

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
School Board Meeting  
March 24, 2022  
7:00 PM**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President  
Frank Agovino, Treasurer  
Domenic Bentivegna, Assistant Secretary & Director  
Jennifer Flynn, Director  
Jacqueline Guy, Director  
Kevin Keenan, Director  
Joseph Sillo, Director  
Margaret Rovinski, Director*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools  
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations  
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.*

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Michael Lee, 123 West Sylvan Ave, Morton, Mr. Lee thanked everyone for the concern over his absence. He assured everyone he was okay. Mr. Lee discussed courses he would like the District to review.*

*Ms. Mia DeJohn, 323 Wayne Ave, Springfield, Ms. DeJohn thanked the District for removing the mask requirement for the students. Ms. DeJohn wanted to know if masks were still going to be handed out to students.*

*Ms. Nichole Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, Ms. Missino asked if she was able to view the Health & Safety Plan. Mr. Lord stated the plan is on the website.*

*Mr. Giovanni Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, Mr. Missino stated the water filters need to be changed.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn**

- ❖ Spring sports have begun at ETR and the high school.
- ❖ For winter track, there were two state medalists.
- ❖ Girls' basketball finished their season in the Elite 8 for state playoffs.
- ❖ Swimming had several swimmers go to States.

- ❖ Swim team also had four state qualifiers.
- ❖ Student Leadership Team continues to meet. They are reading “Toughness” and holding lively discussions.
- ❖ The SHS Theatre Group put on a great show, “Freaky Friday”, last weekend.
- ❖ This Saturday is SSDM – 15 hours of standing/dancing/no sitting to raise money for pediatric cancer.

### **C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ Education – Dr. Barber, Superintendent  
Met March 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the high school calendar, curriculum, and textbooks. They also went over the report card from PDE. Next meeting will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> (changed to April 21<sup>st</sup> post meeting).
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair  
Met on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the closeout of Phase 1 and Halderman Field project. Next meeting will be held April 14<sup>th</sup>. Water filters will be discussed.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair  
Met March 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the refunding opportunity for Series 2017 that has been borrowed for the Master Plan. The district has 62 appeals due to the county wide assessment. Next meeting will be held April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 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 March 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussed qualifications of the nominees and prepared themselves for July.

### **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.*

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

*Emergency Board Meeting – February 2, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting – February 24, 2022*

#### **2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of February 2022  
totaling \$1,650,576.16*

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

- ❖ Tax Collector’s Reports – February 2022

*Morton and Springfield*

- ❖ District Financial Reports – *February 2022*  
*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
- ❖ Financial Reports – *February 2022*  
*Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

**4. Contracts approved by Administration**

- ❖ *Agreement with The Drexelbrook for the Springfield High School Senior Prom on Friday, May 19, 2023 @ the cost of \$58 per person and \$30 per chaperone.*  
*No net cost to the District*
- ❖ *Agreement with King’s Mill Inc. for the Springfield High School Spring Fling on Saturday, May 21, 2022 @ a cost of \$45 per person.*  
*No net cost to the District*
- ❖ *DJ Ev Disc Jockey Services*  
*Senior Party – Springfield Country Club*  
*Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM*  
*Cost \$500. No net cost to District.*
- ❖ *DJ Ev Disc Jockey Services*  
*Senior Prom – The Drexelbrook*  
*Saturday, April 23, 2022 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM*  
*Cost \$600. No net cost to District.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

**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 March 28, 2022.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Dr. Barber stated the updated Health & Safety Plan is on the website and is similar to neighboring districts. We are looking forward to getting back to pre-pandemic activities in the buildings. Most important part of the plan, is that students will not need to wear masks, even when closer than three feet.*

**2. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the remainder of Personnel actions as listed in the Personnel Report.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: The District is presenting the retirement of seven teachers, two support staff, and three resignations of support staff. They are also recommending the employment of one noncertified staff member and one Long Term Substitute Teacher. There is also one request for sabbatical leave for professional development and six requests for FMLA. Mr. Keenan thanked teachers Mr. Vandenberg and Mr. Mazurek for their positive effect on his life.*

**3. 2022-2023 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2022-2023 School District Calendar for first reading.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Dr. Barber explains the district does a first reading of the calendar and shows it to the public. Dr. Barber explained this calendar is very similar to this current year's calendar. Mr. Keenan thanked Dr. Barber and his administration for their hard work in creating the calendar.*

**4. 2022-2023 DCIU General Operating Budget – Ms. Rovinski**  
*(Roll Call Vote)*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: The DCIU operating budget is \$10 million. A very small percent comes from school districts, the rest comes from state and federal government.*

*Mr. Agovino – yes*

*Mr. Bentivegna – yes*

*Ms. Flynn – yes*

*Ms. Guy – yes*

*Mr. Keenan – yes*

*Ms. Lofland – absent*

*Mr. Lord - yes*  
*Ms. Rovinski - yes*  
*Mr. Sillo - yes*

**5. 2022-2023 Delaware County Technical Schools' Program Budget -  
Ms. Rovinski**  
*(Roll Call Vote)*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2022-2023 Delaware County Technical Schools' Program Budget.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: The DCTS's budget is \$15.5 million. \$770,000 comes from Springfield School District, which is based on a three-year average of the number of students involved in the program. Ms. Guy stated it is wonderful that they have a Vo-Tech program.*

*Mr. Agovino - yes*  
*Mr. Bentivegna - yes*  
*Ms. Flynn - yes*  
*Ms. Guy - yes*  
*Mr. Keenan - yes*  
*Ms. Lofland - absent*  
*Mr. Lord - yes*  
*Ms. Rovinski - yes*  
*Mr. Sillo - yes*

**6. 2022-2023 Special Education Funding & Service Agreement-  
Ms. Rovinski**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2022-2023 Special Education Funding and Service Agreement with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: This is how the district will pay the DCIU for special education services in installments.*

**7. Series 2017 Bond Refunding - Mr. Mooney**  
*(Roll Call Vote)*

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the proposed bond resolution that authorizes the district to pursue the refunding of General Obligation Bond Series of 2017 up to \$12,000,000 if lower interest rates can be obtained and*

*the district can realize a present value savings of at least 2% of refunded principal.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the refunding the Mr. Agovino mentioned in his report.*

*Mr. Agovino – yes  
Mr. Bentivegna – yes  
Ms. Flynn – yes  
Ms. Guy – yes  
Mr. Keenan – yes  
Ms. Lofland – absent  
Mr. Lord - yes  
Ms. Rovinski – yes  
Mr. Sillo - yes*

**8. Bond Purchase Proposal – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the proposal received from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC to arrange and participate in the refunding of the Series 2017 bonds and completing the full sale, issuance and delivery of the Springfield School District’s Series 2022 General Obligation Bonds to be issued in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed of \$12,000,000.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated PFM has been guiding the district through the master plan financing. If we execute the refunding, PFM will assist in the bond refunding.*

**9. Dell Financial Services - Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the additional schedules to the Master Lease Agreement with Dell Financial Services. These additional lease schedules are for 989 additional laptops and Chrome book computers and licenses to replace out of life computers throughout the district and expand the Chromebook programs at the Springfield High School, E.T. Richardson Middle School and Scenic and Sabold Elementary Schools. These schedules are for a four-year term with an annual cost of \$100,748.85 and a total cost of \$402,995.40 over the life of the lease. The equipment buyout amount at the end of the lease is \$1 per unit. These lease costs will be funded*

*through the technology department operating budget included in the General Fund.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the annual amendment to the lease of computers and chrome books. Mr. Mooney discussed there are high school students that are certified through Dell and are work on repairing the equipment which Dell reimburses the District for their services.*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the change order #GC-01 in the amount of \$396,071.47 for additional site improvements, fencing and concrete retaining wall modifications for the high school master plan project work completed at Halderman Field.*

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

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the initial change order for Halderman Field project. The district is in the process of having it set up for baseball and soft ball. These services include field netting, retaining wall changes and site modifications.*

**11. Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlement – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board authorizes and directs Holsten Associates, PC to finalize settlement of the following real estate tax assessment appeal for the following year and amount:*

- ❖ *Folio number 42-00-06361-00, 640 E Springfield Road, Springfield Township 2021 \$1,375,000 assessment/\$1,375,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed from assessment/fair market value of above property:*

*\$876,760 assessment/\$876,760 fair market value.*

*This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$498,240 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$9,890 to our district for tax year 2021.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is an appeal generated by the reassessment. The appraiser established the current market value and this was agreed upon by both parties.*

**12. Litigation Settlement – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approve the settlement of A.S. v. Springfield School District, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action No. 2:19 – 00256, as negotiated and recommended by the District’s insurance carrier, as presented.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy**

**Second: Ms. Rovinski**

**Vote: 8-0-0**

*Comments: Ms. Mikula stated this is from 2019 and has nothing to do with the masking litigation.*

**F. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Solicitor’s Report – Ms. Mikula  
*Nothing to report.*
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski  
*DCIU recently hosted three STEM competitions, the PA Media and Design competition, and the STEM design challenge. The Delaware County Science Fair was also held. Winners will be announced next week. The DCIU met March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at the DCIU in Morton.*
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo  
*The DCCC liaisons met the other day and met the four candidates for the trustee position. There are two candidates that the Board will have to vote upon, as well as the budget.*
4. Future Board Meetings – April 28, 2022  
May 26, 2022
5. Superintendent’s Salutations – Dr. Barber  
*Dr. Barber thanked Ms. Luff and Ms. Barber for directing the upcoming SSDM activities. He thanked the students and community that are involved.*



*Dr. Barber stated the reason we had been giving out masks, is that students and staff were required to wear one when they are currently three feet or closer for greater than 15 minutes.*

*Dr. Barber said there are two snow days included in the calendar but also have the opportunity to use virtual learning days.*

*Dr. Barber welcomed back Mr. Lee and thanked him for his civility.*

***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***

