

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
October 28, 2021**

Springfield School District policy prohibits smoking in this area

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is limited to five minutes per speaker.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 1. Cougar Student Success** – Daniel Niklauski and Matthew Mullany
- 2. Cougar Sports Report** – Kevin Keenan
- 3. June 30, 2021 Audit Report** – BBD, LLP – Mike Mood

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
- ❖ Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna

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 – September 23, 2021

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of September 2021
totaling \$940,292.60*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – September 2021
Morton and Springfield

- ❖ District Financial Reports – September 2021
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures

- ❖ Financial Reports – September 2021
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

4. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ Agreement with Silver Springs “Martin Luther School” to provide services for the enrollment of one (1) student (ID # 100008829) for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost of \$32,171.40 with a 4010 Funding Plan along with (1:1) Personal Care assistant at a cost of \$24,705.00.
Total cost for one (1) student: \$56,876.40.
- ❖ DJ Ev Disc Jockey Services
Fall Dance – Springfield High School - Courtyard
Saturday, November 6, 2021, 6:30 PM – 930 PM
Cost \$400. No net cost to District.

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

2. Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlements – Ms. Mikula

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. 42-00-05030-00, 1201 Providence Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$220,000 assessment/ \$220,000 fair market value.

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$300,000 assessment/ \$300,000 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$80,000 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$1,587 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ Folio No. 42-00-06634-00, 914-920 W. Sproul Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$8,600,000 assessment/ \$8,600,000 fair market value.

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$5,702,870 assessment/ \$5,702,870 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$3,109,559 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$61,723 to our District for tax year 2021.

3. Test to Stay Agreement with the DCIU – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board ratify the Memorandum of Agreement dated September 30, 2021 between the District and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit to participate in the Test to Stay Program using the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test in an effort to enable asymptomatic persons who are identified as in-school close contacts during Covid-19 contact tracing to remain in school for work or learning.

4. Board Policy - Mr. Bentivegna

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

- ❖ 204 - Attendance
- ❖ 800.1 – Electronic Signatures and Records
- ❖ 816 – District Social Media

5. General Fund Balance Transfer and Reserve Designation – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approves the following General Fund balance transfer and reserve un-assignment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

- ❖ \$3,019,053 transfer to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance from the Retirement Rate Stabilization Assigned Fund Balance.

6. Resolution Supporting Delaware County Schools Receiving Necessary COVID-19 District Level County Transmission Data to Make Important Decisions About the Safety of our Schools – Bruce Lord

WHEREAS, Delaware County County Council, through its contract with the Chester County Health Department, provided weekly data on County Transmission Levels and School District Specific data on these levels during the 2020 -2021 school year as published on the following chart; and

Geographic Boundary (Public School District)	Population	Positive Test Count				7-Day Average of Daily Cases				Incidence Rate Per 10,000				Incidence Rate Per 100,000			
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
School District	32,361	50	46	40	42	7.14	6.57	5.71	6.00	15.45	14.21	12.36	12.98	154.51	142.15	123.61	129.79

WHEREAS, Delaware County schools have been requesting the same data for the 2021-2022 school year and have been unable to obtain this data; and

WHEREAS, at the September 15, 2021 Delaware County County Council meeting, Dr. Lisa O’Mahony announced the hiring of Dr. Victor Alos Rullan, Epidemiologist for Delaware County COVID-19 Task Force as well as the epidemiologist for the future Delaware County Health Department, and announced Rosemarie Halt will be returning as Director of the COVID-19 Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa O'Mahony stated that a role Dr. Victor Alos Rullan will play is the sharing of CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health data to assist with synthesizing and analyzing of the data for Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, at the September 15, 2021 Delaware County County Council meeting, a council member indicated there was briefing with Dr. Victor Alos Rullan and the level of data, analysis of data, and trends provided was helpful to assist Delaware County County Council in making decisions. The Council member also indicated it is difficult to make good decisions without the data; and

WHEREAS, a Delaware County County Council member indicated the Chester County Health Department is willing to assist Delaware County if there was such a need;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, a Resolution was passed by the Board of Directors of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit ("DCIU") requesting that the Delaware County County Council provide data regarding COVID-19 transmission levels in each school district, similar to the data provided during the 2020 – 2021 school year, so that local school boards and administrators can make the best possible decisions in these challenging times;

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, Dr. Monica Taylor, Vice-Chair, Delaware County County Council, sent a Memorandum addressed to the Delaware County School Superintendents stating that the Delaware County County Council was responding to the DCIU's October 6, 2021 Resolution and stating that the County had requested this data from the Pennsylvania Department of Health but that the Pennsylvania Department of Health has refused to provide this data to the County; and

WHEREAS, the schools of Delaware County should be afforded the same level of data as provided to them in the past so schools are able to use data to make informed, good decisions for school safety during the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Springfield School District** School Board of Directors urge the elected officials on the Delaware County County Council to exhaust their efforts to obtain school district-level COVID transmission data on a weekly basis as previously provided during the 2020 – 2021 school year by making further inquiries to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and by using all means possible to obtain this critical health data and expeditiously provide it to the school districts of Delaware County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the elected members of the Delaware County County Council.

Adopted this 28th day of October 2021.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino
3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
5. Future Board Meetings – *November 18, 2021*
December 9, 2021
6. 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.