**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**December 5, 2019**

**7:30 PM**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President*

*Jennifer Lofland, Vice President*

*Joseph Sillo, Secretary*

*Frank Agovino, Treasurer*

*Domenic Bentivegna, Director*

*Jennifer Flynn, Director*

*Jacqueline Guy, Director*

*Kevin Keenan, Director*

*Margaret Rovinski, 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*

*Mark Sereni, Solicitor*

*Student Intern, Ms. Brune & Ms. O’Connor (absent)*

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **BOARD RECOGNITION**

* ***PJAS Award Recipients –*** *Dr. Zweiback talked about SHS being one of the top STEM schools as determined by Newsweek magazine. He introduced the advisors for the PJAS program Ms. Mary Barry and Ms. Stephanie Lewis. Evan Gallagher presented his project regarding the study of rebar used in concrete applications.*
* ***SSD Academic Crest designers –*** *Dr. Butler introduced Ms. Beth Brady, the District Communications Specialist. She presented the students working on the new SSD Academic Crest. One student spoke regarding her experience of the academy study model in the high school and on working on the crest design.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Mr. Lee. 123 W. Sylvan Ave. Morton*** *Mr. Lee praised the Philadelphia Boys Choir concert and wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.*

***Mr. Mario Cimino*** *Mr. Cimino congratulated the newly sworn in Directors, especially the newest Director, Ms. Guy. He also praised the PJAS program and Evan’s presentation.*

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1. **ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**
2. **Cougar Student Successes – Ms. Brune**

* *FBLA testing*
* *On Tuesday, the THON leadership gathered at Build a Bear and sent the bears made to CHOP.*
* *NHS induction was last night.*
* *The REACH annual Holidays Around the World program will be at Scenic. Hills on December 14th for Scenic Hills and Sabold students.*

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

* *Girls basketball will play at the Abington Tip Off Tournament.*
* *Boys basketball will play Radnor.*
* *Wrestling team will be at the Aberdeen Tournament.*
* *Boys and Girls indoor track at the Ursinus Invitational.*
* *Boys and Girls swimming will be at Penncrest.*
* *No ineligible players for the 1st week of December.*
* *Athletic Leadership Group has met weekly and they have a guest speaker coming in on December 17th.*

1. **Turkey Fund Update – Mr. Mooney**

* *On December 19th, boxes will be packed by students and delivered, along with gifts, by volunteers to those in need. The Fund assisted 16 families with gifts cards and utilities. Additionally 3 families were assisted with travel while receiving medical treatment.*

1. **SAEF Update – Mr. Stan Johnson and Ms. Erin Dwyer**

* *Mr. Stan Johnson talked about the history of SAEF and the programs they support.*
* *Ms. Dwyer talked about the teacher grants program and donor programs.*
* *Naming rights were also noted.*
* *Mr. Johnson also noted that the SAEF fund balance now exceeds $1.5 million.*

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Did not meet. Next meeting will be January 9th.*

* **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Committee met on November 14th. Discussed progress on the Master Plan. Turf expected to be installed soon. Next meeting will be January 9th.*

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

*Did not meet. Next meeting will be December 12th.*

* **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

* **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

*Did not meet. Next meeting will be January 6th.*

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* **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

* **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

*Did not meet. Next meeting will be in January.*

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: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: None*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – November, 2019*

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: Ms. Guy*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Ms. Bellace went over the report noting 2 resignations.*

1. **Security Personnel Services – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the services agreement submitted by Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. to provide hourly security personnel to the district at hourly rates ranging between $23.10 and $26.05. The agreement is for a three year period starting January 1, 2020 and services will be billed based on actual hours provided. The cost of these services will be funded from the General Fund operating budget.*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Keenan*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the agreement and explained the service would work in coordination with the Security Officer. He also noted that the security personnel provided would be unarmed to assist in schools during the day as well as after school hours.*

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1. **SHS Master Plan Additional Design Work – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION**: *that the Board approves the proposal submitted by Schrader Group Architecture for additional Springfield High School master plan engineering services for additional design work, construction administration and development of construction documentation for bid packages for phases 2 for the project. Services will be invoiced based on actual hours incurred. Total projected costs for these services are $132,360. The cost of these services will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.*

*Motion: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the additional design work on Phase 2 of the Master Plan as being proactive for the next phase and involving demo of the existing high school and site work.*

1. **Plan Con Part H – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the filing of Plan Con Part H filing with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the related materials for the Springfield High School General Obligations Bonds, Series 2019 for the high school master plan project.*

*Motion: Dr. Lofland*

*Second: Mr. Agovino*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the Plan Con Part H filing and the Plan Con process. He noted that we are 2/3rds through the process with this filing and that funding could be $10 million towards future debt service over a 10 year period. Finally he noted that we have not budgeted for any Plan Con proceeds to date.*

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

**Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the change order #01-006 for the general contractor in the amount of $433,706.51 for additional hardware revisions, athletic netting modifications, interior framing and retaining wall 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: Mr. Bentivegna*

*Second: Dr. Lofland*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney reviewed the change order for the Master Plan. He noted that this was the 6th change order from the general contractor and that, although these are unforeseen expenses, contingencies are included in the budget, which overall we are still within.*

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

*Mr. Sereni congratulated Mr. Lord and Dr. Lofland on their re-appointments as Board President and Vice President.*

*He congratulated Ms. Guy on her appointment as School Board Director.*

*He thanked for the Board for their confidence in his firm.*

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

*There has been some property tax talk. Legislators are wrapping up for the holiday break.*

1. **DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski**

*Ms. Rovinski attended the December meeting where they congratulated Mr. DeSantis for his work on the Board.*

1. **DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo**

*Did not meet.*

1. **Future Board Meetings** – *January 16, 2020*
2. **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,*

*Joseph Sillo*

*Director and Board Secretary*