

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
June 24, 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, Human Resources Director
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lord reminded that public comment is limited to five minutes per person.
Ms. Mikula asked that comments should be limited to your own comments.

Stephanie Sciecinski, 241 Welsh Drive, Springfield, thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak. She would like masks still be required for K to 5, in indoor settings, until their age group has had a chance to become fully vaccinated. She appreciated the multi-layer approach that the district used. She would like the district to consider having one classroom per grade level in k-5 that is a designated mask classroom.

Alex Donato, 940 Stewart Ave, Springfield, would like the Board to approve the Health and Safety Plan. Mrs. Donato is asking the Board does reinstate masking if cases rise again. She discussed the vaccine clinics and felt schools are not the place for these clinics.

Amy Wall-Monte, 129 Overhill Road, Springfield, Mrs. Wall-Monte will submit written statements from her neighbors to the Board. Mrs. Wall-Monte will also submit the petition asking for masks to be required. Mrs. Wall-Monte feels this is not the time to drop masking and social distancing practices. She would prefer the district uses all preventable measures to protect the children against the virus.

Annette Deigh, 218 Lynbrook Road, Morton, Mrs. Deigh heard that the Health & Safety Plan was already approved. Mrs. Deigh read a letter that is attached to the petition, which is asking for masking to still be required.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

It has been a successful year Middle School and High School sports. Students competed in their first full season, with no missed games due to illness. We are looking forward to seeing what the 8th graders bring up to the high school. High School:

- Boys and Girls Lacrosse and softball have made it to District playoffs.*
 - A few track and members moved on to district.*
 - Baseball ended their season just below .500*
 - Boys tennis won two league matches.*
 - Girls lacrosse won first round of district games.*
 - Softball made it to state quarter finals.*
 - Boys lacrosse won District 1 championship.*
 - Individual student athletes: Jack Clark and Ryan O'Connor made it to All State Lacrosse.*
 - Looking forward to a "normal" fall season. Teams are training in the weight rooms and on the fields.*
- Ms. Flynn thanked Tom Lemieux and Glenn Mallon by providing Ms. Flynn for the Sports Report.*

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

Met June 10th. Discussed the Health and Safety Plan. The District has not approved the plan yet. Discussed how research is appropriated throughout our curriculum. Finalized the Principals report across the District and discussed how we will be moving forward into next school year. All committee meetings are public and the public is encouraged to attend. Next meeting will be in August.

❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

Met June 10th. Discussed the closeout of the new high school and completing the punch list. Discussed warranties of the new school. Continuing to manage the demolition of the old high school as well as the back parking lot, side parking lot, tennis courts, and old fields. Discussed how to handle supply chain shortages. Adjourned to executive session to discuss contractual matters. All meetings are open to the public. Next meeting will be July 8th at 6:30 PM on the second floor in the new high school.

❖ **Finance & Audit – Mr. Agovino, Chair**

Did not meet.

❖ **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**

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Did not meet. Celebration on July 3rd will take place prior to the parade.

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: Mr. Bentivegna

Vote: 9-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – May 27, 2021

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of \$1,088,852.02.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – May, 2021*

Morton and Springfield

❖ *District Financial Reports – May, 2021*

General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures

❖ *Financial Reports – May, 2021*

Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

4. Contracts for Board Approval

❖ *Agreement with HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy for enrollment of one (1) student (ID #100004114) for ESY educational services June 30 -August 6, 2021 for 27 days @ a per diem rate of \$550. Total cost for one (1) student: \$14,850*

❖ *Agreement with Fairwold Academy (FNA Wordsworth Academy) for (1) one student (ID #100011073) for ESY Services (July 26, 2021 thru August 12, 2021) for 23 days @ a per diem rate of \$396.00. The total cost for (1) student: \$5,083.00*

❖ *Agreement with Martin Luther School for enrollment of one (1) student (ID #100008829) for ESY educational services July 6-August 6, 2021 at a cost of \$5,250.00. Total cost for one (1) student: \$5,250.00*

❖ *Agreement with Melmark for one (1) student (ID #100007621) for educational services for the ESY & SY services (July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022) 2021 -2022 School Year. "ESY" Extended School Year 30 days @ \$639 per diem at a cost of \$19,170.00. "SY" School Year 185 days @ \$639 per diem at a cost of \$118,215.00. Total cost for one (1) student: \$137,385.00*

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- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor 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 2020-2021 school year for a cost to the District not to exceed \$93,000.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Collaborative Communication, LLC to provide therapy, evaluation, participation in IEP writing/meetings, and ACCESS billing services K-12+. This Agreement is for the 2021-2022 school year for a cost to the District not to exceed \$54,540.00.*
- ❖ *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 2021-2022 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$86,191.82.*
- ❖ *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 2021-2022 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$82,471.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Allison Moyer (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide student counseling, maintaining counseling logs and Progress Monitoring Data, participation in IEP writing/meetings, running the STAT Program for Springfield High School, and providing ACCESS billing logs to the District. The Agreement is for the 2021-2022 school year, 182 instructional days, plus 13 extra days for a total of 195 days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$58,814.16.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Shannon Saladik (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. This Agreement is for the 2021-2022 school year, with services being provided part-time for 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$42,019.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Staci McCans (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 2021-2022 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 \$52,030.20.*

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- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Benjamin White (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 2021-2022 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 \$56,327.70.*
- ❖ *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 2021-2022 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$75,948.00.*
- ❖ *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 2021-2022 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$89,625.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement with Elwyn (Davidson School) for enrollment of two (2) students (ID #100006778 and ID# 100006162) for ESY educational services July 12-August 6, 2021 at a per diem rate of \$313 per day. A student requiring 1:1 services, it is an additional \$185 per day.
Total cost for ID #100006778: \$6,260
Total cost for ID #100006162: \$9,960
Total cost for two (2) students: \$16,220*
- ❖ *Agreement with The Timothy School for enrollment of three (3) students (ID #100010603, ID #100010985 and ID# 100004705) for ESY educational services July 6-August 13, 2021 for a tuition of \$6,550. A student requiring related services, it is an additional \$87.50 per hour.
Total cost for ID #100010604: \$6,550
Total cost for ID #100010985: \$7,075
Total cost for ID #100004705: \$7,075
Total cost for three (3) students: \$20,700*

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Mr. Bentivegna*

Vote: *9-0-0*

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Comments: Ms. Bellace stated the District received three resignations of certificated staff members, employment of two non-certificated staff members, change of employment status for three non-certificated staff members.

2. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver and Release Agreement for student 8043.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber explained the process and confidentiality of the agreement.

3. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver and Release Agreement for student 9072.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Lord reiterated Dr. Barber's previous statement and why there is no comment.

4. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver and Release Agreement for student 0336.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Lord reiterated Dr. Barber's previous statement and why there is no comment.

5. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

- ❖ 916 Vol II 2021 Volunteers
- ❖ 103 Title IX

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna explained this is the second reading for the policies.

6. Health & Safety Plan – Dr. Barber

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RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Health & Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Mr. Bentivegna*

Vote: *9-0-0*

Comments: Dr. Barber thanked everyone for their comments. He explained the plan that the District will be following for the 2021-2022 school year. He stated that the Board relies on medical experts to guide the District to provide the students and staff with a safe environment. The District put together a plan and it was reviewed with the Chester County Health Department, and physicians from CHOP. He discussed that parents are concerned about bullying and stated the District will be on top of the situation. Ms. Guy explained to the audience that the Health & Safety Plan has not been approved by the Board prior to this evening.

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. 42-00-05321-01, 343 N. Rolling Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$6,300 assessment/\$6,300 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$491,930 assessment/\$491,930 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents a decrease of \$485,630 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$9,555 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-05327-00, 375 N. Rolling Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$1,200 assessment/\$1,200 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$93,090 assessment/\$93,090 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$91,890 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$1,808 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Mr. Bentivegna*

Vote: *8-0-1*

Comments: Mr. Lord stated that questions can be directed to the website. Ms. Mikula explained that these are the correct number that the District appraiser feels is fair.

**8. Delaware County Community College Trustee Reappointment –
Mr. Sillo (Roll Call Vote)**

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RECOMMENDATION: *that the board approves the Delaware County Community College (DCCC) Resolution reappointing of the following people to the Board of Trustees for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027:*

*James P. Gaffney
Cynthia Jetter
Michael L. Ranck
Raymond G. Toto*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Mr. Bentivegna Vote: 8-0-1

Comments: Mr. Sillo explained that it is the District's responsibility to vote in the Trustee's. The Board received and reviewed their bio's. Mr. Agovino commented that the name should be written Michael Ranck, not Michael Ranch.

9. Election of 2021-2022 School Board Treasurer – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board elects Frank Agovino as School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Lord explained Mr. Agovino has done a great job and the Board would like him to continue.

10. Dell Financial Services – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the additional schedules to the Master Lease Agreement with Dell Financial Services. These additional lease schedules are for 817 additional workstations, laptops and Chrome book computers and licenses to replace out of life computers throughout the district and expand the Chromebook programs at the Springfield High School, E.T. Richardson Middle School and Scenic and Sabold Elementary Schools. These schedules are for a four-year term with an annual cost of \$98,034.48 and a total cost of \$329,137.92 over the life of the lease. The equipment buyout amount at the end of the lease is \$1 per unit. These lease costs will be funded through the technology department operating budget included in the General Fund.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is the annual lease amendment for the master lease with Dell Financial for additional student and staff Dell devices.

**11. Resolution for 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion –
Mr. Mooney**

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RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion authorizing a real estate assessed value reduction of \$9,246 and a real estate tax reduction of \$183.54.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Mr. Bentivegna Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: All comments will be made after the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget.

12. Resolution for 2021 Annual Tax Levy – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2021 Annual Tax Levy for a real estate tax of 19.8495 mills.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: All comments will be made after the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget.

13. 2021-2022 General Fund Final Budget – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget for \$86,857,313 as presented.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney discussed the millage increase will be 1.75%. Mr. Keenan explained that the new high school is not the reason why the taxes have gone up. Mr. Mooney explained the District is working towards paying off original debt from the Literacy Center which should be completed by 2024-25. Mr. Agovino thanked Mr. Mooney and his team for their hard work. Mr. Mooney thanked the solicitor's office for their work on the tax appeals initiated due to the county reassessment that was effective January 1, 2021.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

- 1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula**
Nothing to report.
- 2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino**
Senate Bill 664 passed, which allows children to repeat a grade if parents choose. The state still has not passed their budget.
- 3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski**
The DCIU met on June 2nd. DCTS held award ceremonies for their seniors. Four Springfield students received awards. The next meeting will be held virtually on July 7th.

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4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
5. Future Board Meetings – *August 26, 2021*
September 23, 2021
6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber reiterated that the new high school is not the cause for the tax increase. It is the reassessment, if you have questions, please contact the school district. Dr. Barber thanked the Board Members for volunteering their time the past year. Dr. Barber stated appreciation for the staff, students, and the entire Springfield School District. We will continue to work with our medical experts to continue the safety of our students and staff.

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

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland

Respectfully submitted,



*Joseph Sillo
Director and Board Secretary*