

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 19, 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  
Linda Bellace, Director, 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**

***Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave., Morton*** *Mr. Lee spoke about the countywide tax reassessment and provided some history.*

***Andrew Esposito, 212 Larchwood Rd., Springfield - not in person.***  
***Comments read by Lisanne Mikula.*** *Please consider the sharp increases in local infection rates and the guidance from the Chop PolicyLab for our region to return to remote instruction. Many of our the nearby districts have returned to remote instruction to ensure the students, staff, and faculty remain safe and healthy.*

*It is critical that we do the same especially moving into the holiday season when more families are likely to travel and visit, increasing infection rates further. Please help safeguard our families and communities.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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

- ❖ *All scheduled games have been completed*
- ❖ *All teams made it to the Central League playoffs with Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball making it to the quarter-finals.*
- ❖ *Recently had student athlete signing day with 10 students signing.*

**Cougar Sports Report (cont'd)**

- ❖ *Mr. Keenan thanked the student athletes practicing restraint during the fall season. He reminded students and parents that their cooperation will impact the winter sports season.*

**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

*Did not meet.*

❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

*Met on November 12<sup>th</sup>. They walked through the new high school checking furniture, lockers, etc. Also met in Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.*

*Next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup>.*

❖ **Finance & Audit – Frank 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**

*Met on November 16<sup>th</sup> to re-adjust the schedule for events.*

**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:** *Dr. Lofland*

**Second:** *Mr. Keenan*

**Vote:** 9-0-0

**1. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – October 22, 2020*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of October 2020 totaling \$1,521,454.12*

**Consent Agenda (cont'd)**

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

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – *October, 2020  
Morton and Springfield*
- ❖ District Financial Reports – *October, 2020  
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
- ❖ Financial Reports – *October, 2020  
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

**4. Contract for Board Approval**

- ❖ *Agreement with Cades (George Crothers Memorial School) for services for one (1) student (ID #100011712) for the 2020-21 School Year (180 days) at an annual cost of \$65,790.00 per student.  
Total cost for one (1) students: \$65,790.00*

**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:** *Ms. Rovinski*

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

*Comments: Ms. Bellace reported 1 non-certificated retirement, 2 long-term substitute teachers, 3 non certificated hires, 1 substitute custodian hire and 1 family medical leave.*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves change order #01-010 in the amount of \$128,804.68 for additional site work, interior wall finishes and carpentry modifications for the high school master plan project.*

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

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Mr. Agovino*

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

*Comments: Mr. Mooney explained that there were 28 various items on this change order and that we are getting near the end of the project.*

**3. Resolution not to exceed the Act 1 Index – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the resolution that the 2021-2022 General Fund Operating budget tax millage increase will not exceed the Act 1 Index of 3.0%.*

**Motion:** *Ms. Guy*

**Second:** *Ms. Rovinski*

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

*Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the resolution and its impact on the budget process. He advised that this is the first time that we have considered this type of a resolution and that it takes us directly to the final proposed budget in June for 1 budget presentation. It basically eliminates the need for multiple budget presentations.*

**F. LIAISON REPORTS**

**1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula**

*Nothing to report.*

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

*Nothing to report.*

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

*Met on November 4<sup>th</sup>. A veterans essay contest for middle school students was sponsored and one of the winners was from E. T. Richardson. Rapid antigen testing was discussed and may possibly be implemented after Thanksgiving.*

**4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo**

*Met virtually via Zoom on 10/28/2020. An update was provided on the Southeast Campus (Prendie) and provided updates by each of the departments, notably:*

- ❖ The college will be requesting a 1% increase from each of the sponsoring school districts which is \$84K in total over last year and approximates a \$5,000 increase for SSD.*
- ❖ Dual enrollment statistics have declined by head count, but that credit hours have increased. President Lord and Dr. Barber commented that our AP numbers have increased which could be causing the decline in dual enrollment.*
- ❖ They also spoke about the dual enrollment pathway programs, which are credits towards certificates & associate degrees, and specifically mentioned SHS and our health care and medical career exploration program in nursing.*

*Next Meeting to be held in January, 2021.*

**5. Future Board Meetings** – *December 10, 2020*  
*Reorganization & Regular Meetings*

**6. Superintendent’s Salutations – Dr. Barber**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** *Ms. Rovinski*

**Second:** *Ms. Guy*

***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*