

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 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
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. RECOGNITIONS

***2020 PSBA HONOR ROLL OF SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE
Dr. Jennifer Lofland – 8 years***

Mr. Lord explained that the PSBA (Pennsylvania School Board Association) recognizes board directors on milestones during their tenure. Dr. Lofland has served as a school board director for the past eight years. He thanked her for her service in key leadership roles and projects throughout her years on the board.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments submitted via email were read at the School Board meeting by Ms. Mikula and are included as an attachment to the minutes.

C. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

Mr. Lord announced that Mr. Keenan was “handing the baton” for the sports report to Ms. Jennifer Flynn. He thanked him for his past work delivering the reports at the school board meetings.

- ❖ Ms. Flynn reported that Winter Intramurals would begin at ETR on Monday. They saw tremendous participation in the fall and the numbers of interested kids for winter sports appears strong.*

Cougar Sports Report (cont'd)

- ❖ *Winter Sports have begun at the High School with 4 home basketball games so far. The Boys Basketball record is 2-1, including a big win over Penncrest, and the Girls Basketball record is 3-0 with big wins over Marple and Ridley.*
- ❖ *The Wrestling Team has had 2 home matches. Their record is 2-1. Wrestling's numbers are the highest they've been in the past 4 years with 22 athletes participating.*
- ❖ *The first swim meet will be tomorrow at Penncrest HS.*
- ❖ *The Track team is in training.*
- ❖ *Ms. Flynn gave a shout out to Mr. Mallon, Mr. Lemieux and the entire Athletic Department for their hard work during the pandemic.*

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**
Met on January 14th. Discussed the CARES grant and how funds could be spent. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given a tour of the new high school.
- ❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**
Met on January 13th. The topic was the Master Plan and closing out final items of new building project. Phases 2 & 3 were discussed for demolition of old high school. The committee is next scheduled to meet on February 11th. The public is encouraged to attend the committee meetings.
- ❖ **Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair**
Did not meet this month. The next meeting probably will be in February when refinancing of the first tranche of the master plan and the related realized savings will be discussed.
- ❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**
Did not meet.
- ❖ **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**
Met January 11th. Policies that needed little or no changes were reviewed. There is one new policy and that has been placed on the Board Action portion of the agenda this month.
- ❖ **Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair**
Did not meet.
- ❖ **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**
The committee is meeting tonight. Stan Johnson is attending and will inform about the meeting.

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F. 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: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: None

1. Approval of Minutes

*Reorganization Board Meeting and
Regular Board Meeting – December, 2020*

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the months of
November and December, 2020 totaling \$2,361,544.58*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

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

❖ *District Financial Reports – November and December, 2020
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ *Financial Reports – November and December, 2020
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

4. Contract for Board Approval

❖ *Agreement with Drexelbrook Catering and Banquet Facility for the
Springfield High School 2022 Senior Prom on Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ a
cost of \$65 per person with an approximate total cost of \$19,500.00.
No net cost to the District*

G. 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. Agovino

Vote: 9-0-0

Personnel Report (cont'd)

Comments: Dr. Barber gave the report for Ms. Bellace.

On the report is:

(1) Non-certificated resignation, (1) non-certificated retirement, (1) long-term substitute teacher hire, (3) non-certificated hires and (6) Family Medical Leaves.

Dr. Barber also mentioned Debbie Marker, the Board Secretary, who is retiring after 24 years and will be missed.

2. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

❖ *218.3 Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna reviewed the policy and noted that it was rewritten based upon a new section of school code which is a result of Act 110 passed in November, 2020.

3. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #6219.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber explained that details could not be made public due to privacy requirements, but that the board had reviewed the agreement and that the SD believes this is the best agreement for this particular student.

4. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the joint Special Education Agreement between Springfield School District and Student ID #7543.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber explained that details could not be made public due to privacy requirements, but that this is the right thing for both the student as well as the SD.

5. Independent Contractor Agreement – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approve the agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Benjamin White (Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide clinical services for the elementary level (Grades K-5). This Agreement is for the 2020-2021 school year with services being provided during the 111 instructional days, for a total cost to the District not to exceed \$31,746.00.*

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

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained that this new contractor would be replacing a contractor who had terminated services with the SD.

6. 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: The PIAA has released new guidance on winter sports. Mr. Mooney noted that this has been updated in the District's existing plan.

7. Address Change Approval – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the new address for Springfield School District and Springfield High School as 200 South Rolling Road, Springfield, PA 19064.*

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

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the necessity for the Board to formally approve the address change for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves change order #03-003 in the amount of \$45,603.78 for additional plumbing work and bonus completion payment 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

Springfield High School Master Plan Change Order Approval (cont'd)

Comments: Mr. Mooney went over the change order. This is for Phase One of the Master Plan and is for the 1st of the prime contractors completing their final contract and punch lists.

9. Plan Con Part H Filing – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board recognizes receipt of the Plan Con Part H – Project Financing Revision based on the approval letter dated December 15, 2020 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Series A of 2020 - Project #3903 for the Springfield High School and District Administration Offices.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney reviewed the Plan Con process for the Master Plan and allows us to start receiving reimbursement. No reimbursements have been considered in any of our budget considerations.

H. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula

No Report

2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino

- *In conversation with Representative O'Mara, she shared that the legislature has been discussing property taxes again as well as the fair funding formula.*
- *It's budget season and it was noted that revenues are up even considering COVID.*
- *Vaccine priority changes for 65 and older which would push back vaccines for SD vaccines.*
- *Representative O'Mara was appointed to the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Agency.*

3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski

- *Met January 6th. The DCIU has received antigen test kits for COVID-19.*
- *Virtual open houses of DCTS started in December. The sessions are also recorded and can be viewed through their website.*
- *Upcoming is a virtual Science and Engineering Fair in the beginning of March.*
- *The DCIU is also offering a substitute teacher program.*

4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

The Board has not met.

5. Future Board Meetings – February 25, 2021

March 25, 2021

6. Superintendent’s Salutations – Dr. Barber

- *Thanked the tech help for the meeting.*
- *Noted that both the track and campus is closed to outside school individuals and organizations and thanked everyone for their patience while COVID restriction are in effect.*
- *Discussed a letter going out to community members regarding the lack of vaccinations available for DELCO SD staff.*
- *Working to get back to full time instruction. Attendance is at approximately 93% which is great. We will continue to follow CCHD guidelines as we learn more about the virus. Although students are at a lower risk, we need to protect teachers and adult staff as well.*

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Guy

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*