SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting April 27, 2023

Members Present:

Bruce Lord, President
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President
Joseph Sillo, Director
Domenic Bentivegna, Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Margaret Rovinski, Director
Nicole Rechner, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director (absent)
Kevin Keenan, Secretary (absent)

Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations Mark Sereni, Solicitor

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Lee, 237 W. Sylvan Drive, Morton, PA. Mr. Lee expressed his concern for school safety and the need for stricter gun laws.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. SHS Swimmers – Dr. Hepp
Dr. Hepp invited Coaches Kay and Lock to recognize the boys and girls
swim team. Coach Lock celebrated the girls on their winning season. She
stated her swimmers are involved in many activities and have many
academic accomplishments. Coach Kay congratulated his boys with their
winning season and their accomplishments in the school and in the pool.

2. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn
Ms. Flynn commented on the accomplishments of the swim team. Spring
sports at ETR are underway and doing well. The SSD Music Program was
just awarded the Best Communities in Music Education award for the 11th
consecutive year. Ms. Flynn also wished Shelly, the Scenic Turtle, a Happy
50th birthday.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair Met in April and began with the Principals report and continued the Val/Sal discussion. Dr. Hepp and Ms. Conlin will review the feedback. Next meeting will be held May 11th. Dr. Lofland discussed the Excited About Science Program that was held at Sabold and Scenic. Dr. Lofland recruits scientists to hold hands-on learning to help students get excited about science. Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 8th. Dr. Lofland expressed her gratitude for all teachers and the impact they make on their student's lives.

- Facilities Kevin Keenan, Chair
 Facilities met two weeks ago virtually and updated the HVAC projects at
 Sabold and Scenic, as well as ETR. Reviewed the Service Life Extension Plan
 for the capital assets. The District will be updating the lighting at ETR to LED
 lights as well as some masonry work that will be completed the summer of
 2023.
- ❖ Finance & Audit Joseph Sillo Chair

 Met April 12th in District Office. Reviewed the proposed final budget and had a lengthy discussion on the proposed budget.
- Personnel Bruce Lord, Chair
- Did not meet.
- Policy Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
- ❖ Met on April 24th and reviewed about a dozen policies. Most were renewals, however, our (4) will be coming before the board for the first reading in the coming months.
- 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 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. Rovinski Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 7-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of March 2023 totaling \$1,668,329.00

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ District Financial Reports *March 2023 General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*
- Financial Reports March 2023
 Middle School & High School Activity Accounts
- 4. Contract for Fireworks Display at 2023 High School Graduation Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the contract received from Schaefer Fireworks to provide fireworks display services after the June 8, 2023 High School Graduation Ceremony. The total cost for this contract is \$2,551.50 and will be funded from the Student Activities Accounts.

5. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ Agreement with Elwyn (Davidson School) for 1:1 services for one (1) student (ID #100006778), costing \$209.30 per day.
- Agreement with Elwyn (Davidson School) for enrollment of two (2) students (ID #100006778 and ID# 100006162) for ESY educational services July 10-August 4, 2023 at a per diem rate of \$382.78 per day. A student requiring 1:1 services, it is an additional \$209.30 per day. Total cost for ID #100006778: \$11,841.60

Total cost for ID #100000776. \$11,671.60 Total cost for ID #100006162: \$7,655.60 Total cost for two (2) students: \$19,497.20

E. 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. Rovinski Second: Ms. Flynn Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber stated the District is presenting the retirement of two (2) certified teachers, the resignation of three (3) non-certified staff members, the retirement of one (1) noncertified staff member, and the employment of one (1) non-certified staff member.

2. 2023 - 2024 School Board Meeting Calendar - Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the 2023 – 2024 School Board Meeting Calendar.

Motion: Ms. Rovinski Second: Ms. Flynn Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber stated that the District would like to put out the committees' meeting schedule as far in advance as possible.

3. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

SSD Data Storage

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Bentivegna stated the policy has not been updated since the first reading, therefore, he would like the Board to approve it.

4. Special Education Agreement - Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board agreed and accepted the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student "7089".

Motion: Ms. Flynn

Second: Mr. Bentivegna Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: As with all special education agreements, the details cannot be discussed in a public setting.

5. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board agreed and accepted the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student "8899".

Motion: Ms. Flynn

Second: Mr. Bentivegna Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: As with all special education agreements, the details cannot be discussed in a public setting.

6. Election of Intermediate Unit Board Members - Ms. Rovinski

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board elects the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board members listed below for the term indicated.

| Term: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| Garnet Valley | Tracy Karwoski | | | | | | |
| Haverford | Dr. Kristin Larsen | | | | | | |
| Marple Newtown | | | | | | | |

Motion: Ms. Rovinski Second: Mr. Bentivegna Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Ms. Rovinski provided the background on the candidates and stated they are all excellent candidates and recommends the Board approves.

7. Renewal of District Transportation Services - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the following proposal and contract amendment for STA of Pennsylvania for district transportation services for the period July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2028. The cost of these services will be provided under the per route and hourly rate schedule included with the

contract amendment. These rates reflect an average increase of 3% to 6% over the current pricing for the 2022-2023 school year. The total cost of this contract will be funded from the general fund annual operating budget.

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney introduced the leadership team from STA. Mr. Mooney stated it was a difficult year with the lack of drivers but STA and SSD have worked hard to make sure the bus routes are running.

8. Chartwells Division Food Services Renewal - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the selection of the Compass Group, USA, through its Chartwells Division, to provide food services management to the Springfield School District for a one-year period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with a guaranteed surplus of \$5,730 to be returned to the district. Chartwells' management fee will increase from \$0.1072 per meal to \$0.1142 per meal. This agreement is the fourth and final renewal election that may be exercised upon the approval of the district and Chartwells.

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated that Chartwell's has been with the District for 18 years and have done a tremendous job working with the District. Next year, the District will put the Food Service contract out for bid, per the state quidelines.

9. E.T. Richardson Middle School HVAC Project Commissioning Services - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the proposal received from Wright Commissioning in the amount not to exceed of \$79,800 for project commissioning, balancing and start-up services related to the installation of the HVAC systems being installed at E.T. Richardson Middle School during the summer of 2023 and 2024.

The proposed fees will be billed each month on an hourly basis for actual hours incurred. These projects will be funded with the proceeds from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Motion: Dr. Lofland

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated the District would like to continue working with Wright Commissioning.

10. Copier and Print Lease - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the 60-month lease agreement commencing July 1, 2023 for 40 copiers, printers and related maintenance services from Marco Technologies, LLC subject to completion of lease paperwork. The quarterly lease and maintenance payment is \$17,801.75 for a total contract of \$356,035 over the lease term. These copiers are used in the various schools and District Offices and the lease costs will be funded through the General Fund Operating Budget.

Motion: Mr. Bentivegna

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated that six companies provided bids on this project. The district checked Marco Technologies references and maintenance capabilities, and they came back positive. The District will be saving \$23,000 annually on the copier-printer payments.

11. 2023-2024 General Fund Proposed Final Budget - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves the 2023-2024 General Fund Proposed Final Budget as presented.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is the proposed final budget for 2023-2024. The District still does not have the final approved budget from the Governor. The final budget will hopefully be completed in May.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

- 1. Solicitor's Report Mr. Sereni *No report.*
- **2.** DCIU Board Report Mrs. Rovinski
 Met April 5th. The Science and Engineering Fair was held and over 100
 students attended and participated. The STEM Design Challenge had over 90
 teams participate. DCTS National Honor Society was held. DCIU will be
 holding STEM Summer Camps. Next meeting will be held May 3rd.
- 3. DCCC Board Report Mr. Sillo

 Met April 18th and discussed the budget for the upcoming year.
- **4.** Future Board Meetings May 18, 2023 June 22, 2023
- 5. Superintendent's Salutations Dr. Barber Dr. Barber thanked the swim team and the coaches for the support of each other and for their incredible season. Sadly, the District lost a member of our team, plumber Mr. Michael McMenamin. Dr. Barber welcomed Nicole Rechner at her first Board Meeting as Ward 7 Director.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Keenan

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 7-0-0

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