

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 25, 2021**

*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  
Linda Bellace, Director of Human Resources  
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.*

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comments were submitted via email.*

*Mr. Lord thanked Dr. Barber and his team for their vaccine advocacy for staff. Dr. Barber thanked staff for working through the pandemic prior to receiving the vaccine.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**1. Statement on Zoom and Cameras – Mr. Lord**

*Mr. Lord read the following statement from the Springfield Education Association and the Springfield School District.*

*“The Springfield Education Association and the Springfield School District mutually agree upon the following statement: In the interest of meeting the academic, social and emotional, and behavioral needs of our students, we feel that the use of Zoom and cameras for purpose of simultaneous instruction, should not and will not be an option for the 2021-2022 school year, unless local health department restrictions prohibit in-person learning.”*

**2. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn**

- ❖ Congratulations to the SHS girls’ basketball team for winning the Central League Championship and the District 1 Championship. They lost to O’Hara in the state semi-final game.*
- ❖ Freshman Jake Kennedy made it to Districts and the State Tournament in swimming. He also qualified for the 15 free.*
- ❖ High school spring sports began March 8th.*
- ❖ Middle School sports will begin after spring break.*

## **C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair  
*Met March 11<sup>th</sup>. PSSA's will occur this spring. The Elementary Math Curriculum was discussed and how to help students recoup what they have lost during the pandemic. Dr. Tracy will work with Mr. Hepp to best figure how to place students. Staff was very excited to reopen the schools for the students. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair  
*Met March 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed conceptual plans for Haldermann field. Continue to manage the punch list for Phase 1 of the Master Plan. Reviewed the demolition status of the old high school (Phase 2) and bid package for Phase 3, i.e. completion of fields. Next meeting will be held April 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair  
*Did not meet. Will meet March 29<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.*
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair  
*Did not meet.*
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair  
*Did not meet.*
- ❖ Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair  
*Did not meet.*
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna  
*Met on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussed a smaller ceremony than normal for July 4<sup>th</sup>, involving the recipients and their families. They will not participate in the parade, if one is held. Committee received a tour of the new building. Next meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## **D. 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: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Flynn**

**Vote: 9-0-0**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meeting – February 25, 2021*

### **2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of February 2021 totaling \$1,792,480.16*

### **3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – February 2021  
*Morton and Springfield*

- ❖ District Financial Reports – February 2021  
*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
- ❖ Financial Reports – February 2021  
*Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

#### **4. Contract for Board Approval**

- ❖ *Amendment of Agreement between Springfield School District and Independent contractor, Beth Brady, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.*

#### **5. Naming Rights Donation and Agreement – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the future donation from the Springfield Area Education Foundation for the naming rights donation received from Anita McAlee and Bill Brown, Jr. in the amount of \$10,000.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Naming Rights Agreement between Anita McAlee and Bill Brown, Jr., Springfield Area Education Foundation and the Springfield School District to provide naming rights for the high school memorial bench.*

### **E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

#### **1. SSD Open Records Officer – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the designation of Beth Brady to act as the District's Open Records Officer pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law, effective April 1, 2021.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Ms. Rovinski*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney announced the retirement of Debi Marker, Open Records Officer. Beth Brady has been training under Debi and will resume the duties of Open Record Officer.*

#### **2. 2021-2022 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2021-2022 School District Calendar for second reading.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Ms. Rovinski*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: Dr. Barber announced there have not been any corrections since the first reading of the district calendar. It is a regular, non-COVID calendar.*

#### **3. Pandemic Plan for Athletics and Activities (Update) - Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the update to the Pandemic Plan for Athletics and Activities.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Ms Flynn*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated the athletic department updated their health and safety plan. Modifications include: additional masking requirements, limited locker room usage, and contests will expand beyond central league.*

**4. 2021-2022 DCIU General Operating Budget – Ms. Rovinski**  
*(Roll Call Vote)*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Mr. Keenan*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: Ms. Rovinski advocated and recommended that the Board approve the budget. Mr. Sillo led a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the budget.*

**5. 2021-2022 Delaware County Technical Schools’ Program Budget – Ms. Rovinski**  
*(Roll Call Vote)*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2021-2022 Delaware County Technical Schools’ Program Budget.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Mr. Keenan*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: DCTS runs 24 half day programs that high school students can receive a certification. Ms. Rovinski advocated and recommended that the Board approve the budget. Mr. Sillo led a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the budget.*

**6. 2021-2022 Special Education Funding & Service Agreement- Ms. Rovinski**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2021-2022 Special Education Funding and Service Agreement with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Ms. Rovinski*

**Vote:** *9-0-0*

*Comments: Ms. Rovinski explained that the DCIU provides services to special education students. Mr. Mooney stated 11 students are receiving these services.*

**7. Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlements – Ms. Mikula**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board authorizes and directs the Solicitor to finalize settlements of the following real estate tax assessment appeals for the following years and amounts:*

❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00393-00, 601 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township*

*2021 \$6,000,000 assessment/\$6,000,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:*

*\$3,714,400 assessment/\$3,714,400 fair market value*

*This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$2,285,600 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$45,000 to our District for tax year 2021.*

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00482-00, 730 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township  
2021 \$1,625,000 assessment/\$1,625,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:*

*\$1,008,360 assessment/\$1,008,360 fair market value*

*This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$616,640 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$12,132 to our District for tax year 2021.*

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00493-00, 880 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township  
2021 \$2,737,000 assessment/\$2,737,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:*

*\$419,370 assessment/\$419,370 fair market value*

*This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$2,317,630 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$45,601 to our District for tax year 2021.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Dr. Lofland**

**Vote: 9-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Lord stated that additional information may be found on the SSD website.*

*Ms. Mikula explained that this series of tax assessments were initiated by the district. We were able to resolve all matters at the highest values that our district appraisers felt that they could support.*

*Mr. Mooney explained that these are three settlements that do not have to go to court and that it is an agreement between the property owners and the district.*

*Mr. Sillo asked how this varies from the district bill vs. the county Mr. Mooney explained that the district does not bill until July and the township and county have already sent their bills out.*

## **F. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula  
*No report.*
2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino

- *House Bill 412: Has not passed yet. This bill allows individuals with inactive certifications to be employed as substitute teachers.*
  - *House Bill 416: Mandates school nurse and one other person will have seizure recognition training.*
3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
    - DCIU hosted 4 virtual events.
      - March 4<sup>th</sup> Delco Hi-Q, Springfield did not attend.
      - March 9<sup>th</sup>: Spelling Bee. Springfield student Makenna Linsky attended.
      - March 12<sup>th</sup>: 75<sup>th</sup> annual Science Fair was held virtually.
      - March 24<sup>th</sup>: DCTS held National Honor Society Induction. Five SSD students were inducted.
    - Next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
    - The DCCC Board has not meet. Next virtual meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  5. Future Board Meetings – *April 22, 2021*  
*May 27, 2021*
  6. Superintendent’s Salutations – Dr. Barber

*Comments: Dr. Barber apologized for not being able to meet in the auditorium. Mentioned that the Bill Brown Memorial Bench was approved. The district plans to hold a public dedication in the future.*

*The district is in need of crossing guards. Please visit the district website for more information.*

*Dr. Barber thanked Springfield Pharmacy for their partnership. The district was able to host a vaccine clinic and was able to vaccinate almost 3,000 people. The district was asked not to announce the clinic, sign-up was available through Springfield Pharmacy. If another clinic is sponsored, we would like to send out information for volunteerism.*

*Dr. Barber thanked everyone for their volunteerism during the clinic. Mr. Lord stated he appreciated everything everyone did to make the event a success.*

*Dr. Barber announced the high school was virtual. There is not an outbreak in the building, many students are quarantining. A video will be sent with further information.*

***Before and after each meeting, the Board meets in Nonpublic Executive Study Session to discuss personnel, legal and labor relations matters.***

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion: Ms. Rovinski***

***Second: Dr. Lofland***