**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**February 28, 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*

*Melissa Butler,* ***Dir. of Technology and Assessment***

*Linda Bellace, Director, Human Resources*

*Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

*Student Intern Ms. Brune*

**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee 123 W Sylvan Ave Morton****. Next Wednesday our new state rep will be at the township building to greet residents. He also expressed a concern about using quality materials in building the new high school.*

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

* *Side by side concert Feb 4- 8th grade students get the chance to play their instruments with the high school orchestra.*
* *Springfield Buddies friendship dance which is hosted by the SAILL program was a big success last Friday.*
* *PJAS Pennsylvania Junior academy of science Competition last Saturday, Sanil Hira won the judge’s favorite award, Abby Peichel won humanitarian science award, and Choya Talukder won the junior researchers award.*
* *Cougars Got Talent preliminaries are happening as we speak.*
* *Science Olympiad went to Neumann College yesterday to compete in various areas such as anatomy and physiology, microscopic biology and optics yesterday.*

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* *SHS 2nd annual Career Day is tomorrow. This event allows students to talk to professionals in a wide range of fields and ask questions that can help them decide what career they want to enter*
* *SATs March 9th*

1. **Academic Highlights – Ms. Mattei, Dr. Butler**

**Elementary Academic Report**

* *Last Saturday was Frostival, the annual indoor carnival, at Scenic Hills. It was a huge success, with over 850 students, families, and volunteers in attendance.  A big thank you to all of the staff members who volunteered or attended with their families and the SHS Community Service Club who ran many of the stations, as well as to the many parent volunteers! It was an awesome community event!*
* *Next week, is Read Across America Week which is a national recognition of Dr. Seuss’s birthday and a celebration of reading. Lots of fun activities are planned at our elementary schools. Some of the events include, Mystery Readers at the SLC, at Scenic students are creating a school-wide paper chain of favorite books, and on Friday the SLC students will be treated to a staff performance of Horton Hears a Who. This is always a super fun week of celebrating reading!*
* *The Sabold winners of the Black History Month Poster Contest sponsored by the Media chapter of the NAACP are: Ella Smyth, Peyton Taylor, and Lindsay Brotschul*
* *Sabold also hosted their annual Science Fair this month. 110 students participated. As always the research, hypothesis, and investigations were well developed. For example students tested air quality in a variety of environments, including Sabold. Pete Olsen will be happy to hear that Sabold’s air quality rated the highest based on the student’s findings. Joe Keefer and Jenna Miller continue to do an outstanding job of organizing the fair, assisting the students through the scientific process, and preparing them for the final judging. Congratulations to all of the grade level the winners. But really, everyone who participated in this event is a winner!*
* *On March 6th at the Scenic Home and School meeting the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office is sending a representative to speak to parents about cyber-safety. This comes at an apropos time based on the information that we shared today with parents concerning the online social media threat the “MoMo Challenge” which encourages students to hurt themselves and or others to avoid being cursed by a mythical creature. This is not new, but they have found new ways to distribute it to children through YouTube Kids and other video platforms that target children. The letter we sent home via email can be found on the district website.*
* *March 15th is the fourth grade Excited About Science Day at Scenic Hills and Sabold. This is a very special day for our students because they not only have the opportunity to learn about science from scientists, but they also get to learn about science careers. This is an awesome day for both the students*

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*and the scientists. I would like to thank Jen Lofland who brought this program to us about 8 years ago and who continues to take time from her busy schedule to both organize and participate in this truly awesome activity!*

**Secondary Academic Report**

**SHS:**

* *Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Awards this past weekend:*
* *5 students earned perfect scores, 19 students won first awards, 8 students received second awards, and 1 student earned a third award. First award and perfect score winners will go on to compete at the state competition at Penn State in May.*
* *Special Award Winners were: Patrick Conley- Judges' Award, Sanil Hira- Judges' Award, Kyra Kucirka- Robust Research Award, Kevin McCann- Exceptional Analysis Award, Abigail Peichel- Humanitarian Scientists Award, Choya Talukder- Exceptional Analysis Award.*
* *The DuBois Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Feb 21st (22 students inducted.*
* *100 students took part in the practice ACT this past Saturday. We continue to get great feedback from the students regarding this process. We look forward to seeing their scores on the real assessments in the Fall.*
* *The Scholastic Art Awards is a highly competitive and prestigious competition; students compete with the best young artists in the entire region and in the nation recipients of a Gold Key move on in the competition for a potential national recognition:  Matthew Jenkins, Gold Key – Acrylic Painting*
* *Career Fair – over 100 presenters are planning sessions for the 10 and 11th graders tomorrow (weather willing).*
* *Academy Fair, weather willing, - is planned for Monday, March 4 at 7:00-9:00 PM.*

**ETR:**

* *Congratulations to Joseph Bannon – ETR Geography Bee Champion. We are awaiting word on his potential inclusion in the state competition in Harrisburg.*
* *Pillar – Service - ETR participated in Pennies for Patients this past month.  Money collected will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We are waiting on the final totals!*
* *Bruner Bash is tomorrow at 7:00 PM in the ETR gymnasium.*

*Feb 28, 2019 – National: Public Sleeping, Chocolate Soufflé, Floral Design, Tooth Fairy - Day*

* ***Arts:*** *1916 Henry James great American and British author dies at age 72*
* ***Business:*** *1827**1st Commercial railroad in US chartered B&O: Baltimore & Ohio RR*
* ***Humanities:*** *1991 Gulf War ceasefire is announced ending hostilities in Kuwait*

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* ***Liberal Arts:*** *1787 - The charter establishing the University of Pittsburgh is granted*
* ***STEM:*** *1953 Francis Crick and James Watson discover the chemical structure of DNA-molecule and the double-helix*

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

* *The SHS bocce team won a silver medal in a recent tournament*
* *Girls basketball in taking on West Chester Henderson to determine whether they are 3rd or 4th seed in the district tournament. The tournament will start next Saturday.*
* *The SHS swim team is participating in a meet this Saturday*
* *The ice hockey team starts district playoffs Tuesday Mar. 5th.*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Committee met February 21st and discussed workshop schedule and career day at SHS tomorrow March 1st.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Committee met February 21st and discussed fencing around HS construction site. Discussed security system of new HS. Next meeting March 14th.*

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

*Did not meet.*

* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Met February 21st. Discussed Gold Pass Academy evening program.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Did not meet in February. Next meeting 3rd Monday in March. Will discuss this year’s Memorial Wall candidates.*

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.*

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*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – January, 2019*

1. **Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of January, 2019*

*totaling $991,098.44*

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

* Tax Collector’s Reports – *January, 2019*

*Morton and Springfield*

* District Financial Reports – *January, 2019*

*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

* Financial Reports – *January, 2019*

*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. Bentivegna*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

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

1. **Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the following policies for second reading:*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Bentivegna mentioned an adjustment to policy 709 between first and second reading.*

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

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

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

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Dr. Barber mentioned that there were no adjustments since first reading.*

1. **Contract for Board Approval**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the agreement with Green Tree School & Services for enrollment of one (1) student (ID #11073) for educational services for the 2018-2019 School Year at a cost of $303.48 per day for 180 days.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $54,626.40*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney mentioned the process for selection of these services.*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #0041*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the following proposal from Wright Commissioning in the amount of $29,800 for HVAC systems commissioning services and project design review for classroom heating system replacement at Scenic Hills Elementary School. This work is scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2019. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital reserve fund balance.*

*Motion: Mr. DeSantis*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Project replaced the heater ventilators at Scenic Hills School.*

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

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the change order #01-002 in the amount of $1,599,321.07 for additional soil exchange and soil stabilization site work and temporary storm pipe 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: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the need for these work activities.*

1. **Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlement – Mr. Sereni**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board authorizes and directs the Solicitor to finalize settlement of the following real estate tax assessment appeal for the following year and amount:*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Mr. DeSantis*

*Vote: 8-1-0*

*Comments: Ms. Mikula explained how the settlement came about and the results.*

* *Folios No. 42-00-07872-00 and 42-00-00487-00, 780 Baltimore Pike & Woodland Ave., Springfield Township*

*Appealed-from assessment/implied fair market value of the Front Lot:*

*$5,184,000 assessment/$7,646,018 implied fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/implied fair market value of the Back Lot:*

*$2,664,000 assessment/$3,929,204 implied fair market value*

*Real estate tax assessment appeal:*

*Front Lot:*

*2015 $8,814,000 assessment/$13,000,000 fair market value*

*2016 $8,949,600 assessment/$13,200,000 fair market value*

*2017 $8,580,000 assessment/$13,200,000 fair market value*

*Back Lot:*

*2015 $949,200 assessment/$1,400,000 fair market value*

*2016 $949,200 assessment/$1,400,000 fair market value*

*2017 $910,000 assessment/$1,400,000 fair market value*

*2018 $855,400 assessment/$1,400,000 fair market value*

*2019 $813,400 assessment/$1,400,000 fair market value*

*Approximate aggregate annual tax dollar* ***increase*** *for the 2015 through 2019 tax years:* ***$375,000***

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

*No Report*

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

*The governor rolled out the work force development initiative allowing for new jobs and apprenticeships. $25 Million increase dedicated to these programs. The new workforce development initiative determined that 300,000 jobs will require training in this area, or 70% of new jobs in the state will require these skills. Presently there are 13,000 registered apprenticeships in the state. $7 Million dedicated toward apprenticeships. The goal is to double that number.*

*$3Million in industrial partnerships. $10Million to develop career technical education. $5Million to partner with colleges and universities.*

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

*Next Meeting March 6th. There will be a parent meeting March 7th regarding ADHD development and specialization of skills.*

1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Lord**

*Did not meet. Next meeting in April.*

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

*April 25, 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*