

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
June 25, 2020**

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 (absent)
Jeffery Zweiback, DOTL Secondary (absent)
Linda Bellace, Director, Human Resources (absent)
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ **Mr. Michael Lee, 123 Sylvan Ave., Morton** *Thanked Dr. Barber and the Board for their efforts during the pandemic. He urged all to wear facemasks if at all possible.*
- ❖ **Ms. Tara Betts, 133 Broadview Rd., Springfield** *Expressed concerns about not requiring students to wear masks. She hoped that a parental survey would be sent out. Would like to see the six foot social distancing be chosen rather than at three feet. She asked that the Board consider all mitigation tools for dealing with the coronavirus in the schools.*

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**
 - *Did not meet.*
- ❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**
 - *Met June 11th in a virtual meeting.*
 - *Discussed the MasterPlan Phase I and Phase II- demolition.*
 - *Reviewed the Bid packets which have come in under budget.*
- ❖ **Finance & Audit – Don Mooney**
 - *Met June 9th in a virtual meeting.*
 - *Majority of the meeting was spent on the General Fund Budget for 2020-2021.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd

- ❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**
 - *Did meet earlier in the day on June 25th.*
- ❖ **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**
 - *Did not meet but policies were reviewed via email.*
- ❖ **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**
 - *Did not meet*
- ❖ **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**
 - ❖ *There will be a plaque presented July 4th honoring First Responders and emergency workers during pandemic.*

C. 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. Guy Vote: 9-0-0

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
Regular Board Meetings – May 28, 2020
- 2. Payment of Bills**
*General Fund checks for the month of May, 2020
totaling \$742,568.33*
- 3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**
 - ❖ *District Financial Reports – May, 2020
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
 - ❖ *Financial Reports – May, 2020
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*
- 4. Contracts for Board Approval**
 - ❖ *Agreement with Lakeside Educational Network for Special Educational Services (2 Slots) for the 2020-21 School Year (\$37,265.40 per slot).
Total cost for Two (2) slots: \$74,530.80*
 - ❖ *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 2020-2021 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$81,654.62.*
 - ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Lauren DeCarlo (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School*

Contracts for Board Approval – cont'd

- ❖ *Visitor) to provide counseling progress monitoring, IEP meeting participation and running the STAT Program for Springfield High School. The Agreement is for the 2020-2021 school year, 182 instructional days, plus 13 extra days for a total of 195 days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$58,206.60.*
- ❖ *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 2020-2021 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$89,179.35.*
- ❖ *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 2020-2021 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$85,338.44.*
- ❖ *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 2020-2021 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 \$51,515.05.*
- ❖ *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 2020-2021 school year, 182 instructional days, with cost to the District not to exceed \$75,196.47.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Blue Quest Therapy, LLC (Colby Keyser, licensed speech and language pathologist) to provide speech and language services for the Springfield School District. The agreement is for the 2020-2021 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$51,986.85.*
- ❖ *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 \$98,000.00.*

Contracts for Board Approval – cont'd

- ❖ *Agreement with Herff-Jones for the publication of the Springfield High School Yearbook for a three-year period beginning in the 2020-2021 school year through 2022-2023; 725 copies; 168 pages; \$45.00 per yearbook; @ an annual cost of \$32,231.85 and a total cost of \$96,695.55 for the three year period.
No net cost to the District.*

D. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna Second: Mr. Agovino Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber went over the report which included one certificated resignation, one non-certificated resignation and one elimination of an office support position.

2. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

- ❖ *Policy #225 Students and the Police*
- ❖ *Policy #805 Emergency Preparedness*
- ❖ *Policy #913 Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals*

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna explained the operating procedure changes for policy #225, the updates required by PDE for policy #805 and the recommendations from council, PSBA and PDE for policy #913.

3. Election of 2020-2021 School Board Treasurer – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board elects Frank Agovino as School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.*

Motion: Ms. Rovinski Second: Mr. Keenan Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Agovino was thanked by the Board Directors for his service as School Board Treasurer and congratulated him on being re-elected.

**4. Pandemic Plan for Athletics and Activities and
Pandemic Plan for HR/Administrative Offices – Dr. Barber**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Pandemic Plan for Athletics and Activities and the Pandemic Plan for HR/Administrative Offices.*

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

Comments: Dr. Barber explained that PDE requires the approval of an Athletic/Activity plan be approved for the upcoming school year. Screening, hygiene, masking and distancing are addressed in the plan. Practices are voluntary and guidelines are to keep everyone safe.

**5. Extension of the Discount Period for the
2020-2021 Real Estate Taxes – Mr. Mooney**

RECOMMENDATION: *as a result of the current pandemic and the potential financial impact on some of the taxpayers of the Springfield School District, the Board approves the attached Resolution which provides a thirty-day extension of the Discount Period for the payment of the 2020-2021 school real estate taxes. The Tax Collectors will accept payments of school taxes at the 2% discounted rate up to September 30, 2020. Payments made at Face Amount will be accepted until November 30, 2020 and payments received after November 30, 2020 will incur a penalty rate of 10%.*

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

Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the discount extension period and noted that it was only for this year.

Mr. Mooney requested that Items #6 and #7 be moved before Item #11 – 2020-2021 General Fund Final Budget. President Lord allowed the items to be moved and presented in one discussion.

8. Springfield High School Master Plan Change Order Approval – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the change orders #01-008 in the amount of \$266,077.72 for additional concrete site work changes, exterior metal panel modifications and various interior building design revisions for the high school master plan project.*

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

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Ms. Rovinski Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the 22 change orders with the largest consideration being the wood panes around the windows.

9. 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 854 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 \$870,987.48 and a total cost of \$323,413.48 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: Mr. Bentivegna Second: Ms. Rovinski Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney commented that this is simply the replacement of old units and that we try to get 5 to 6 years out of a device.

10. Real Estate Closing – Fern Hill Realty – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the attached Resolution regarding the real estate closing on the District's purchase of Lot 1 of the Fern Hill property, as presented. This Resolution is required by the title company.*

Motion: Ms. Rovinski Second: Ms. Guy Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated that the title company requires the resolution for closing on the purchase of the bus lot.

Moved Item #6 Resolution for 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion authorizing a real estate assessed value reduction of \$5,359 and a real estate tax reduction of \$184.80.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Ms. Rovinski Vote: 9-0-0

Moved Item #7 Resolution for 2020 Annual Tax Levy – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2020 Annual Tax Levy for a real estate tax of 34.4827 mills.*

Motion: *Ms. Rovinski*

Second: *Dr. Lofland*

Vote: *9-0-0*

11. 2020-2021 General Fund Final Budget – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget for \$88,094,848 as presented.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

Vote: *9-0-0*

Comments: Mr. Mooney talked about the fact that the pandemic has an effect on the budget. He reviewed the budget and the two resolutions (Homestead & Farmstead and Annual Tax Levy). Mr. Agovino thanked Mr. Mooney and his team for their hard work.

E. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula

❖ *Nothing to report*

2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino

- ❖ *Legislature passed a 5 month budget.*
- ❖ *Talks continue about additional funding for schools.*
- ❖ *House Bill 364 passed, which increased penalties for school bus arm non-compliance.*
- ❖ *Speaker of the house resigned, who was the leader for property tax freeze legislation*

3. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski

- ❖ *Met on June 3rd.*
- ❖ *DCTS virtually graduated 562 students this year; 46 from Springfield.*
- ❖ *Will be partnering with Neumann for additional programs.*

4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

❖ *Did not meet*

**5. Future Board Meetings – July 27, 2020 Special Meeting
August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting**

6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

Springfield School District
Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Sillo
Director and Board Secretary