**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**January 17, 2019**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President*

*Jennifer Lofland, Vice President*

*Domenic Bentivegna, Secretary*

*Frank Agovino, Treasurer*

*Christopher DeSantis, Director*

*Jennifer Flynn, Director*

*Kevin Keenan, Director*

*Margaret Rovinski, 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*

*Student Interns Ms. Brune and Ms. O’Connor*

**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag*

1. **BOARD RECOGNITION** – *Dr. Barber*

*PSBA School Director Recognition Month*

*Dr. Barber thanked school board members for their time and commitment to the school district.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave. Morton*** *Mentioned that this is the 100th anniversary of Gov. Sproul’s proposal of public education in PA.*

1. **ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**
2. **Cougar Student Successes – Ms. Brune and Ms. O’Connor**

* *Art- Temple art gallery: clay program of excellence is for Philadelphia high schools students. Ethan Graci has a piece on display. His piece is showcasing his favorite food, Chinese. Into the wood casting also took place.*

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* *Academics- On February 9th, the practice ACT is being held at the high school. They are offered free of charge to students. Next week is quarterlies and I can tell you that the half days are really what gets everyone through them.*
* *Activities- Jordan D’Amboise scored her 1000 point this month for the Lady Cougars. Black Light dance.*
* *Services- On the Friday before break the high school had its annual Alternative Beverage day providing music, baked goods and hot chocolate for all.*
* *Now not necessarily in service but more as a public service announcement: I got my license today so stay off the roads.*

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

**Elementary Academic Report:**

* *The Kindergarten teachers completed the first administration of the Benchmark Assessment for Literacy. They will be re-grouping their intervention reading groups based on this data. The first grade teachers are completing the Benchmark Assessment and we will be adjusting Go Blue interventions based on the data.*
* *Students in grades three through five completed their second scored writing task. Fourth and fifth graders completed a text dependent analysis prompt. The teachers scored the prompts based on the training they received from the IU. Today I observed several teachers using the prompt and student work to assist students in understanding their score and to teach them how to revise their essays to improve their response.*
* *The first week back I met with the grade-level coordinators to work on curriculum revisions for the first half of the year, which primarily focused on sequencing and timing around specific units. We will meet over the summer to revise the ELA curriculum assessments to include more text analysis questions and to create common content area curriculum assessments.*
* *At Scenic, Madeleine has started a new student tutoring program. Fifth grade students are giving up their recess time to work with second grade students on their addition and subtraction math facts, and sight words. It has been a great connection for the fifth grade students and the second graders are loving it and their math skills are getting a boost.*
* *Last Friday at Sabold, the third graders boarded the SS Sabold for Ellis Island. The immigrants were quite nervous and the steerage passengers were quite upset when the first and second class passengers received snacks on the voyage. I am happy to report that although several immigrants were detained and deportation was a possibility, in the end all of the passengers were sworn in as US citizens. Scenic immigrants will arrive on January 24th.*
* *Lastly, I shared with you the new professional growth opportunity that has come as a result of our partnership with the PA Writing & Literature Project and West Chester University. We are really excited about this program and the opportunities that our teachers will have to learn from experts in the field of writing instruction and to collaborate with their colleagues on how they will*

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*implement what they have learned into their daily instructional practices. The cohort model supports collaboration and creates an internal support system for the teachers that increases the follow through and application of the new learning. We are up to a total 15 teachers across all buildings who have responded that they are interested in taking the classes.*

**Secondary Academic Report**

**SHS:**

* *The HS math teams have been utilizing the Competency Component within eSchool to track student progress related to Algebraic standards. To date we have seen approximately 80% Adv/Pro in College Prep classes on Algebra Competencies. This marks the third year in a row that our first-time test takers are developing a stronger base in Algebraic skills earlier in the year. Thank you, MS and the work of the HS teachers!*
* *Last month Springfield FBLA competed at the Regional Leadership Conference at Widener University.  Over 500 students across the Region participated in the conference.  During the conference students were also given the opportunity to network with other students from the Region and participate in workshops focused on Digital and Personal Branding.   We are proud of all who competed including our 25 State Qualifiers, a Springfield Record!*

*Colin Burns – Journalism – 1st place*

*Ricky Chen – Database Management - 1st place*

*Steven Diep – Networking Concepts - 1st place*

*Pat Doyle – Business Calculations - 1st place*

*Ben Gardner – Introduction to Technology Concepts - 1st place*

*Owen Hagarty – Graphic Design - 1st place*

*John McCarthy – Organizational Leadership - 1st place*

* *Students are reading their books! Mrs. Conlin remarks that in her observations with the ELA team, there is a new level of student engagement in text discussions and students have clearly responded to the new ELA texts put in place. Early returns on benchmark assessments show higher achievement than in the past in numerous areas, especially non-fiction. There is still much work to be done and the ELA is team is showing tremendous professionalism while planning for completely new learning experiences on a daily basis.*
* *You may have noticed that we sent out an announcement regarding Vaping and the use of E-Cigarettes last week. We have also developed a website within the SSD page where simply searching the word “Vaping” will take you to excellent information for both parents and students. It is true that like the nation and our neighbors we have seen an increase in E-Cigarette and Vaping use in our school which has provided some added work for our administrative team in this one area, but this has really been a year where students have shown remarkable focus and drive to succeed. Your children, both at the MS and SHS definitely come here to work and achieve. Thank you for everything you are doing to prepare them for success.*

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**ETR:**

* *Kindness Committee – has sponsored a Kindness Spirit Week.  In addition to having specific themes each day, Kindness Committee students are making announcements in the morning with ways to be kind to each other in the building.*
* *Robotics club has started with great attendance.*
* *Mr. Tracy and Math teachers from ETR will be attending a Math Study Council with Math Specialist Julie Dixon. Despite significant improvement on last year’s PSSAs, this team does not rest!*
* *Academics - ETR Writing Contest: Student will be writing an argumentative essay in which they persuade their reader how to best live by MLK’s example in his or her everyday life. Service - Additionally Mrs. Parsons will be organizing a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King where our students will be assisting local food pantries.*

*Jan 17, 2019 – Hot Buttered Rum, Bootlegger’s Day, Get to Know Your Customers Day*

* ***Arts:*** *1929 Popeye makes first appearance in comic strip / 1954 1st Network telecast of Jacques Cousteau “Omnibus”*
* ***Business:*** *1871 1st Cable Car patented / 1917 US Buys Virgin Islands from Denmark for $25 Million*
* ***Humanities:*** *1946 United Nations Security Council holds first meeting / 1966 Dr. Martin Luther King begins the Chicago Campaign which marks the movement of Civil Rights activities from the south to the north*
* ***Liberal Arts:*** *1950 The Great Brinks Robbery - 11 men rob $1.2M cash & $1.5M securities from armored car company Brink's offices in Boston, Massachusetts / 1954 MVP of the 4th Pro Bowl in the NFL is Chuck Bednarik of the Eagles*
* ***STEM:*** *1882 1st Licensed (Board Certified) female physician Aletta Jacobs opens her practice (Dutch) 1929 1st fully automatic photographic film developing machine patented (90 years ago)*

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

* *Girls basketball 11-2, and currently ranked #1 in the district (5a) - Jordan D'Ambrosio broke 1000 points - Great crowd for our first of 2 doubleheaders this year.*
* *Very small number of ineligible players.*
* *Girls Lacrosse has had 3 new commitments - Delaware, Gwyned Mercy, and LockHaven (lacrosse and field hockey) - Boys lacrosse has had 2 more US Air Force, Ursinus - Football has had 1 - Widener - Girls Basketball has 1 - Widener.*
* *Leadership group is going very well - still having book discussions on "Toughness" - Student attendance at games is going up.*

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* *Currently working with a number of girls/boys student-athletes on the recruiting process.*
* *Boys’ basketball and wrestling are being challenged.*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Committee met January 10th. Discussion about the education grant recently submitted.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Committee met January 10th. We are working hard to maintain the construction schedule considering the rain we’ve had. Committee is also working on the maintenance schedule for summer work for the other district buildings.*

* **Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Committee met December 18th. Concentrating on the 2019-2020 budget.*

* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Committee met January 10th. Discussions on SESPA contract renewal.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Committee met January 10th. Reviewed several old policies and 2 new policies. Will be presenting them to the board for first reading.*

* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Committee met January 10th. Discussed future branding for the district.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Committee scheduled to meet January 21st.*

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. DeSantis*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Board Meetings *– November 15, 2018*

*December 6, 2018 (Reorganization and Regular)*

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1. **Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the months of November and December 2018*

*totaling $2,745,816.88*

1. **Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

* Tax Collector’s Reports – *November and December 2018*

*Morton and Springfield*

* District Financial Reports – *November and December 2018*

*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

* Financial Reports – *November and December 2018*

*Athletic Fund, Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

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: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Ms. Bellace went over the report.*

1. **Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Bentivegna mentioned that policy 205 has been adjusted to reflect current practices. Policies 222 and 709 are new and address conditions and needs of the district.*

* + *#205 Continuing Education of Residents*
  + *#222 Tobacco Use/Nicotine Delivery System/Vaping*
  + *#709 Safety and Security*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #9559.*

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*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: No discussion permitted.*

1. **2019-2020 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2019-2020 School District Calendar for first reading.*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Dr. Barber went over the proposed calendar and compared it with this year’s calendar.*

1. **Entertainment Contract – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the contract with*

*FnP Productions for disc jockey services at the Springfield High School 2019 Steve Stefani Dance Marathon from Friday, March 29, 2019 through Saturday, March 30, 2019 at a cost of $5,200.*

*No net cost to the District.*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney mentioned that contract cost is covered by event*

*revenues. No cost to the district.*

1. **2019 Summer Projects – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for project construction and consulting services including construction demolition, project management and environmental project oversight for classroom heating system replacement at Scenic Hills Elementary School for work to be completed during the summer of 2019. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital reserve fund balance. The proposal amounts are as follows:*

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| 1. | Eco Services LLC – construction demolition services | $16,206 |
| 2. | ATC Group Services LLC – abatement project oversight and monitoring services | 8,601 |
| 3. | CID Group – construction project management services | 54,775 |
|  | Total Project Costs | $79,582 |

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*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Mr. DeSantis*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney talked about the projects planned.*

1. **Springfield High School Master Plan Services – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for project construction and consulting services including evaluation of roof, exterior building and foundation enclosure systems and bleacher design and relocation services. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds. The proposal amounts are as follows:*

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| 1. | TBS Services Inc. – building enclosure evaluation services | $76,970 |
| 2. | Degler Whiting – bleacher relocation and reinstallation  services | 19,850 |
|  | Total Project Costs | $96,820 |

*Motion: Mr. DeSantis*

*Second: Ms. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney discussed timing and the need for these services. He also*

*mentioned that the blue gym will be torn down during the summer of 2019.*

1. **Springfield High School Master Plan Change Order Approval –**

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board approves the change order #01-001 in the amount of $638,754 for additional alternate bid awards for landscaping and flooring installation and sidewalk, fencing and soil stabilization site work for the high school master plan project. All change order costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.*

*Motion: Mr. DeSantis*

*Second: Ms. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney discussed the projects alternates planned if sufficient funds will cover them.*

1. **2019-2020 General Fund Proposed Preliminary Budget –**

**Mr. Mooney and Ms. Mosloskie**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board approves the 2019-2020 General Fund Proposed Preliminary Budget as presented.*

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*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Vote: 8-1-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the preliminary budget details.*

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

*No report.*

1. **Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino**

*New representatives were sworn in including Jen O’Mara our new representative. The budget address will be February 5th.*

1. **DCIU Board Report – Mr. DeSantis**

*Saturday, February 2nd the IU will host a session on school funding.*

1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Lord**

*Met January 16th. Enrollment steady. High tech manufacturing training discussed including the trades and need for technically skilled people.*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *February 28, 2019*

*March 28, 2019*

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*