

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
October 22, 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
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave., Morton *Mr. Lee spoke about the upcoming election and encouraged everyone to vote.*

Rebecca Miller, 79 S. Hillcrest Rd., Springfield *Ms. Miller said that she hoped for a quick move to full time school from the hybrid model. She is concerned about the students well being.*

Nicole O'Reilly, 424 Ridge Lane, Springfield *Ms. O'Reilly said why she feels students should go to full time school as soon as possible. She asked about the fully reopening plan.*

Michael Scott, 636 Buttonwood Dr., Springfield *Mr. Scott spoke about being a community member, parent, teacher and president of the SEA. He encouraged all stakeholders to be positive and patient. He praised the students and thanked the families. He also thanked the school board, administration, staff and teachers.*

Erica Conaron, 316 Memorial Park Drive, Springfield - not in person.
Comments read by Lisanne Mikula. *I am writing to you to address the withdrawal of the free breakfast and lunch program. We were initially informed that the program would be available to us through the end of December, and then was changed to the end of virtual learning. For those of us with children in SVA, we are still fully virtual. The USDA has extended the free program through the*

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont'd)

rest of the school year. I cannot imagine why Springfield chose not to take advantage of this. There are a number of parents who are currently on a single income but make too much to qualify for the free or reduced program. We are now missing out on what was an incredible help not only in terms of financial benefit but of convenience. I know the response from the community was overwhelming and a lot of people are now missing out on those services. I am extremely disappointed that the district chose to end this program and hope you are able to reconsider.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

Met October 8th. Instructional technology and cloud based learning were discussed. There was also open discussion about hybrid instruction. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th.

❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

Met October 8th. Discussion centered on the move to the new High School – opening the beginning of next year. Also discussed was environmental work and demolition of the old High School. There was also a presentation about air conditioning for the other schools. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th.

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

Did not meet. Mr. Agovino wanted to note that financing of the Master Plan is complete and closing the last bonds sold should be the first week of November.

❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**

Did not meet.

❖ **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**

Did not meet.

❖ **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**

Met October 19th. The first topic was the opening of the new High School and centered on the grand opening and a plan for an indoor, virtual drone tour. The second topic discussed was the countywide tax reassessments and providing information for residents

❖ **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**

Did not meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

❖ **Sports Report – Kevin Keenan**

This is the first sports report since the closing of schools in the spring. Field Hockey is 1-1, Girls Soccer is 1-1, Boys Soccer is 1-1. The football team will be facing Penncrest Friday night. All coaches and athletes are following the safety guidelines in place. All involved are thrilled to be competing.

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: Ms. Rovinski

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – September 24, 2020

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of September, 2020 totaling \$1,770,617.30

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – September, 2020
Morton and Springfield*

❖ *District Financial Reports – September, 2020
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ *Financial Reports – September, 2020
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

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: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Ms. Bellace reported 3 non-certificated resignations, 2 non-certificated retirements, 7 long term substitute teacher hires and 5 family medical leaves.

2. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #9072.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Dr. Lofland*

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber noted the agreement between the District and the student and family is confidential however the district worked with the staff and families to develop a fiscally responsible plan.

**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: *Mr. Agovino*

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated the updates pertain to attendance at Athletic and Activity events.

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

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves change order #01-009 in the amount of \$154,044.51 and change order #03-002 in the amount of \$27,473.27 for additional site work, mechanical changes, additional flooring modifications and additional plumbing work for the high school Master Plan project.*

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

Motion: *Ms. Rovinski*

Second: *Ms. Flynn*

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney reviewed the change orders for the high school Master Plan. He noted that we are getting towards the end and that this group represents 24 change orders of which the largest is for window panels and flooring. The smaller change order is for plumbing related to the expansion space fitout.

**5. Settlement Agreement Scenic Hills Mechanical Work –
Mr. Mooney**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approve the settlement agreement between the District and Edward J. Meloney, Inc., whereby out of a fund of \$51,000.00 which the District retained relating to work performed by Edward J. Meloney, Inc. at Scenic Hills Elementary School, the District will release \$35,000.00 to Edward J. Meloney, Inc., with the District keeping the remaining \$16,000.00 in exchange for a release of claims.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Flynn*

Vote: 8-1-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the settlement agreement that was recommended by the solicitor's office.

E. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula,

No report.

2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino,

With the upcoming elections, there is little to report from the legislature.

3. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski,

Met October 7th. One of our Springfield students spoke at the meeting about his involvement in the DCTS program. Also, Maria Edelberg has been working with over 51 non-public schools to secure \$400K in grant money from the State of PA. Next meeting is November 4th.

4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo,

The Board has not met and the next scheduled meeting is October 28th.

5. Future Board Meetings – November 19, 2020

December 10, 2020

6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Mr. Keenan*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

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*