

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
December 9, 2021
7:00 PM**

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*

Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Linda Bellace, Director of Human Resources*

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Bruce Lord, Board President

Purpose of Meeting

It is the purpose of this Reorganization Meeting to elect School Board Officers for 2021, elect the solicitor, approve depositories and signatories, and take other Reorganization Meeting actions as deemed necessary by the Board.

2. Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

Board President opened nominations to appoint a Temporary Chairperson to preside over the meeting until the 2021 Board President is elected.

*Motion by Ms. Guy & second by Dr. Lofland to nominate a Temporary Chairperson.
nominated Domenic Bentivegna as temporary chair.*

*Motion by Dr. Lofland and second by Ms. Guy to close nominations.
Vote to close nominations 9-0-0*

Vote to appoint Temporary Chairperson 9-0-0

Mr. Bentivegna is elected Temporary Chairperson.

**3. Administration of Oath to Board Members-Elect
The Honorable Anthony D. Scanlon**

Domenic Bentivegna	Region 1
Jennifer Lofland	Region 2
Jennifer Flynn	Region 3
Bruce Lord	Region 8

4. Election of President

Mr. Bentivegna opened nominations to elect the 2022 Board President.

*Motion by Dr. Lofland & second by Ms. Guy to nominate the 2021 Board President.
Dr. Lofland nominated Mr. Lord to be president.*

*Motion by Ms. Guy and second by Dr. Lofland to close nominations.
Vote to close nominations 9-0-0*

Vote to elect 2021 Board President: 9-0-0

Mr. Lord is elected 2021 Board President.

4. Election of Vice President

Mr. Lord opened nominations to elect the 2022 Board Vice President.

*Motion by Ms. Guy & second by Ms. Flynn nominate the 2022 Board Vice President.
Mr. Keenan nominated Dr. Lofland for Vice President.*

*Motion by Mr. Keenan and second by Ms. Guy to vote to close nominations.
Vote to close nominations: 9-0-0*

Vote to elect 2022 Board Vice President: 9-0-0

Dr. Lofland is elected 2022 Board Vice President.

5. Election of Solicitor, Designation of Retainer & Additional Fee Agreement

Mr. Lord opened nominations to elect the 2022 Board Solicitor.

*Motion by Dr. Lofland and second by Ms. Guy to nominate the 2022 Board Solicitor.
Mr. Keenan nominated Mr. Sereni.*

*Motion by Ms. Rovinski and second by Ms. Guy to close nominations.
Vote to close: 9-0-0*

Vote to elect the 2022 Board Solicitor: 9-0-0

Mr. Sereni is elected 2022 Board Solicitor.

6. School Board Committees

Appointments will be announced in January 2022.

7. Designation of Out-of-District Representatives

*Representative to Delaware County Intermediate Unit – Ms. Rovinski
Representative to Delaware County Community College – Mr. Sillo
Representative to Delaware County School Boards’ Legislative Council – Mr. Agovino
PSBA Liaison – Mr. Lord
Representative to Springfield Volunteer Memorial Board – Mr. Bentivegna*

8. Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

*The Solicitor is appointed at the annual Reorganization Meeting for a one-year term.
Mark A. Sereni, Esquire, was appointed December 5, 2019 to serve for one year @ an annual
retainer of \$4,000.*

Mr. Sereni’s fees for 2022

Annual Retainer

\$4,000

Non-Retainer Services:

- Attorney time*
- Legal Assistant Rate (whenever appropriate)*

*\$195 per hour
\$100 per hour*

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Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lord reminded the public of the time limit. He also said that speakers only had to state their name and town of residence. Mr. Lord asked the public to remain respectful of all speakers.

Mr. Lee, 173 West Sylvan Avenue, Morton, *Mr. Lee discussed school safety concerns*

Danielle Elder, 318 Parham Road, Springfield, *Ms. Elder thanked the staff for the proposed Health & Safety Plan.*

Christina Dezzi, 200 Foulke Lane, Springfield, *Ms. Dezzi asked why musical activities have been cancelled. She asked that the district reconsider bringing back musical events for the Spring.*

Mia DeJohn, 323 Wayne Ave, Springfield, *Ms. DeJohn stated she is unhappy with the current Health & Safety Plan. She would like the students to be mask optional at school.*

Amy Jackson, 2 Locust Road, Morton, *Ms. Jackson stated that she would like students to remain masked. She asked the Board to reject the proposed Health & Safety Plan.*

Nichole Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, *Ms. Missino asked if the mask mandate will be lifted if the governors order deems illegal? Ms. Missino also wanted to discuss the security measures within the school district and was wondering if the district had plans to hire a security guard.*

Giovanni Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, *Mr. Missino asked if masking could be optional when students are at school.*

Jim Lawrence, 929 Providence Road, *Mr. Lawrence expressed his appreciation for the Springfield Literacy Center. He stated all his interactions with*

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the staff has been wonderful. He feels the building was built very well and the YMCA program is fabulous.

Elena Macarrio, 545 W. Springfield Road, Ms. Macarrio is unhappy with the masking mandate. She asked if the security officer would be replaced.

Bess Sparks, 308 Spring Valley Road, Springfield, Ms. Sparks discussed her frustration with the mandates brought on by COVID.

Alexandra Donato, Springfield, Ms. Donato thanked the Board for the proposed Health & Safety Plan. Ms. Donato asked the status of hiring a security officer for the district.

Dena Boggs, Morton, Ms. Boggs asked the board to lift the mask mandate. Ms. Boggs expressed her frustration with quarantining.

Becky Miller, Springfield, Ms. Miller expressed her frustration with the restrictions brought on by COVID.

Dawn Ogden, 57 S. Britton Road, Ms. Ogden works in the healthcare field and feels that the mandates are being taken too far. She would like the students to be unmasked. Ms. Ogden

Erin Rodgers, 230 N. Rolling Road, Would like to learn more information about the mental health plan for the district.

Mr. Lord thanked their audience for their respect for the speakers.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

Ms. Flynn did not have anything to report. Winter sports will begin shortly.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**

Did not meet this month. Next meeting will be January 13th. All are welcome to attend.

❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**

Facilities did not meet this month. Meetings in the future will be held on Wednesdays. The next meeting will be held January 12th. Check the website for more information.

❖ **Finance & Audit – Mr. Agovino, Chair**

Did not meet. Will meet Tuesday January 14th.

❖ **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**

❖ Did not meet.

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

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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

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
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E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- 1. Health and Safety Plan – Dr. Barber**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the changes to the Health and Safety Plan as presented with an effective date of January 17, 2022.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 8-0-1

Comments: Dr. Barber thanked the audience for their passion and involvement in their children. Mr. Sillo stated he feels the district should become mask optional as of January 3rd.

- 2. 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 stated they are presenting the resignation of one (1) non-certificated staff member. Recommending employment of one (1) certificated teacher, the employment of one (1) long-term substitute teacher, and the change of status of one (1) long-term substitute teacher, and one (1) Family Medical Leave.

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

Recommendation: *that the Board approves the following change orders #01-002 for \$11,438.00, change order #01-013 for \$74,150.02, credit change order #01-014 for (\$23,145.50) and change order #04-003 for \$20,517.10 for various general construction additions including site work, electrical, concrete, painting changes and deletion of signage for the completion of the new high school and demolition of the old building and related site work.*

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

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated these are the final items to be completed in the Master Plan.

4. Proposed Resolution not to exceed the Act 1 Index – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the resolution that the 2022-2023 General Fund Operating budget tax millage increase will not exceed the Act 1 Index of 3.4%.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the formal step stating we will not exceed the index.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula

Nothing to report.

2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino

Mr. Agovino explained a school in Delaware County is suing the state stating they are not properly funded.

3. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski

DCIU met Wednesday, December 1st. Their LPN program has had much success. They will be hosting tours and open houses in the future. Their tech program is accepting applications until February 28, 2022. The next meeting will January 5th 2022.

4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

Nothing to report.

**5. Future Board Meetings – January 20, 2022
February 24, 2022**

6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

Dr. Barber thanked Giovanni for his courage to speak. He also stated that there will be signing in the elementary schools in 2022. Dr. Barber thanked his staff for everything they do and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Lord thanked the Board for their vote of confidence as president and Happy Holidays from the Springfield School District.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Sillo', written in a cursive style.

*Joseph Sillo
Director and Board Secretary*