

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2021**

Members Present:

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

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. SHS STUDENT RECOGNITION – Ms. Scelfo

Comments: Ms. Scelfo introduced Mr. Stanford to discuss the high school music program. Mr. Stanford discussed the PA Music Educators Association and its role to enhance music development across Pennsylvania for students. District 12 consists of Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia counties. Mr. Stanford recognized the following students: Tommy Eng – clarinet, Emma Toledo – first chair baritone, Elliot Keener – sousaphone, string bass. Eliot also continued through virtual auditions and made all state orchestra. Eliot explained the process of preparing and auditioning.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ **Mr. Michael Lee, 123 Sylvan Ave., Morton** *Mr. Lee hopes the students at the high school takes advantage of the opportunities that are offered to them and that he hopes that the building lasts a very long time. He also mentioned an article in the Daily Times, that discussed schools were shut down in the 1946 for an outbreak of student paralysis. Mr. Lee reiterated how great the school looked and thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak.*

- ❖ **Ms. Tina Mulholland, 551 Evans Road, Springfield** Ms. Mulholland stated her frustration that students are masking and are not avoiding close contact during lunch, which results in quarantining. Ms. Mulholland is frustrated there is no online learning when children are home due to quarantining. Ms. Mulholland also discussed the errors that STA has been committing.
- ❖ **Dawn Trivarelli 324 Lewis Road, Springfield** Ms. Trivarelli stated she has worked in an ER through the pandemic. She stated she has not seen many children covid cases but stated there is an alarming rate of mental health issues. She asked the school board to allow parents to make the decision whether to mask their child.
- ❖ **Ray Wilfong, 659 Newlin Road. Springfield** Mr. Wilfong stated he has a concern with the implementation and teacher training relating to diversity, equity, inclusion, CRT, white privilege, and systematic racism. He would like to know the policy on attending training that pertains to the above topics.
- ❖ **Regina Scheerer 34 Old State Road, Springfield** Ms. Scheerer expressed her concern about indoctrination on CRT and transgenderism. She was wondering who oversees the workshops that the teachers are taking.
- ❖ **Mia DeJohn, 323 Wayne Ave, Springfield** Ms. DeJohn was wondering what the plan is to relate all things covid related, such as medical data, funding, and the steps that are used to stop the spread of Covid-19. She is requesting a chance to discuss data reporting and the decision-making process.

C. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

- ❖ **High School:** Football homecoming game is Friday, September 27th, against Upper Darby. Girls Soccer is currently undefeated. Boys' soccer won against Upper Darby. Girls Volleyball is doing great competing against other teams. Field Hockey is a young team and doing well 3-2. Cross Country is participating in their second meet at Rose Tree Park. Golf is having a great season with student Danny Flaherty performing phenomenally this year. Girls' tennis has central League singles this Friday. Many kids came out this year to participate in sports and stands have been packed.
- ❖ **Middle School:** There is not much to report as teams are still putting their rosters together. There will be more to report next month.

2. Recognition of Board Members years of service – Dr. Barber

The Pennsylvania School Board Association likes to recognize all qualified school directors completing eight, 12, 16, or 20 years of service by the end of 2021 with an Honor Roll certificate.

Bruce Lord – 8 years

Frank Agovino – 16 years

Domenic Bentivegna – 28 years

Comments: *Dr. Barber thanked the Board Members for their years of service.*

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Did not meet. Will meet October 14th and the public is invited to attend.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Met September 9th. Briefly discussed the ESSER Funding and how to increase the amount of money that Springfield is receiving. The committee discussed the Merv 13 filters and the impact of air quality. Discussed the air conditioning bid for Scenic Hills, as well as Sabold and ETR. It is being considered as part of a 3-year HVAC plan on which the Board still needs to vote. There was a discussion on installing Pickle Ball lines to our new high school tennis courts. Briefly discussed parking layouts throughout the district. Next meeting is October 14th, please contact Don Mooney or Mr. Keenan if you'd like to attend.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
Mr. Mooney stated that they did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for October 12th.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Did not meet. Will meet October 4th.
- ❖ Communications – Frank Agovino, Chair (absent)
No report
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Will be recognizing students from Springfield School District and O'Hara at the end of October to celebrate their work as volunteers in the community.

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.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – August 26, 2021

2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of August 2021
totaling \$1,489,916.10*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – August 2021
Morton and Springfield*
- ❖ *District Financial Reports – August 2021
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
- ❖ *Financial Reports – August 2021
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

4. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ *Agreement with Overbrook School for the Blind to provide 1:1 Aide/Intervener for one (1) student (ID# 100009529) for the 2021-2022 School Year per Diem rate of \$232.00 for 180 days.
Total cost for one (1) student \$41,760.00*
- ❖ *Agreement between UHS of Doylestown, LLC, hereinafter referred to as ("Foundations"): Lifeworks School ("LWS") to provide Specialized Educational Services for 2021-22 School Year.
Total cost for one (1) elementary student (ID 100011772): \$44,820.00*

F. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Dr. Barber

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

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Flynn*

Vote: *8-0-0*

Comments: Dr. Barber stated we are presenting the retirement of one (1) non-certificated staff member, resignation of two (2) non-certificated staff member, employment of one (1) long-term substitute teacher, and one (1) non-certified staff member, one (1) non-certified substitute staff member, and two (2) Family Medical Leaves.

2. 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. 42-00-00510-00, 1200 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$17,500,000 assessment/\$17,500,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$12,655,110 assessment/\$12,655,110 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$4,844,890 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$96,168 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00430-00, 2 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$3,300,000 assessment/\$3,300,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$2,445,290 assessment/\$2,445,290 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$854,710 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$16,965 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00404-00, 857 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$13,900,000 assessment/\$13,900,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$10,162,690 assessment/\$10,162,690 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution represents an increase of \$3,737,310 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$74,183 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Ms. Mikula added that these are three tax assessment appeals initiated by the district and that she is pleased to announce that we have worked with the property owners to arrive at settlements that our appraiser supports as the highest value.

3. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber stated that details were not allowed to be made public, but the team has worked with the parents and attorneys to make the best agreement possible to serve the student's needs as well as the district's fiduciary responsibility to its taxpayers.

4. Halderman Field Renovation Project – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for field facilities renovation and related site work at Halderman Field. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds. The proposal amounts are as follows:

1.	S. B. Conrad, Inc. – General Construction	\$1,973,000
2.	J. T. Electrical, Inc. – Electrical construction	134,000
3.	Stan Roch Plumbing – Plumbing construction	102,000
	Total Project Costs	\$2,209,000

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained that this is one of the final pieces of the Master Plan project. The Halderman Field project was put out to bid and these contractors were the most responsible low bidders. Ms. Guy asked if this was part of the overall master plan budget. Mr. Mooney said yes. Dr. Lofland asked what will be happening at Halderman Field. Mr. Mooney stated it has always served as a multi-purpose field. With those sports coming back to campus, this will contain a baseball field and two softball fields. Mr. Keenan stated the decision was made because the field can only fit two PIAA fields on that land and it will be a wonderful baseball/softball facility.

G. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to report.
2. Legislative Board Report – Mr. Agovino (absent)
No report

3. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski

Met Wednesday, September 1st. One of the contracts approved is they will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks for children ages three to five for 180 days, who are students in their pre-k counts classrooms. These programs are run by the DCIU. They will conduct a school audit on social and emotional learning for students in Southeast Delco school districts. In regards to emotional support, the DCIU runs programs and offers specialty classes for art, music and gym. Mental health support includes daily group counseling and psychiatric group counseling. They ran an extended school year to maintain skills through the summer. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM at the Morton DCIU.

4. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

Nothing to report as the liaison committee has not met.

5. Future Board Meetings – October 28, 2021

November 18, 2021

6. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

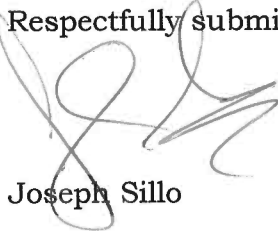
Comments: Thanked everyone for their comments during public comment. He stated that the board does not engage in question and answer during Board Meetings but encourages those to email or call their Board Member. He stated there is a covid tracker online. We are currently at 16 students. It is usually updated on Monday. Dr. Barber thanked everyone for their passion and concern, and none of it is taken lightly. We are excited to have our students back and the students are doing a great job.

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Sillo