**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**August 22, 2019**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President*

*Jennifer Lofland, Vice President*

*Domenic Bentivegna, Secretary*

*Frank Agovino, Treasurer -Absent*

*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*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave. Morton****, comments concerned President Franklin Pierce and his reducing the budget while in office. He also mentioned that President Pierce had the same cabinet for his entire presidency.*

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

**Elementary Academic Report:**

* *This was our third year of hosting Camp Invention which ran the week of July 24th -28th at the SLC. We had over 90 very enthusiastic campers, in grade 1st through 6, seven counselors in training, who were middle school students, 12 high school leadership interns, and eighth teacher counselors.*

*It was an awesome week!*

* *This was our second year of Literacy Camp which was offered to students who qualified for summer reading support based on their end of year data. The camp ran from July 1st to August 2nd at the SLC. Students received small group instruction and i-Ready Reading, or Fast ForWord. A total of 88 students attended from K to 4th grade. Much like ESY the focus of the program was to maintain and reduce academic drop that traditionally occurs over the summer.*

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* *We also hosted our own EL Camp this year for EL students grades K-12. It was an unqualified success, they engaged students in a variety of learning activities and they took several field trips, two favorites were Milky Way Farms and Lankenau Hospital, for a presentation on healthy choices.*
* *Grade Level Coordinators reviewed and refined the integrated elementary curriculum this summer. We also developed and refined common curricular assessments that included a focus on text dependent analysis. Twenty-seven teacher attended Responsive Classroom training this week, Facilitated by Nancy Dallett, many of them were our new teachers and three teachers came from Wallingford-Swarthmore SD. The feedback on the training was very positive.*
* *The Elementary team was very busy this summer with hiring, Scenic and Sabold both had two contracted positions to fill which is unusual. The principals also worked on refining their elementary schedules with a focus on maximizing instructional time and student support services. Kristin Nash and her team were very helpful in this process.*
* *The new teachers met over the past two days. They are an eclectic and very dynamic group. They were engaged and just generally very excited to a part of the Springfield School District. The principals did an awesome job of hiring. I look forward to working with them over the coming year through our induction program.*

**Secondary Academic Report**

**SHS & ETR:**

* *A few of the projects the teams have worked on this summer:*

*Updated Crisis Planning Manuals (Always a focus on safety)*

*Hiring Social Studies, Special Education, ELA, Science, and World Language Teachers*

* *Fine-tuning the Master Schedule including preparing for the addition of our new American Sign Language and our Sociology courses at the HS, and ASL and Culture and Communication at ETR*
* *Reviewing preliminary AP, ACT & SAT Data at the HS to continue our focus on both improving scores on these assessments and increasing the number of students participating in our most rigorous curriculum. We had significant increases in the number of students taking AP courses for the coming year.*
* *ETR looked at trends in Math Open Ended Responses on the PSSA and saw a significant increase there and used that data to expand both math remediation AND enrichment programming. Additionally, they have created a formalized program of formative assessment in math and ELA classes where teachers can gather daily snapshots on their effectiveness. This is a model that has been implemented at Sabold and we are very excited to see its impact at ETR as well.*
* *Between the middle and high school there were 29 teachers that committed a total of 613 hours of curriculum writing time committed to the development and revision of newer courses.*

*September 17, 2019 – National Surgical Oncologist Day*

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

* *Fall sports have commenced.*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Committee has not met over the summer.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Committee met July 3rd. Discussions centered on progress of master plan of the new high school. Roadwork on Rolling Road is projected to be completed by Labor Day.*

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

*Did not meet. Working on new bond issues to be ready in the next two weeks.*

* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Committee has not met over the summer.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Committee did not meet over the summer.*

* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Committee did not meet over the summer.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*This year’s recipients were recognized before the 4th of July 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. DeSantis*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meeting – June 27, 2019*

1. **Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of June and July, 2019*

*totaling $2,386,613.67*

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

* Tax Collector’s Reports – *June and July, 2019*

*Morton and Springfield*

* District Financial Reports – *June and July, 2019*

*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

* Financial Reports – *June and July, 2019*

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

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1. **Act 80 Exceptions**

*Approval of the request to the PA Department of Education for Act 80 Exceptions for the 2019-2020 school year on the dates when school is not in session in order to provide in-service instruction for our teachers and parent/teacher conferences.*

1. **Contracts for Board Approval**

* *Agreement with Martin Luther School for enrollment of one (1) student (ID #100008829) for ESY educational services July1-August 9, 2019 at a cost of $5,180.00.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $5,180.00*

* *Agreement with Lakeside Educational Network for Special Educational Services (2 Slots) for the 2019-20 School Year ($36,180.00 per slot).*

*Total cost for Two (2) slots: $72,360.00*

* *Agreement with New Hope Academy for special education services for the enrollment of one (1) student (ID#100009180) for the 2019-20 School Year at a cost of $36,400.00 per student.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $36,400.00*

* *Agreement with New Hope Academy for special education services for the enrollment of one (1) student (ID#100004729) for the 2019-20 School Year at a cost of $36,400.00 per student.*

*Total cost for one (1) student: $36,400.00*

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: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: 27 new teachers were hired. There was one retirement.*

1. **Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

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*Vote: 8-0*

*Comments:*

*Mr, Bentivegna stated:*

*Policy 707 – Adjustments are in accordance with safety director’s audit recommendations and have been reviewed and received concurrence from the district solicitor.*

*Policy 202 – Adjustments are based on PDE recommendations.*

* *#707 Use of School Facilities*
* *#202 Non Resident Student Enrollment*

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

*(Roll Call Vote)*

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: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 6-2. With 1 Absent*

*Comments:*

*Frank Agovino* ***Absent***

*Domenic Bentivegna* ***Yes***

*Christopher DeSantis* ***No***

*Jennifer Flynn* ***Yes***

*Kevin Keenan* ***Yes***

*Jennifer Lofland* ***Yes***

*Bruce Lord* ***Yes***

*Margaret Rovinski* ***Yes***

*Joseph Sillo* ***No***

1. **LIAISON REPORTS**
2. **Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Sereni**

*No report*

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

*No report*

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

*There will be a community event at the DCIU on Sept. 4th at 4:30 pm.*

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1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Lord**

*Did not meet. There will be a dinner meeting for board members of the supporting board members in October.*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *September 26 ,2019*

*October 24, 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