

**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

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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 #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*

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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 guidelines.

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.

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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

