**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**September 26, 2019**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President*

*Jennifer Lofland, Vice President*

*Domenic Bentivegna, Secretary - Absent*

*Frank Agovino, Treasurer*

*Christopher DeSantis, Director - Absent*

*Jennifer Flynn, Director*

*Kevin Keenan, Director*

*Margaret Rovinski, Director*

*Joseph Sillo, Director - Absent*

*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. **BOARD RECOGNITION**

* **Central League Sportsmanship Award**

*Dr. Dan Tracy, Principal, E. T. Richardson Middle School, Mr. Norm Nelson, teacher and students of E. T. Richardson Middle School*

*Dr. Tracy and Mr. Nelson introduced student athletes chosen by coaches and fellow athletes who represent good athletics as well as good sportsmanship. This is E.T.R.’s fourth consecutive year to win this award.*

* **Camp Invention**

*Ms. Lori Schmidt, TOAA, Ms. Kim DiBiasi, teacher, Ms. Jen Archie, teacher and students who attended the camp.*

*Camp Invention, which is run during the summer, is sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the U.S. Patent Office. The students utilize their STEM skills for their inventions. Some of the campers, Leaders in Training and Leadership Interns were introduced as well as some of the inventions.*

* **EL Summer Camp**

*Ms. Lisa Gowman, Ms. Cindy Barnes and Ms. Kristin Heal, EL teachers and students who attended the camp.*

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*The EL teachers introduced some of the students who attended the camp during the summer. The students shared what they like most about camp.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave., Morton,*** *comments concerned cheating to get into college.*

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

* *Students responded positively to having 2 half days at the beginning of the school year.*
* *“Gold-out” game at Garnet Valley was a co-oporative event between both schools to support Thon.*
* *Career Day is October 14th. It will give students an opportunity to learn about various careers.*
* *Both Ms. Brune and Ms. O’Connor are participating in the DCTS medical program and spoke about the experience.*

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

* *Mr. Keenan gave the breakdown for the various fall sports teams.*
* *The Cross Country team is using Smedley Park for their events.*
* *Coach Lemieux has picked the Leadership Group and it starts next week.*
* *The strength training program has students from multiple sports participating.*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Committee met on September 12th. Had a great turn out. Dr. Butler spoke instructional technology; Dr. Zweiback spoke about secondary planning and Ms. Mattei spoke about elementary planning. Next meeting will be on October 10th.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Committee met on September 12th. Reviewed the Master Plan project; safety is the #1 priority. There was discussion about the tennis court. Also the Scenic Hills HVAC project was closed out. Next meeting will be on October 10th.*

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

*On September 17th, the audit report was presented to the committee. The 2019 bond issue was successfully sold.*

* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*No meeting this month.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Mr. Bentivegna was absent. There was no meeting this month.*

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* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*No meeting this month. Next meeting will be on October 17th.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Mr. Bentivegna was absent.*

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: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – August 22, 2019*

1. **Payment of Bills**

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

*totaling $2,586,977.88*

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

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

*Morton and Springfield*

* District Financial Reports – *August, 2019*

*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

* Financial Reports – *August, 2019*

*Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

1. **Contracts for Board Approval**

* *Agreement with Overbrook School for the Blind to provide 1:1 Aide/Intervener for one (1) student (ID#100009529) for the 2019-2020 School Year per Diem $225.00 for 180 days.*

*Total cost for one (1) student $40,500.00*

* *Agreement with The Timothy School for enrollment of two (2) students for the 2019-2020 school Year. (ID #100010603 & 100004705) for the educational program, including special services as determined by School District thru the IEP process at a cost of $78,000.00 per full tuition student and $27,000.00 for a student with a 4010 funding plan.*

*Total Cost for two (2) students: $105,000.00*

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* *Agreement with Elwyn (Davidson School) for services for two (2) students (ID#100004583 & 100006162) for the 2019-2020 School Year (183 days) at a cost of $172.56 per diem.*

*Total Cost for two (2) students: $63,156.00*

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: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

*Ms. Bellace reviewed the Personnel report.*

1. **Board Policy – Dr. Barber**

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

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

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

*Dr. Barber explained that the policies received extensive legal review and are aligned with our Safety and Security Audit.*

1. **PSBA Candidates for 2019 – Mr. Lord**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves Mr. Bentivegna to register votes for the following 2019 PSBA officers and Trustees in the upcoming election:*

* *Art Levinowitz - President*
* *David Hein – Vice President*
* *Julie Preston – Central At-Large*
* *Sabrina Backer – Section 1 Advisor*
* *Ron Cole – Section 3 Advisor*
* *Marsha Pleta – Section 5 Advisor*

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* *Tricia Steiner – Section 7 Advisor*
* *Kathy K. Swope – Trustee PSBA Insurance Trust*
* *Mark B. Miller – Trustee PSBA Insurance Trust*
* *Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky – School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee*
* *Jennifer Davidson – School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

*Mr. Lord explained that these were the candidates for this year.*

1. **Real Estate Assessment Appeals – Ms. Mikula**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  *that the Board authorizes the Solicitor to prosecute the following real estate tax assessment appeals for the Tax Year 2020 regarding the following properties:*

* *Folio 42-00-00491-01, 860 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township*
* *Folio 42-00-00492-00, 874 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township*
* *Folio 42-00-00493-00, 880 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

*Ms. Mikula reviewed the appeal and the justification.*

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

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION**: *that the Board approves the change order #01-005 in the amount of $359,955.51 for additional exterior wall and window modifications, roof insulation changes and soil exchange site work for the high school master plan project.*

*All change order costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Agovino*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Comments: None*

*Mr. Mooney reviewed the change orders. Changes are a normal occurance with such a project and are from many different areas.*

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

*No report.*

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

*Things have been busy in Harrisburg. House Bill 472 – on the ballot for School Districts to conduct a referendum for any future construction.*

*House Bill 473 – passes the Senate to raise the age to purchase tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21. Now it will go to the House.*

*House Bill 1602 approved by the House State Government Committee to allow schools to display “In God We Trust”.*

*Also discussions on School and Safety Funding and omnibus CTE package.*

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

*Mr. DeSantis was absent. No report.*

1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Lord**

*No report. There will be a liason meeting next month.*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *October 24, 2019*

*November 21, 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.***

*Debra Marker, Secretary for the Board, transcribed from the meeting video tape.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Domenic Bentivegna*

*Director and Board Secretary*