

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 23, 2023**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President  
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President  
Joseph Sillo, Director  
Domenic Bentivegna, Director  
Jennifer Flynn, Director  
Jacqueline Guy, Director  
Kevin Keenan, Secretary  
Margaret Rovinski, Director*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools  
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations  
Mark Sereni, Solicitor*

**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.*

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Michael Lee, 237 W. Sylvan Drive, Morton, PA. Mr. Lee commended the cast and crew of Mean Girls. Mr. Lee also stated a public safety announcement asking the public to not leave children in a car with the car running.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. Cougar Student Success – Kiona Lac and Rebecca Hunchak  
*Athletics: Spring athletics are ready to begin and the games are underway.  
Academics: Students are looking forward to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.  
Ms. Kovatch AP biology students have been performing experiments to find a controlled contaminated organism in a food source. Students in Ms. Ward's AP Spanish class, students are learning about Latin American heroes.  
Arts: NHAS students will be visiting the SLC to create fun art projects. SHS musicians will be traveling to Disneyworld to perform. In Engineering, students are creating nightlights.*

*Service: SSDM held a talent show. Junior Prom was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, and over 200 tickets were sold. SSDM will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 600 students will be attending this 15-hour event to raise money for pediatric cancer.*

2. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn  
*SHS Swimming performed well at States. 200 Medley Relay 14th Addyson Despeaux, Ava Despeaux, Ayva Christie, Mary Kubiak. 50 Free 15th Mary Kubiak. 500 Free 18th Michelle Kubiak. 100 Back 11th Mary Kubiak and 20<sup>th</sup>*

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*Addyson Despeaux. 400 Free Relay 17th Mary Kubiak, Addyson Despeaux, Ayva Christie, Michelle Kubiak.*

**State Champion - Gold Medalist**

*100 Fly > Jacob Johnson*

*200 Free Relay > Alex Chan, Jacob Johnson, Luke Kennedy, Jake Kennedy*

*100 Back > Jake Kennedy*

**Silver Medalist**

*50 Free > Jake Kennedy*

**4th Place**

*400 Free Relay > Tristan Ronayne, Jacob Johnson, Luke Kennedy, Jake Kennedy*

**9th Place**

*100 Free > Jacob Johnson*

*Team had a 4th overall finish with 5 new school records!*

*Girls Basketball had a great run. They made it to the PIAA state playoffs sweet 16 round.*

*Springfield Hockey Club scored a huge victory over Garnet Valley.*

*Spring sports are up and running and began this week.*

*The District participated in Rock Your Socks for National Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Autism Awareness Month will run for the month of April. The community is invited to wear blue to show support for the autism community.*

*We wish all the kids good luck with SSDM this weekend. Leaders and Committee Members, Mrs. Barber, and Ms. Luff have put in many hours of work all year to make this a success. All the money goes to the 4 Diamonds Foundation which helps families that have a family member battling cancer.*

**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Did not meet. Next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.*

❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Met on March 9<sup>th</sup> and are beginning to plan the capital project work for this summer and next summer. Service Life Extension Plan – this committee will make a list of everything that needs to be fixed and will present it to the Board.*

❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

❖ **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Did not meet but did review a policy which will be discussed later in this meeting.*

❖ **Finance and Audit – Joe Sillo**

*Did not meet. Will meet on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the high school.*

❖ **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Did not meet. Will meet Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

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**D. 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: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Flynn**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meeting – February 23, 2023*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of February 2023  
totaling \$1,503,066.85*

**3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – February 2023  
Morton and Springfield*

❖ *District Financial Reports – February 2023  
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ *Financial Reports – February 2023  
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

**4. Contracts approved by Administration**

❖ *Agreement with The Drexelbrook for the Springfield High School Senior  
Prom on Saturday, April 20, 2024, @ the cost of \$70 per person and \$50  
per chaperone.  
No net cost to the District*

❖ *Agreement with The Devereux Foundation for student ID #100006695 for  
the 2022-2023 school year funded through the 4010 agreement.*

**E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**1. Election of School Board Director – Mr. Lord**

*Board President Bruce Lord opens nominations to elect School Board  
Director to Region 7, Springfield Township, to fill the remaining unexpired term  
of Frank Agovino.*

*(Roll Call Vote)*

**Vote: 6-0-2**

*Comments: Mr. Lord stated this is something that does not happen often. Mr.  
Agovino resigned the last meeting. It is the Board Member's job to seat*

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*someone in that role temporarily until the election in November. Two individuals expressed an interest and went through the interview process. Both candidates are extremely qualified and have made this a difficult decision. Mr. Lord explained how the nomination process will work.*

*President Lord calls for nominations. Ms. Lofland nominated Nicole Rechner. Ms. Guy nominated Katie Reimer.*

*Motion by Mr. Keenan & second by Ms. Lofland to close nominations.*

*Vote to close nominations 8-0-0.*

*Mr. Keenan held a roll call vote to elect Nicole Rechner School Board Director to Region 7.*

*Domenic Bentivegna – abstain*

*Jennifer Flynn – yes*

*Jacqueline Guy – abstain*

*Kevin Keenan – yes*

*Jennifer Lofland – yes*

*Bruce Lord – yes*

*Margaret Rovinski – yes*

*Joseph Sillo – yes*

*Nicole Rechner is appointed School Board Director for the 7<sup>th</sup> region for the remainder of Frank Agovino's term.*

*Mr. Lord thanked both candidates.*

*Ms. Lofland thanked Frank Agovino for his service to this Board. Ms. Lofland thanked both candidates for their interest in this position and she looks forward to all members being part of committees in the future.*

**2. Personnel Report – Dr. Barber**

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

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Dr. Lofland*

**Vote:** *8-0-0*

*Comments: It is being presented to the board the resignation of one (1) certificated teacher, the retirement of four (4) certificated teacher, the retirement of three (3) administrators, the resignation of one (1) non-certificated staff member, and the retirement of three (3) non-certificated staff members.*

*In the category of employment, we are recommending the employment of five (5) non-certificated staff members, and two (2) sabbatical leaves for professional development, which will occur during the 2023-2024 school year. Finally, we are present three (3) Family Medical Leaves.*

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Mr. Lord stated that now is the time to apply for a teaching position within the District.

**3. Employment Contract – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the contract between Ms. Lisanne Mikula and the Springfield School District. The term of this Agreement shall be for the period commencing April 11, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026. From the beginning of this term through June 30, 2023, the Employee shall serve as the Assistant Director of Human Resources. From July 1, 2023, through the end of this term, the Employee shall serve as the Director of Human Resources.

**Motion: Ms. Lofland    Second: Ms. Rovinski    Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Dr. Barber stated that Linda Bellace, HR Director, will be retiring in the upcoming months. Ms. Mikula will be working closely with Linda to transition into the role of HR Director. Ms. Mikula thanked the Board and stated she is honored and excited to work with the District.

**4. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “8308”.

**Motion: Ms. Guy    Second: Dr. Lofland    Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: As with all special education agreements, the details cannot be discussed in a public setting.

**5. 2023-2024 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the 2023-2024 School District Calendar for second reading.

**Motion: Ms. Guy    Second: Ms. Flynn    Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Dr. Barber stated this is the second reading of the calendar. He stated that Commencement was moved to June 6<sup>th</sup> in case of inclement weather. Dr. Barber stated the half days are Act 80 days and are required. It was discussed that Wednesdays are best for students for half days.

**6. 2023-2024 DCIU General Operating Budget – Ms. Rovinski**  
(Roll Call Vote)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the 2023-2024 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.

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**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: The DCIU was presented in February and passed in the March Board Meeting. The 2023-2024 budget is 10.3 million, which is about a 3% increase. Ms. Guy asked if the funds were coming from our District. Ms. Rovinski stated this is the General Operating Budget, which is just one piece of the budget.*

*Domenic Bentivegna – yes*

*Jennifer Flynn – yes*

*Jacqueline Guy – yes*

*Kevin Keenan – yes*

*Jennifer Lofland – yes*

*Bruce Lord – yes*

*Margaret Rovinski – yes*

*Joseph Sillo – yes*

**7. 2023-2024 Delaware County Technical Schools' Program Budget –  
Ms. Rovinski  
(Roll Call Vote)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2023-2024 Delaware County Technical Schools' Program Budget.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: This is the budget for the Delaware County Technical School, commonly known as DCTS. This was presented and passed at the March Board Meeting. The budget is approximately \$16 million with an increase of over 3%. Springfield's portion is based on a three year rolling enrollment. This increase allows for program expansion and supplies.*

*Domenic Bentivegna – yes*

*Jennifer Flynn – yes*

*Jacqueline Guy – yes*

*Kevin Keenan – yes*

*Jennifer Lofland – yes*

*Bruce Lord – yes*

*Margaret Rovinski – yes*

*Joseph Sillo – yes*

**8. 2023-2024 Special Education Funding & Service Agreement-  
Ms. Rovinski**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2023-2024 Special Education Funding and Service Agreement with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

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*Comments: This is the special education agreement with the DCIU to perform services.*

**9. Delaware County Community College Trustee Reappointment – Mr. Sillo (Roll Call Vote)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the board approves the Delaware County Community College (DCCC) Resolution appointing the following person to the Board of Trustees for the term through June 2028.*

**Katrina Robinson**

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Flynn**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: This is to vote on the liaison role to the Board of Trustees at the DCCC.*

*Domenic Bentivegna – yes*

*Jennifer Flynn – yes*

*Jacqueline Guy – yes*

*Kevin Keenan – yes*

*Jennifer Lofland – yes*

*Bruce Lord – yes*

*Margaret Rovinski – yes*

*Joseph Sillo – yes*

**10. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the following policy for first reading.*

❖ *SSD Data Storage*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Dr. Lofland**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: PA Legislature Act updates the Breach of Notification Act. This will be the policy that is put in place as of May 1, 2023. Mr. Bentivegna thanked Dr. Butler for putting this policy in place.*

**11. Capital Projects Repair and Construction Design Services - Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the proposal received from TBS Services, Inc. in the amount not to exceed of \$69,050. Services include construction design, documentation and project administration services for future capital projects work at E.T. Richardson Middle School, Sabold and Scenic Hills Elementary and the Springfield Literacy Center*

*These projects will be funded with the proceeds from the capital projects reserve fund.*

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**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Dr. Lofland**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated they worked with an independent architect-engineer to determine the top 20 projects that need to be done over the next two-four years.*

**12. Scenic and Sabold Elementary Schools Roof Consulting Services – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the proposals received from Roof Systems Consultants in the amount not to exceed of \$27,000 and \$29,500 for Sabold and Scenic Hill Elementary Schools, respectively, for roof consulting services including design and infrared moisture scans for future replacement of the schools' roofs.*

*The proposed fees will be billed each month on an hourly basis for actual hours incurred. These projects will be funded with the proceeds from the capital projects reserve fund.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Flynn**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated the roofs at Sabold and Scenic will be replaced over the next few years. Ms. Guy asked if the roof installation will affect the air conditioning installment. Mr. Mooney stated the AC Units are placed on platforms so they will not affect the new roof installation.*

**13. Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlement – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board authorizes and directs the Solicitor to finalize settlements of the following real estate tax assessment appeals for the following years and amounts:*

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00394-00, 641 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township  
\$7,000,000 assessment/\$9,615,384 implied fair market value.*

*Appealed from assessment/fair market value of the above property:  
\$5,605,600 assessment/\$7,700,000 fair market value.*

*This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$1,394,400 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$28,494 to our District for tax year 2023. The approximate tax dollar loss is calculated using the District's 2022 millage rate because the millage rate for 2023 has not yet been determined.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Flynn**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is commercial property on Baltimore Pike that was one of the early 2023 taxpayer initiated appeals that the*



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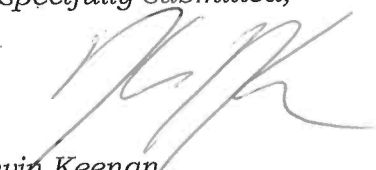
*district has been negotiating. We were able to come to a settlement our of court.*

**F. LIAISON REPORTS**

- 1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni,**  
*Mr. Sereni stated that although Ms. Bellace leaves big shoes to fill, he is confident that Ms. Mikula is the one to fill those shoes.*
- 2. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski,**  
*DCIU met March 1<sup>st</sup> and accepted the program budgets that were voted on and were the recipients of four separate grants. They also started an IT co-op and hired three students that will be able to work at the co-op. There is upcoming registration for summer camps. STEM for students K-5 and an English Learner summer camp. Next meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*
- 3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo,**  
*Other than the Trustee reappointment, the Board has not met.*
- 4. Future Board Meetings – April 27, 2023  
May 18, 2023**  
*Mr. Lord reminded that the May meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in May.*
- 5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber**  
*Dr. Barber congratulated Ms. Mikula on her new position. He also stated he appreciates when people get involved in the District. A community member had the idea to improve the Industrial Materials program to include obtaining skills on how to fix things in your own home. Dr. Barber thanked the community for getting involved.  
Dr. Barber also thanked the community, students, and staff for their work in Thon.*

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

  
Kevin Keenan  
Director and Board Secretary

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Dr. Lofland**