

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
April 28, 2022
7:00 PM**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Frank Agovino, Treasurer (Absent)
Domenic Bentivegna, Assistant Secretary & Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director
Kevin Keenan, Director
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President & Director
Joseph Sillo, Secretary & 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. Mr. Lord asked everyone to remain standing as they held a moment of silence for Ethan Byrne.

Dr. Barber led a tribute to Ethan Byrne.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lee, 123 West Sylvan Avenue, Morton, Mr. Lee offered his condolences to Ethan's family. Mr. Lee mentioned that May 17 is primary election day. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Nichole Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, Ms. Missino discussed a personnel situation with an employee.

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Dianne Ozembella, 16 Myrtle Avenue, Morton, Ms. Ozembella expressed her thanks and gratitude to the staff and employees.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Student Success – Daniel Niklauski and Matthew Mullany (not present)
Service: Community Service Club meets every Monday in the high school to plan ways to help the community.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Met 4/21. Public is welcome to join. Discussed Flexible Instructional Day and Keystone Testing. Reviewed the upcoming PSSA's. There was a building update from each of the principals. The annual SHS awards ceremony was held last night. Dr. Lofland thanked the admin team and guidance counselors for the wonderful event. Next meeting will be May 12th.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Met 4/14. Discussed the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP), which is an assessment of the capital assets completed every 5 years. Mr. Keenan reminded the students to be respectful of the fields. Mr. Nelson's mentor program at the high school has been successful thus far. Next meeting will be May 12th.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
Mr. Mooney stated the committee met on April 12th. They reviewed the preliminary budget which will be presented tonight. Discussed the Series 2017 refunding but will hold until the rates improve. Continued to work on the on-going tax appeals.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Will meet third week in May.

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 specific item, the Board President will move it to an appropriate place on the agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – March 24, 2022

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of March 2022
totaling \$1,399,681.56*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – March 2022
Morton and Springfield
- ❖ District Financial Reports – March 2022
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – March 2022

2. 2022 – 2023 Calendar School District Calendar – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2022 – 2023 School District Calendar for second reading.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 8-0-0
Comments: Dr. Barber explained there are two readings of the calendar. The only change is that January 2nd will be observed as a holiday and students will end school on June 13th.

3. 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. 42-00-06462-00, 700 West Sproul Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$4,950,000 assessment/\$4,950,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$3,941,380 assessment/\$3,941,380 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$1,008,620 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$20,021 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 8-0-0
Comments: Ms. Mikula explains this is another proposed settlement from one of the appeals filed from the county-wide reassessment process.

4. Naming Rights Donation and Agreement – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the future donation from the Springfield Area Education Foundation for the naming rights donation received from Scott Ferguson in the amount of \$80,000.*

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Naming Rights Agreement between Scott Ferguson, Springfield Area Education Foundation, and the Springfield School District to provide naming rights for the Susan A. Descano high school vocal room.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 8-0-0
Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is a great tribute honoring Sue and has impacted thousands of students over her teaching career.

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Dr. Lofland** **Vote: 7-1-0**

Comments: Mr. Sillo stated he does not have a lot of experience with these candidates but does not see any reason to not reelect. Dr. Lofland asked if it is unreasonable to vote yes based on the DCCC budget discussion. Mr. Sillo said he would not withhold a reappointment due to that.

Mr. Agovino – absent

Mr. Bentivegna: yes

Ms. Flynn: yes

Ms. Guy: yes

Mr. Keenan: yes

Dr. Lofland: no

Mr. Lord: yes

Mr. Sillo: yes

Ms. Rovinski: yes

8. Flexible Instructional Day Application 2022 – 2023 – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the flexible instructional day application 2022 – 2023 for submission to PDE.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Dr. Lofland** **Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Dr. Barber stated this is an approval of the application sent to PDE for virtual instructional days for weather related issues. We will still have two additional snow days included in the calendar. Mr. Keenan asked what will happen if there is a power outage? If there are power issues, PDE may not allow the virtual day.

9. Chartwells Division Food Services Renewal – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the selection of the Compass Group, USA, through its Chartwells Division, to provide food services management to the Springfield School District for a one-year period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with a guaranteed surplus of \$5,730 to be returned to the district. Chartwells' management fee will increase from \$0.1002 per meal to \$0.1072 per meal. This agreement is the third renewal election of one of the four one-year renewal options that may be exercised upon the approval of the district and Chartwells.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Dr. Lofland** **Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated Chartwells has been a valuable partner to the District. Ms. Guy asked what happens to the guaranteed surplus at the end

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is the proposed final budget for 2022-2023. The milage increase cannot exceed the 3.9% Act 1 Index for the district. The final budget will be done in May.


F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to Report.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Met April 6th. DCIU has held several different competitions. Next meeting will be held May 4th.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
4. Future Board Meetings – May 19, 2022
June 23, 2022

5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked Ms. Descano for her dedication and congratulated her on the naming rights honor.

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