

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
May 19, 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
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President & Director
Joseph Sillo, Secretary & Director (Absent)
Margaret Rovinski, Director*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools (Absent)
Cynthia Mattei, Director of Teaching and Learning
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

***Mr. Lee, 123 West Sylvan Avenue, Morton,** Mr. Lee congratulated the Class of 2022. He mentioned there is too much hate in society today and challenges people to break the cycle. He discussed politicians in the past and some of the issues they had dealt with.*

***Mr. Michael Scott, Springfield, PA,** Mr. Scott congratulated the Class of 2022. He recognized the staff and the dedication of our teachers to the District. He expressed concern that the teacher's contract negotiations have not been finalized yet.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Middle School Update – Dr. Zweiback
 - Academics: 298 8th grade students took the PSAT's. 79% of students met pre-collegiate requirements.
 - There was a national drop of 12 points in mathematics, ETR only dropped 7 points.
 - PSSA: The middle school and language arts scored the highest in the county. ETR 6th grade was 3rd and 8th grade was 4th.

- *Several students won awards in the ETR Writing Center.*
- *40 ETR student council leaders led community service projects and the Kindness Initiative.*
- *The NJHS inducted 24 new members.*
- *ETR student council and NJHS are leading the book collection and categorization for the ETR/SLC book swap.*
- *8th grade recognition will be held on Monday, June 13th.*

2. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

- *Lots of student participation in sports at ETR*
- *Boys lacrosse earned 4th seed in the PIAA playoffs.*
- *Girls lacrosse earned 5th seed in the PIAA playoffs.*
- *Baseball may earn a spot in playoffs.*
- *Softball has earned a top 8 seed in Districts.*
- *Boys tennis had a strong season with several wins.*
- *High school track had several students qualify for Districts.*

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**
Met 5/12. Dr. Zweiback discussed curriculum changes. Discussed AP History and ASL Course as well as European History. Dr Hepp walked through the PDE Safety and Security Plan update.
- ❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**
Met 5/12 and online. Continued to manage the Master Plan. Halderman is moving along well. Discussed ideas for using the old arch that used to be in front of the District Office. Next meeting will be held June 9th. Please reach out to Don Mooney to see if the meeting is in person or on zoom. Mr. Lord asked when the fields will be in use. Mr. Keenan said the fields should be useable by next Spring.
- ❖ **Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair**
Did not meet. Final budget will be presented at the June 23rd Board Meeting.
- ❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**
Did not meet.
- ❖ **Communications – Frank Agovino**
Did not meet.
- ❖ **Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair**
Met 5/12. Discussed four policies that will be discussed later this meeting.
- ❖ **Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna**
Met 5/16. Discussed the 4th of July presentation.

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

Regular Board Meetings – April, 2022

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of April, 2022
totaling \$1,258,637.92*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

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

4. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ *Agreement with Lakeside Educational Network for Special Educational Services (1 Slot) for the 2022-2023 School Year (\$39,537.00 per slot).
Total cost for one (1) slot: \$39,537.00.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy
Comments: None

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Mattei

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

Motion: Jacqueline Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: It is being presented to the Board the three resignations of certified staff, one retirement noncertified staff member, and the resignation of two non-certified staff members, and the employment of one non-certified nonsupport staff member, and one Family Medical Sick Leave.

2. Resolution to Appoint Board Member to the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the appointment of Donald Mooney to serve as a member of the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.*

Motion: Ms. Flynn

Second: Ms. Guy

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: It is required to appoint a representative from the district to this trust board position and he is the staff member that has filled this position. Ms. Guy asked if he is a liaison between the health department and the district. Mr. Mooney said that the Trust is joint administration and labor board. The trust meets once a month, it is beneficial as they continue to work together. Each of the 15 schools has two representatives.

- 3. Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student “8350” allowing for a maximum expenditure of \$263,000 over the next four school years. – Ms. Mattei**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “8350”.*

Motion: Ms. Flynn Second: Ms. Rovinski Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: The details are not made public due to privacy, but the district and parents have worked together to reach the best agreement possible.

- 4. Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student “8350” allowing for a one-time approval for a total expenditure of \$23,000. – Ms. Mattei**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “8350”.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Ms. Flynn Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: The details are not made public due to privacy, but the district and parents have worked together to reach the best agreement possible.

- 5. Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student “9263” allowing for a maximum expenditure of \$64,220 for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. – Ms. Mattei**

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “9263”.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Mr. Keenan Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: The details are not made public due to privacy, but the district and parents have worked together to reach the best agreement possible.

- 6. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

- ❖ 006 Local Board Procedures
- ❖ 203 Communicable Diseases and Immunizations
- ❖ 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- ❖ 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Ms. Flynn** **Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Policy 006 and 220 are being adjusted based on information provided by PDE. Policy 203 has minimal language adjustments. Policy 903 is being updated because it is due at this time.

7. Safety and Security Practices – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *That the Board has reviewed and approved the 2021 – 2022 Springfield School District Safety & Security Annual Report. This report was submitted in accordance with Section 1309-B of the PA Public School Code school safety and security coordinator annual update.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Ms. Flynn** **Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this update is part of our Safety and Security Plan, we have to file with the Department of Education each year. This included additional security cameras in ETR, Sabold, and the High School. Added building automation systems to help manage the doors at Scenic and Sabold.

8. Independent Contractor Agreement – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approve the independent contractor agreement between Springfield School District and Ayanna Garrett, Licensed Social Worker to provide clinical services for the middle school level (Grades 6 - 8). This Agreement is for the 2021-2022 school year with services being provided during the 15 instructional days, for a total cost to the District not to exceed \$4,320.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second: Ms. Flynn** **Vote: 8-0-0**

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained the previous social worker resigned and this is the new social worker that will fill these duties for the rest of the school year.

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

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following change order #01-004 in the amount of \$500,549.36 for sitework revisions, soil removal, additional concrete work and paving work for work performed by the general contractor for Phase 3 of the high school master plan.*

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

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Ms. Flynn Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the last part to finish the high school site work which includes the paving of the east parking lot.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to report.
2. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski
Met 5/4. Discussed the expansion of the Folcroft facilities. Three DCTS Culinary Arts program received over \$45,000 in scholarships. Senior recognition program will be held in May. Job Fair was 5/5 and the DCIU is hiring.
3. Future Board Meetings – June 23, 2022
Mr. Lord thanked the teachers that came out in support.
4. Salutations – Ms. Mattei
Ms. Mattei invited everyone to the Celebration of the Arts on Thursday, May 26th.

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

Motion: Jacqueline Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

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