MEETING MINUTES

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Lee 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton. Welcome to new board members and a wish for happy holidays.

Mr. Chris Pierangeli 32 Springfield Rd. Springfield. Concerns regarding the nepotism policy and his inability to get an interview because his mother is an aide in the district.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Student Successes – Ms. Brune and Mr. Leone

Ms. Brune:

- Pep rally- tested 2 new activities,
  - One where a volunteer would put an Oreo on their forehead and try to shimmy it down into their mouth without using their hands.
Very eventful musical chairs– Laney Paladino won. Definitely a very high energy pep rally.

Next pep rally we hope to have a bocce ball game between volunteers from any grade, the teachers, and students on the bocce team.

- Santa breakfast at ETR
  - Always a great event with really dedicated moms and dads working behind the scenes to make sure it all runs smoothly.

- NHS induction- Wednesday last week
- HiQ- Wednesday last week
- Wednesday was the “Sounds of the Season” choir and orchestra concert
- Upcoming: Snow Dance is this Saturday

**Mr. Leone**

- On Friday the 8th, SSDM had their annual paint night, which was a great way to create a meaningful gift for the holidays.
- Community Service Club and SSDM teamed up to create bears for the program Bears for Smiles. This program delivers teddy bears to kids in the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia during the holidays.
- Last night was the SHS winter concert, which was a fantastic opportunity to listen to the lovely tunes the students have been working on all year.
- Next Thursday is the annual Cocoa House. This is a holiday event at the high school that highlights performances from the students and serves to get everyone ready for the holiday break.

2. **Academic Highlights – Ms. Mattei, Mr. Zweiback**

**Elementary**

- Last Saturday was Breakfast and Lunch with Santa at the SLC. Over 600 people between both sessions. Students enjoyed writing letters to Santa, decorating ornaments, and shopping at the Gift Shoppe. It was a perfect, snowy morning! Thank you to Home and School for running such a well-organized event.
- Reminder for SLC families the Holiday Showcases are Monday, Dec. 18th (Kindergarten) and Tuesday, Dec. 19th (1st grade).
- The Scenic Holiday Teas were yesterday and today. Mrs. Matteo does an outstanding job with the students. They not only sing but today the third graders sang and did the twist. Thank you to Dr. O’ Dowd and the staff at Scenic for their help and support, it takes a village to get 300 elementary students prepared for these events.
- The Scenic community is also working very hard to raise money for the Springfield Turkey Fund. So far they have collected $1,746.94. It is important especially at this time of the year to support members of our community who are struggling and in need of some support. The Scenic students and staff have certainly risen to the challenge.
Sabold is participating in a Holiday Giving Project. Students are donating their gently used toys, video games, and DVD's to those less fortunate. They will also make a winter craft as a gift that will be donated as part of the project.

Reminder to Sabold families, the Sabold Holiday Teas are next Wednesday and Thursday. Please check the website for specifics on grade levels and times.

Even with all of these holiday activities and the snow our teachers are managing to keep our elementary students engaged in learning. For example:

- Students in grades three through five are completing the second scored writing task this week.
- Fifth grade is experimenting with force and motion and how simple machines work.
- The fourth grade students are learning about electricity and how electric circuits work.
- Third grade students are exploring rocks and minerals, geography, and landforms.
- Second graders are learning how culture is expressed through stories, such as fables, folktales, and fairy tales.
- First graders are also exploring culture through their study of holidays around the world.
- Last, but not to be forgotten, Kindergarten. They are learning about communities and exploring poetry through poems about the holidays.

Secondary ETR

Teachers attended a John Collins Workshop recently, he is a 30-year expert on the teaching of writing across the curriculum and provides some of the most innovative and practical techniques on teaching students to write in all areas of the curriculum.

Chess Club, Drama Club, and Lego Robotics are all up and running at ETR.

Our Robotics club last week took home the First Lego League: Inspiration Award. This award celebrates a team that is empowered by their FIRST LEGO League experience and displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit. Ethan Johnson, Liam Beresford, Andrew Ryan, Matteo Tizzano, Enrico Faccio, Emma Bauer, Summer Carey, Brandon Sia

Recent Data Check in Reading had mid 80's% proficiency for the first time this year (2nd Assessment) which shows a faster than usual improvement in critical reading skills.

HS

- 7% increase in same time last year proficiency on the 1st Quarter check in Bio
- ELA and Algebra are maintaining strong performance but still leave room for performance growth.
- Kaitlin Siddons has been selected to represent SHS at the 2017-2018 HOBY Leadership Conference
District Band – Stephanie Enf and Mike McGarrigle / District Chorus: Marissa Perri & Tim Olson
Cocoa House (annual lip sync competition) on 12/21
Alternative Beverage Day 12/22

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December 14, 2017 – National Bouillabaisse Day

Academy Related Trivia:
- STEM – 1967 DNA Created in a Test Tube – 2016 Amazon announces its 1st Drone Delivery from a warehouse in the UK
- Humanities – 1903 The first attempt to fly at Kittyhawk by the Wright Brothers
- Business - Chrysler admits to selling driven vehicles as new in 1987, receive $805,000 fine
- Liberal Arts - 1946 UN Votes to establish the UN HQs in NYC

3. Cougar Sports Report – Mr. Keenan
- Ice Hockey team is 8-0
- Bocce team is 1-1
- Boys basketball 1-1
- Girls basketball 2-0
- Boys track have a meet at Lehigh
- Girls track have a meet at Ursinus

C. 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.

No Consent Agenda items.

D. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Independent Contractor Agreement – Mr. Mooney
RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the Independent Contractor Agreement with Blue Quest Therapy, LLC (Colby Keyser, licensed speech and language pathologist) to provide speech and language services for the Springfield School District. The agreement is for the 2017-2018 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed $50,616.

Motion: Mr. Lord
Second: Mr. Keenan
Vote: 9-0-0
Comments: Mr. Mooney explained purpose of contract.
1. **2018 Summer Projects – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for capital asset renovation projects including classroom renovation and casework replacement, at Scenic Hills Elementary School for work to be completed during the summer of 2018. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital reserve fund balance. The proposal amounts are as follows:

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<td>Eco Services – Abatement Services</td>
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<td>Cook’s Service – Plumbing Construction</td>
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Motion: Mr. DeSantis  
Second: Mr. Lord  
Vote: 9-0-0  
Comments: Mr. Mooney gave an explanation of summer work programs.

2. **High School Master Plan Projects – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for Springfield High School master plan projects including architectural and engineering services and construction cost estimating services. The total cost of these proposals will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds. The proposal amounts are as follows:

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<td>Schrader Group Architecture</td>
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Motion: Mr. Bentivegna  
Second: Mr. Lord  
Vote: 9-0-0  
Comments: Mr. Money explained the need for these services.

E. **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. **Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Sereni**

   Mr. Sereni thanked the board for their confidence and support of his firm.
2. Upcoming Board Meetings – January 11, 2018
   January 25, 2018

3. 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