted to defer discussion regarding “club sports” until which time the Administration had compiled the requested list of extracurricular (non-athletics) activities to better delineate the difference between “club” and “sport”.

c. Policy 123.1: Concussion Management (*Last Updated: JAN 2012*)

d. Policy 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest (*NEW*)

The Committee approved the language of both policies and recommended their advanced to the full Board of School Directors for their consideration.



#### **4. SECOND DRAFT POLICIES FOR REVIEW** *(Discussion)*

a. Policy 707: Use of School Facilities *(Last Updated: JUN 2020)*

The Committee requested clarifications and modifications to the both the existing policy and accompanying Administrative Regulation such as [1] language pertaining to Class I eligibility (as no district would charge its own activities to use its own facilities), [2] the potential elimination of Class IV, and [3] codifying the explicit exclusion of certain venues from public usage (e.g., the press box in the stadium, electronic scoreboard)

b. Policy 815: Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources *(Last Updated: JAN 2018)*

Given the (a) significant differences in policy language between the extant policy and the recommended PSBA policy as well as (b) absence of the Director of Technology due to an emergent matter, the Committee requested the consolidation of both versions and opted to discuss the reformed the policy at which the Director of Technology would be present.

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Transition to BoardDocs Policy Section

Dr. Ake-Little provided an update to the Committee (via presentation) regarding (1) logistical differences in how policy will be reviewed in the new medium, (2) the creation of the Policy section in BoardDocs and (3) the structure of the online Policy Manual.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**