

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2021**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President (absent)
Joseph Sillo, Secretary
Frank Agovino, Director (Absent)
Domenic Bentivegna, Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director
Kevin Keenan, Director
Margaret Rovinski, Director (Absent)*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Mosloskie, Manager of Financial Services
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor
Linda Bellace, Director of Human Resources*

MEETING MINUTES

*Mr. Lord asked for a silence for Sean Hughes, Lower Merion Principal.
Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.*

A. SSD BOARD STATEMENT ON MASKING – Mr. Lord

Comments: Mr. Lord read the statement that was put on the district website and social media regarding masking.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is limited to five minutes per speaker.

Before public comment began, Mr. Lord asked that everyone shows respect.

***Michael Lee, 123 West Sylvan Ave,** Mr. Lee discussed two classes that are being taught in the high school and middle school. Mr. Lee wished happy holidays to all attendees.*

***Dena Boggs, 715 Country Lane,** Ms. Boggs expressed her concerns over her child being quarantined due to covid exposure.*

***Nichole Missino, 478 Granite Terrace,** Ms. Missino was wondering what will happen once the mask mandate is finished on December 4th.*

***Natalie Weaver, 545 W. Springfield Road,** Ms. Weaver discussed her concern on bullying within the school district and the masking mandate.*

***Annette Deigh, Lynbrooke Road,** Ms. Diegh explained she is a licensed social worker and does not feel as though the masking is harming the children. She feels that there needs to be more of a focus on the mental health. Ms. Deigh thanked the Board for putting a plan in place that will protect our children.*

C. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Student Success – Daniel Niklauski and Matthew Mullany

Matthew highlighted academics and arts:

- ❖ *Students in middle school and high school are finishing their quarterly assessments.*

- ❖ *Seniors just took their class photo, a first step in the final walk of their high school lives.*
 - ❖ *Students were inducted into the NEHS.*
 - ❖ *ETR students in coding droning class have been programming and flying drones.*
 - ❖ *At the SLC, students are experiencing the story of the Polar Express.*
 - ❖ *Students are using the space in the high school to express themselves and highlight their interest.*
 - ❖ *The marching band just performed in their last performance.*
 - ❖ *Students in the department are starting digital photography and design.*
 - ❖ *SHS Holiday Saxophone ensemble will perform at the SLC.*
 - ❖ *At ETR, Annie, Jr. will be performed the first weekend of December.*
- In the area of Service and Sports:*
- ❖ *The community is still giving back to the community. The high school will hold a powder puff football game to benefit SSDM.*
 - ❖ *Delco Cares cub*
 - ❖ *Turkey Trot will be held at ETR.*
 - ❖ *SHS students wrote letters to veterans to thank them for their service.*
 - ❖ *Fall sports are finishing and athletes are looking forward to the winter season.*

2. ETR Student Recognition – Ms. Conlin

Comments: Ms. Conlin discussed the STEM program that is held at ETR. Joe Couchara and Seth Jacob attended the Chief Science Officers Training Institute. Ms. Conlin introduced Joseph. Joseph thanked the Board for allowing him to speak, as well as his peer, Seth, for his support. Joe discussed his time at the camp and the STEM program at ETR.

3. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

- ❖ *Middle School sports are wrapping up their Fall season. Each team played about seven games. Coaches state they had a terrific turnout.*
 - ❖ *At the high school, football just held their last game against O'hara.*
 - ❖ *Field Hockey and girls soccer did great in their playoffs game.*
 - ❖ *All teams are looking forward to a winter season.*
 - ❖ *Seniors participated in 'Signing Day', which is the day when senior athletes committed to their college.*
- Mr. Lord asked why do the coaches feel the student athlete participation is at an all-time high? M. Keenan said that it is due to the youth programs taking pride in what they do.*

4. Academic Update – Dr. Barber

Comments: Dr. Barber presented the power point that he showed the high school PTA with an update.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Dr. Barber presented on behalf of Ms. Lofland. The Education Committee met on November 11th and discussed the academic update that was in the previous power point presentation. They also discussed the upcoming service projects that our students are involved in. They also discussed a grant that will be used for academic recovery to give students the support they need due to academic loss from the pandemic. Next meeting will be January 13th.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Facilities met on November 11th and discussed the final punch list for the high school. They also discussed the Scenic Hills HVAC bids, and the SLEP program. They met in Executive Session to discuss change orders and contracts. Mr. Keenan wanted to address the students in the buildings that have been destroying or vandalizing district property is unacceptable. There will be zero tolerance to those that destroy property.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
Did not meet. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14th at 5:30 PM.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair
Did not discuss.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Met on November 4th to discuss the recent recognition of the student volunteers.

E. 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 – October 28, 2021

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of October 2021
totaling \$1,793,320.07*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – October, 2021
Morton and Springfield

- ❖ District Financial Reports – October 2021
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – October, 2021
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Jennifer Flynn Vote: 6-0-0

F. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Kevin Keenan Vote: 6-0-0

Comments: Ms. Bellace stated that she is presenting the retirement of two (2) noncertificated staff members, the employment of one (1) long-term substitute teacher, and the employment of five (5) noncertificated staff members. She is also presenting two (2) Family Medical Leaves. Also being presented is the Extra Curricular positions, clubs and Fall and Winter athletics.

2. Board Policy - Mr. Bentivegna

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

- ❖ 204 - Attendance
- ❖ 800.1 – Electronic Signatures and Records
- ❖ 816 – District Social Media

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Kevin Keenan Vote: 6-0-0

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna explained that the above policies were voted on last month. There were no changes, and he recommends they are approved for final reading.

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. 42-00-00401-00, 795 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$3,680,000 assessment/\$3,680,000 fair market value.

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$2,288,360 assessment/\$2,288,360 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$1,391,640 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$27,623 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00451-00, 334 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$2,650,000 assessment/\$2,650,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$1,683,480 assessment/\$1,683,480 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$966,520 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$19,185 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00373-00, 121 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$2,334,259 assessment/\$2,334,259 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$1,777,720 assessment/\$1,777,720 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$556,539 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$11,047 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00474-00, 638 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$7,300,000 assessment/\$7,300,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$4,985,510 assessment/\$4,985,510 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$2,314,490 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$45,941 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-06613-00, 721 W. Sproul Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$8,736,000 assessment/\$8,736,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$6,093,370 assessment/\$6,093,370 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$2,642,630 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$52,454 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-06614-00, 751 W. Sproul Road, Springfield Township 2021 \$4,100,000 assessment/\$4,100,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
 \$2,482,290 assessment/\$2,482,290 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$1,617,710 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$32,110 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-06615-00, 781 W. Sproul Road, Springfield Township 2021 \$7,803,500 assessment/\$7,803,500 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
 \$6,188,970 assessment/\$6,188,970 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$1,614,530 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$32,047 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Kevin Keenan Vote: 6-0-0

Comments: Ms. Mikula explained we have been working with the appraiser to establish values at the highest value the appraiser has set. So far to date, our district has seen a tax dollar gain in the net in excess of \$1,260,000. Mr. Keenan thanked Lisanne, Don, and Debbie for their hard work and seeing this through. Ms. Mikula thanked her office staff for their terrific job.

4. SCENIC HILLS HVAC PROJECT – Mr. Keenan

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for HVAC systems work and building automation systems technology for Scenic Hills Elementary School for work that is scheduled to be completed the summer of 2022. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds. The proposal amounts are as follows:

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| 1. | Clipper Pipe and Service Inc.– Mechanical construction | \$1,365,150 |
| 2. | J.T. Electrical, Inc. – Electrical construction | 519,400 |
| 3. | LJ Paolella – General construction | 457,200 |
| | Radius Systems – Building automation systems | 318,253 |
| | Total Project Costs | \$2,660,003 |

Motion: Jacqueline Guy Second: Jennifer Flynn Vote: 6-0-0

Comments: Mr. Keenan explained this is or the HVAC project at Scenic Hills. First part of this work is for the new HVAC for classroom areas that are not air conditioned. The second part is for older existing HVAC units that are old. They will be purchasing them in bulk, rather than waiting until they fail over the next few ywars. The Board has discussed doing HVAC across the board, with Scenic starting next summer, Sabold the following summer, then ETR the next. Scenic was chosen first due to the infrastructure that is already in place. Mr. Sillo explained that half of the cost is replacing old equipment that would have been replaced in the next few years.

**5. SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL
– Mr. Keenan**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the following change order #01-003 for \$391,694.30 for tennis court revisions, soil remediation, paving modifications and additional signage 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: Jennifer Flynn Vote: 6-0-0

Comments: This represents ten change orders across the project.

G. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to report.
2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino
Did not discuss.
3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Did not discuss.
4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
5. Future Board Meetings – December 9, 2021
Reorganization & Regular Meetings
6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Comments: Dr. Barber thanked the speakers for their thoughts. He also thanked the families and students for their hard work and the engagement in their studies and the pillars. Dr. Barber thanked the faculty and staff for continuing to put in a good effort.

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: Jennifer Flynn Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Sillo", written over a printed name.

Joseph Sillo