

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
February 22, 2024**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President
Domenic Bentivegna, Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Bob Hornberger, Director
Nicole Rechner, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director
Kevin Keenan, Secretary (absent)
Joseph Sillo, Treasurer*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Donald Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Mark Sereni, Solicitor
Lisanne Mikula, Director of Human Resources*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton, *Mr. Lee feels as though a parenting class should be implemented in the high school.*

Drew Melbourne, 242 Harwicke Rd, Springfield, *Mr. Melbourne asked that the Board consider spreading out the committee meetings over multiple nights.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. **ETR Student Success – Mr. Hartshorn**

Mr. Hartshorn stated he was excited to highlight his ETR students and their journey in the middle school. Students discussed the four pillars and the activities that they are involved in. Students discussed the music programs, and the arts. In Academics, students discussed their science experiments, solving math problems, and how their teachers work to peak their curiosity.

In Athletics and Activities, students are learning how to play as a team and be respectful. There are a variety of clubs students can get involved in at ETR. In the Service pillar students had many opportunities to give back to their community. Dr. Lofland thanked the students for presenting and asked them to please come back.

2. YMCA AED Presentation – Mr. Ranck
Mr. Ranck, the President and CEO of the YMCA, introduced two students (Gabe and Peter) who saved the life of Jim McBride (YMCA member) who suffered a heart attack while at the gym. Rachel Moyer, who runs a foundation honoring her son donated an AED device to the high school.
3. SSD Pillar Report – Ms. Flynn and Ms. Rechner

Academics

- *We are reviewing our Math and Science sequencing this year to align with the changing standards via the PA Department of Education. This review will result in the in a new math series in Grades 6-12. More information to follow from our Academic and Arts committee.*
- *Our New Teacher Induction program is in full swing. This month, we are focused on Instructional Techniques. We are using readings and strategies from the text, Teach Like a Champion, written by Doug Lemov and Norman Atkins.*
- *SHS students have finished their midterm exams; obviously, last week's weather was a factor with the schedules, but rest assured, all will turn out fine.*
- *At SHS, we are meeting with curriculum directors to review academic programming and senior programming for coming school year.*

Service

- *SHS students visited SLC on 2/21. SHS students worked with the SLC students on following task analysis to create a one-of-a-kind Cougar Creation.*
- *At ETR, we are holding our Lollipop Sale during lunches along with multiple fundraisers to help the less fortunate individuals in our communities.*
- *The SHS Thon reached their 50-day countdown. Momentum is gaining as we look forward to this tremendous event, which brings awareness and funding for research for a cure for childhood cancer.*

SHS Athletics

- *Our SHS Boys Basketball team has had two tremendous wins in the district playoffs. The team has been working hard all season, and these victories are a testament to both the players and coaches' efforts. Their next game is set for this Friday night versus Lower Merion.*
- *SHS Hockey Club continues to turn the tide as they defeated Conestoga on Tuesday evening 6-1. Playoffs start next week, and the team is starting to peak at just the right time. We will keep you posted on their progress. Best of luck to them.*
- *Spring Sports/Intramurals sign ups underway at all levels.*

Activities

- *SLC Clubs began on January 8th. Students had the chance to join Lego, Science, Sports, Painting with a Twist, Snack, Computers, Arts & Crafts, and more!*
- *At ETR, our students participated in the Side-by-Side Concert, where our Middle school and high school musicians Combined for an amazing Orchestra and Band concert. Also, the Delaware County Band Concert will be hosted by ETR this Friday 2/23/24 at 7:00pm. Fifteen of our 8th-grade students are participating.*
- *At SHS, we have 10 girls attending a coding competition this week. Likewise, Future Business Leaders prepares for state competition – over 25*

students qualified for the competition.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland
Met on February 8th. Board Interns and principals presented. Dr. Butler also gave a technology update.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Mr. Mooney commented that facilities committee met February 8th. They discussed HVAC project at Sabold and the upcoming HVAC project at ETR.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Joe Sillo, Chair
Met February 21st. Looked into the preliminary budget and future expenditures.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Met February 12th and discussed 25 policies.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Working on the final lists of candidates.
- ❖ Athletics & Service
Will now be known as the Athletics and Service committee. First meeting will be held February 26th.

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.

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – January 18, 2024

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of January 2024 totaling \$1,103,369.85.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports
January 2024, Morton and Springfield
- ❖ District Financial Reports – January 2024
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – January 2024
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

4. Contracts approved by Administration

- ❖ *Agreement with The Drexelbrook for the Springfield High School Senior Prom on Saturday, May 17, 2025, with a guaranteed minimum financial requirement of \$23,000.00.
No net cost to the District*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Mikula

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: *Ms. Mikula presented to the Board the resignation of one (1) non-certified staff member, the employment of four (4) non-certified staff members, three (3) Family Medical Leave, and one (1) change of employment status.*

2. 2024-2025 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2024-2025 School District Calendar for first reading.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: *Dr. Barber stated that this is the first reading of the 2024-2025 calendar. It will be posted on the District website.*

3. Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student 9917 – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student 9917.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: *Due to privacy concerns, specifics will not be discussed.*

4. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

- ❖ Policy 122 – Co-Curricular Activities
- ❖ Policy 138 – English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ❖ Policy 218 – Student Discipline
- ❖ Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- ❖ Policy 433 – Professional Development

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna explained that the policies are being updated to meet legal obligations, PSBA research, or updated to PSBA standards.

5. ET Richardson Middle School Electrical and Masonry Work – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves change order #2 received from Ford Brothers Electrical for \$1,012.00 and change orders #12 and 13 received from McCarthy Constructions, Inc. for \$14,394.50 for additional electrical changes, masonry work and premium time incurred on the ET Richardson Middle School HVAC project.

All costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: This is for electrical work and a small modification on the masonry work. Mr. Mooney stated that with the contractors working on the weekends, we are still on target for the project completion in the summer of 2024.

6. Saxer Avenue Maintenance Building General Construction Work – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves change order #GC-02 and GC-03 received from L.J. Paolella Construction for \$18,367.59 for additional work for unsuitable soil remediation, paving and grading changes incurred on the Saxer Avenue Maintenance Building project.

All costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained these change orders are for the general contractor from work that was completed six months ago.

7. Springfield High School Phase 2 General Construction Work – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves change order #01-005 received from L.J. Paolella Construction for \$75,100.24 for additional paving work, stormwater systems adjustments and Gateway wall work incurred on the Springfield High School Phase 2 project.

All costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: These change orders are for additional stormwater modifications and the seating wall to look out over the athletic fields.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni
Nothing to report.
2. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report but will begin interviewing people for the trustee position.
3. Future Board Meetings – April 25, 2024
May 16, 2024
4. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked the speakers who attended tonight. He remarked on the students for their bravery in getting up to speak.

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Keenan