**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**June 27, 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*

*Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag*

1. **BOARD RECOGNITION**

* *2019 PIAA Class 2A Girls’ Lacrosse State Champions – Mr. Keith Broome, coach*

*Glenn Mallon and Keith Broome recognized the team on their accomplishment. Each girl on the team was introduced to the board.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee 123 W Sylvan Ave Morton,*** *gave his impression of Celebration of the Arts.*

1. **ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**
2. **Academic Highlights – Ms. Mattei, Mr. Zweiback**

**Elementary**

* *We hosted our incoming Kindergarteners during Kindercub Hub during the last week of school. We screened over 200 in-coming Kindergarteners for emergent literacy and numeracy skills. This data will be used for placement.*
* *Bump-up days went really well. Students and staff did a great job in making these days meaningful in terms of smoothing the transitions and alleviating the jitters.* *First Grade Bump Up Day was a success. Students came back with lots of smiles and positive comments. They had a great day from riding*

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*the buses, to visiting the classrooms, to seeing siblings and friends within the schools. Thank you Madeleine and Pete (and your staffs) for making our first graders feel so comfortable.*

* *Summer programs are getting started this week and next. Camp Invention is this week with over a 100 students in attendance. They are engaged in exciting activities that allow them to explore, discover and create! Our second annual Summer Literacy Camp will start next week with over 100 students. Students will be receiving small group literacy support four mornings a week for the next four weeks. ELL Camp will also start next week with over 35 student K-12 participating in learning support activities and cultural immersion activities.*
* *Hiring has been really exciting this year. We started in late spring and were able to complete our demo lessons in May in our classrooms. The pool this year has been particularly good with lots of candidates coming from other districts and states with great experience. We have had several candidates come even though they will be taking significant pay cuts and leaving years in PSERS on the table. We are completely hired for our classroom positions K-5.*

**Secondary**

**SHS:**

*College Admissions Update:*

* *Top 5 Highly Competitive Acceptances: Top 25 Schools - Duke, UPenn, John Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon, University of Virginia*
* *Top 5 Frequency Accepted: West Chester, Penn State, DCCC, Widener, Temple*
* *Top 5 Attended: DCCC, Temple, West Chester, Widener, Penn State*

*90% have reported they are enrolling in a 2-4 year college which is slightly down from last year’s 93.4% the difference is almost directly related to students that are already full-time employed (mostly in the trades) and electing to defer for a year.*

*We finished the year strong at SHS with successful pilots of our 9-12 ELA curriculum. Re-emphasizing that both while reading is important identifying challenging texts that all students want to read is just as important. That was no more apparent that Celeste Ng’s, Everything I Never Told You where senior students created a chat room to talk about the book. Yes, a chat room explicitly to talk about literature.*

*We look forward to the creation of a few new courses based on Academy requests and have a number of curricula tweaks this summer in ELA, social studies, music, and our world language department.*

**ETR:**

* *Wanted to share an exciting integration of instructional technology in the ETR math classrooms: Several math teachers have been implementing a strategy for engaging students in discussion about problem solving using document cameras.  Teachers present student work on the doc cam and ask the class what they notice about the strategy being used.*

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* *ETR is also working on curriculum revisions in ELA, mathematics, social studies, and world language.*

**SECONDARY:**

*We are working with the IU next year to train members of the staff at every level in Youth Mental Health, Trauma Awareness / Informed Care, and Crisis Prevention. We are developing the team in the summer and will be preparing for our on-site audit with IU staff to layout our 2019-2020 training schedule for the team, which flows into a districtwide implementation model in 20-21*

*June 27, 2019 – National Onion, Ice Cream Cake, Sunglasses, Handshake, PTSD Awareness - Day*

* ***Arts:*** *1922, First Newberry Medal for Children’s Literature given to Hendrik Van Loon , “The Story of Mankind.” / 1956, Premiere of John Huston’s and Ray Bradbury’s film version Moby Dick with Gregory Peck in the lead as Captain Ahab*

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

* *Girls lacrosse - AA State Champs!! Beat Villa Maria.  All Americans - Belle Mastropietro and Alyssa Long - going to Harrisburg next Tuesday*
* *Boys lacrosse - AAA State Quarterfinalists - lost to LaSalle who won state title. All Americans - Pat Clemens (3x) and Jack Spence*
* *Baseball - All Central - Casey Vaughn*
* *Softball - made 2nd of district playoffs - All League - Jenna Casanta and Caitlin Chambers*
* *Track - Jordyn Chisolm qualified for districts*
* *Summer lifting is underway.*
* *Football, Lacrosse, girls soccer, girls basketball, field hockey, volleyball, and a group of alumni are all working with George Caroulis.*
* *Leadership group ended the year with a trip to the University of Penn - great trip!*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Flynn**

*Curriculum and testing methods were discussed. The mentoring program at ETR was discussed.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Met June 13th. Reviewed HS project status and progress. Some lighting issues were resolved. Next meeting July 13th.*

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

*Final budget discussed and prepared for approval. Financing of HS project was reviewed and fine-tuned.*

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* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Did not meet. Discussion of a policy was circulated on line to committee members.*

* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Met June 13th. Discussed academies and senior academy.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Preparations are ready for July 4th. Community is invited to presentation at 8AM before the parade.*

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. Bentivegna*

*Second: Ms. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – May 23, 2019*

1. **Payment of Bills**

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

*totaling $1,104,540.52*

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

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

*Morton and Springfield*

* District Financial Reports – *May, 2019*

*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

* Financial Reports – *May, 2019*

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

1. **Contracts for Board Approval**

* *Agreement with Elwyn Therapeutic Summer Camp for one (1) student*

*(ID #100004587) for a total of 34 days @ $125 per day from July 1 –*

*August 16, 2019 at a cost of $4,250.00.*

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*Agreement for 2 hour supplemental for one (1) student (ID #100011120) for a total of 34 days @ $50 per day from July 1-August 16, 2019 at a cost of $1,700.00.*

*Total cost for (2) students: $5,950l.00*

* *Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services for enrollment of six (6) students (ID#100005570, #100011229, #100008350, #100006872, #100004657 & #100009639) for the 2019-2020 School Year at a cost of $64,625.00 per student.*

*Total cost for six (6) students: $387,750.00*

* *Agreement with The Devereux Foundation for enrollment of one (1) student*

*(ID #100011184) for educational services for school year 2019-2020 for 60 days @ $284 per day.*

*Total Cost to District: $17,040.00*

* *Agreement with Melmark for one (1) student (ID #100007621) for educational services for the ESY & SY services (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020)*

*2019 -2020 School Year. “ESY” Extended School Year 30 days @ $602 per diem at a cost of $18,060.00. “SY” School Year 185 days @ $602 per diem at a cost of $111,370.00.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $129,430.00*

* *Agreement with Melmark for one (1) student (ID #100006438) for educational services for the ESY & SY services (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020)*

*2019 -2020 School Year. “ESY” Extended School Year 30 days @ $440.00 for a cost of $13,200.00. “SY” School Year 185 days @ $440.00 at a cost of $81,400.00.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $94,600.00*

* *Agreement with Overbrook School for the Blind for Extended School Year (ESY) tuition for the Summer of 2019, July 8 – August 8, 2019 (Monday through Thursday for 5 weeks ) for one (1) student (ID #100007448). Services will be billed on a per diem basis 20 days at $275.00 per day.*

*Total cost for (1) student: $5,500.00*

* *Agreement with Fairwold Academy (FNA Wordsworth Academy) for (1) one student (ID #10001173) for ESY Services (June 24, 2019 thru August 2, 2019) for 28 days @ a per diem rate of $190.00.*

*The total cost for (1) student: $5,320.00*

* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Melissa A. Walton (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. The Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed $80,846.16.*

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* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Lauren DeCarlo (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide counseling progress monitoring, IEP meeting participation and running the STAT Program for Springfield High School. The Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, 182 instructional days, plus 13 extra days for a total of 195 days, with cost to the District not to exceed $57,630.30.*
* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Jennifer Ebbecke (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. The Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed $88,735.67.*

*Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Christopher Massella (Licensed Speech & Language Pathologist) to provide speech and language services to the Springfield School District schools. The Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed $84,493.50.*

* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Staci Rice (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide clinical services and Access billing reports for services provided to the E. T. Richardson Middle School. This Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, with services being provided during the 182 instructional days, plus 13 additional days outside the school year for a total of 195 days, with cost to the District not to exceed $51,005.00.*
* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Jeanne Gentile (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. The Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed $88,735.67.*
* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Caren Kelman, President LCSW LLC (Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide clinical services for the elementary level (Grades K-5). This Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year with services being provided during the 182 instructional days, plus 13 additional days outside the school year for a total of 195 days for a total cost to the District not to exceed $59,085.00.*
* *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor 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 2019-2020 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed $51,472.13.*

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* *Best Beginnings, LLC (Dr. Rachel Canterino, licensed physical therapist) to*

*provide therapy, evaluation and Access billing services for Grades K-12+.*

*This Agreement is for the 2019-2020 school year for a cost to the District not  
 to exceed $90,000.00.*

1. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
2. **Personnel Report – Dr. Barber**

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

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Dr. Barber went over the report.*

1. **Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Statement: Based on our safety audit, and the recommendations of our district’s solicitor’s office, we are in the process of making some changes to policy #707, “Use of School Facilities”.*

* + *Policy #707 Use of School Facilities*

1. **Election of 2019-2020 School Board Treasurer – Mr. Lord**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board elects Frank Agovino as School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.*

*Motion: Mr. DeSantis*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Recommendation comes with high regard for Mr. Agovino’s past performance in the position.*

1. **DCCC Resolution for approval of land purchase – Mr. Lord**

*(Roll Call Vote)*

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**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the resolution for Delaware County Community College’s purchase, financing and redevelopment of the Archbishop Prendergast property to be purchased from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*

*Motion:*

*Second:*

*Vote:*

*Comments*

***No action taken on this item***

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #0336.*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #8900.*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #9974.*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. DeSantis*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

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

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board approves the change orders #01-004,*

*02-001 and 04-001 in the amounts of $698,693.62, $119,750.31 and $70,319.04, respectively, for additional soil excavation, remediation and exchange site work, mechanical ductwork modifications and various electrical design changes related to lighting and signage for the high school master plan project.*

*Motion: Mr. DeSantis*

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*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Money explained the change order process. All change order costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.*

1. **Resolution to Appoint Board Member to the Delaware County**

**Public Schools Healthcare Trust – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the appointment of Donald Mooney to serve as a member of the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the requirements of making the appointment.*

1. **Resolution for 2019 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion –**

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2019 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion authorizing a real estate assessed value reduction of $5,521 and a real estate tax reduction of $186.18.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney presented details of final budget for approval.*

1. **Resolution for 2019 Annual Tax Levy – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2019 Annual Tax Levy for a real estate tax of 33.7229 mills.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney presented details of final budget for approval.*

1. **2019-2020 General Fund Final Budget – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget for $86,851,753 as presented.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Ms. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney presented details of final budget for approval.*

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

*No report*

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

*Minimum wage discussions have been part of developing budget.*

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

*No report*

1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Lord**

*No report*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *August 22, 2019*

*September 26, 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*