**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**September 14, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

*Members Present:*

*Jennifer Lofland, President*

*Bruce Lord, Vice President*

*Domenic Bentivegna, Secretary*

*Frank Agovino, Treasurer*

*Douglas Carney, - Director*

*Christopher DeSantis, Director - Absent*

*Kevin Keenan, Director*

*Caitriona Mulholland, Director*

*Joseph Sillo, Director*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools*

*Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations*

*Cynthia Mattei, DOTL Elementary*

*Jeffery Zweiback, DOTL Secondary*

*Linda Bellace, Director, Human Resources*

*Lisanne Mikula,* *Solicitor*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*President Lofland led the pledge to the flag.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton.*** *Suggested that the board consider an alternate means of collecting property taxes for the two communities.*

1. **ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**
2. **Academic Highlights – Ms. Mattei, Mr. Zweiback**

**Elementary**

* *Last night was Back to School Night at the SLC for first grade and Tuesday night was back to School Night for Kindergarten. Both evenings were very well attended. Tonight is Back to School Night for grades two through five at Scenic and Sabold Elementary Schools.*

* *The first week went really well. The buildings looked great! Thank you to the maintenance team for going the extra mile. Students returned excited and teachers were ready to go. So far it has been an excellent start to the new school year!*

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* *MAPS testing started this week at SLC, Sabold, and Scenic. This is the same as last year. Individual early literacy screening also started this week for first and second grade. The i-Ready diagnostic reading assessment will start as soon as MAPS testing is complete.*
* *We are very excited that our Go Blue reading intervention program is expanding to third grade this year. Principals, reading specialists and teachers in second and third grade are working on analyzing student data and customizing groups to meet the individual needs of students. On Monday, September 25th Go Blue will start for students in second and third grade. This is three weeks early then we started the program last year. We are excited about getting started earlier and are hoping that it translates into increased student achievement.*
* *If you have been following us on Twitter you may be wondering what all the buzz is about Growth Mindset. Growth Mindset a term coined by Dr. Carol Dweck. After studying the behavior of thousands of children, she defined the terms fixed mindset and growth mindset to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement. More precisely, students who believed their intelligence can be developed (growth mindset) outperformed those who believed their intelligence was fixed (fixed mindset). And when students learned through a structured program that they can “grow their brains” and increase their intellectual abilities, they do better.  Our staff was trained on this concept at the end of last year and the administrators had a workshop over the summer. We are very excited to see how many of our teachers are taking what they learned and turning it around and teaching the students. There is a real groundswell of support for this new psychology. Madeleine is facilitating a book discussion with her staff using Carol Dweck’s book Mindset: The New Psychology of Success and Dan is using the same book for his parent book club at ETR. We will also be sponsoring a K-12 after school PLC titled “Teaching with a Growth Mindset in Mind”. Throughout the year, I will continue to share information about this topic.*

**Secondary**

**ETR:**

* *Tryouts this week for soccer, field hockey, football, and volleyball - Practice starts next week*
* *Admin meeting with Keith Broome, Middle School AD, to look at sportsmanship development with our student/athletes.*
* *Collecting rough drafts of writing rubrics from special area teachers (incorporating 6 Traits)*
* *Students making online writing portfolio websites during advisory.  Looking to complete websites by the end of September.*

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* *(NCTM) Teachers working with middle school math teachers to develop*
* *Admin Team is conducting interviews for ETR student government*

*Calendar of Events*

* *Back to School Night - 9/29 from 7:00 - 9:00*
* *Creating an admin video to introduce ourselves and ETR*
* *Growth Mindset / Theme for the School Year - Raising the Bar and Embracing the Challenge*
* *Writing Center / Math - Problem solving approach and change / ELA - Increasing reading expectations at home*

**HS:**

* *Practiced emergency drills - successful*
* *Sending the message of “GREAT AWARENESS” as our building theme and focus for the year (Growth Mindset)*
* *Activities Day will take place Wednesday, Sept 27 where students can sign up*
* *Picture Day, 9/13 yesterday went smoothly*
* *Long Day focus which will be Growth Mindset and Angela Duckworth’s Grit*

*Brief Presentation on Academy Employability Skills*

1. **Cougar Sports Report – Mr. Keenan**

* *Cross country is competing at Rose Tree Media this weekend.*
* *Field Hockey defeated Academy Park.*
* *Football off to a great start posting 3-0, tomorrow we play Strath Haven.*
* *The golf team beat Archbishop Carrol.*
* *Girls soccer team is 2-2.*
* *The volleyball team beat Marple Newtown.*

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Although Board action is required, it is generally unnecessary to hold discussion on these items. With the consent of all members, they are therefore grouped and approval is given in one motion. In the event a Board member wants to discuss any item, the Board President will move it to an appropriate place on the agenda.*

*Motion: Mr. Carney*

*Second: Mr. Lord*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: None*

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1. **Contract for Board Approval**

* *Agreement with Wordsworth Academy for enrollment of (1) student*

*(ID #100004587) for educational services for the 2017-18 School Year (August 28, 2017 thru June 8, 2018) PAS Program.*

*Cost $415.00 per day.*

*Total Cost for (1) student: $76,360.00*

1. **Contract approved by Administration**

* *Contract with Kings Mills, Inc. for the Springfield High School Senior Prom on Friday, May 4, 2018 @ a cost of $42 per person with a total cost of $14,700.00 (estimated attendance of 350).*

*No net cost to District.*

1. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
2. **Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Personnel actions as listed in the Personnel Report.*

*Motion: Mr. Carney*

*Second: Mr. Lord*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments; None*

1. **Special Education Settlement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student #4740.*

*Motion: Mr. Lord*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Carney mentioned that it is very important to get the student the services needed in the most economical manner.*

1. **PSBA Candidates for 2017 – Mr. Bentivegna**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves Mr. Bentivegna to register votes for the following 2018 PSBA officers and Trustees in the upcoming election:*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Mr. Carney*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Carney asked which candidates would be voted for in the 3 slots with 2 candidates. Mr. Bentivegna mentioned that the 2 candidates were made*

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*available for anyone wanting to choose one over the other. Mr. Bentivegna also mentioned that meetings are held near Harrisburg and that it was unlikely that members of our board would like to take part in them.*

*It was agreed that Mr. Bentivegna would select the candidates he felt most qualified based on their resumes.*

*Mr. Bentivegna reviewed the resumes and selected and voted for the bolded candidates.*

* *~~David Hutchinson~~ or* ***Otto Voit, III*** *– President Elect*
* ***Eric Wolfgang*** *or ~~Gary Smedley~~ – Vice President*
* *Mike Gossert – Treasurer*
* ***Larry Augustine*** *or ~~Clythera Hormung~~ – Central at Large*
* *Daniel O’Keefe – Western at Large*
* *Michael Faccinetto – Trustee (PSBA Insurance Trust)*
* *Marianne Neel – Trustee (PSBA Insurance Trust)*

1. **LIAISON REPORTS**
2. **Solicitor’s Report – Ms. Mikula**

*No report*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *~~September 28, 2017~~ - meeting cancelled*

*October 12, 2017 – to be held at Scenic Hills*

*Elementary School*

*October 26, 2017*

1. **Superintendent’s Salutations – Dr. Barber**

***Before and after each meeting, the Board meets in Nonpublic Executive Study Session to discuss personnel, legal and labor relations matters.***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Domenic Bentivegna*

*Director and Board Secretary*