

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
August 25, 2022
7:00 PM**

Members Present:

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

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lee, 123 West Sylvan Avenue, Morton, Mr. Lee expressed his concerns about the removal of books from the libraries.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn
Sports are beginning this upcoming weekend. The first football game is tomorrow night at O'Hara. The first home game is next Thursday. Participation in Fall sports is fantastic this year.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Did not meet over the summer. The schedule will be resumed in September.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Met over the summer. Discussed the closeout of Halderman Field and the preparation for sports teams. Discussed the ongoing air condition project at Scenic and the upcoming HVAC project at Sabold.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
Did not meet.

- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Did not meet. The next meeting will be on September 19th.

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 specific item, the Board President will move it to an appropriate place on the agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting – June 23, 2022

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the months of June and July 2022 totaling \$2,989,942.97.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – July 2022
Morton and Springfield
- ❖ District Financial Reports – June and July 2022
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – June and July 2022
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

4. Contract Approved by Administration

- ❖ *Contract with Springfield Country Club for the SHS Senior Party on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, @ the cost of \$38.95 per person with a total cost of approximately \$9,270.10.
No net cost to the District.*

5. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ *Agreement with CADES (George Crothers Memorial School) for services for one (1) student (ID #100011789) for the 2022-2023 School Year (180 days) at a daily rate of \$335.
Total cost for one (1) student \$60,300.*
- ❖ *Agreement with CADES (George Crothers Memorial School) for services for one (1) student (ID #100011712) for the 2022-2023 School Year (180 days) at a daily rate of \$393.38.*

Total cost for one (1) student \$70,808.40.

- ❖ *Agreement between UHS of Doylestown, LLC, hereinafter referred to as ("Foundations"): Lifeworks School ("LWS") to provide Specialized Educational Services for 2022-2023 School Year.
Total cost for one (1) student (ID 100011772): \$43,560.00*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Beth Brady, to provide and maintain a communication program for the district and board support services for the 2022 - 2023 school year. These services will be billed hourly at a rate of \$32.20 per hour for a total cost not to exceed of \$51,500.*
- ❖ *Agreement with Fairwold Academy (FNA Wordsworth Academy) for (1) one student (ID #100011073) for ESY Services (July 5, 2022 thru August 12, 2022) for 23 days @ a per diem rate of \$228.00.
The total cost for (1) student: \$5,244.00*
- ❖ *Agreement with Devereux Cares Education Program for Extended School Year (ESY) tuition for July 11, 2022 – August 26, 2022 (Monday through Friday for a total of 30 days) for one (1) student (ID# 6695).
Total cost for one (1) student: \$15,090.*

6. Act 80 Exceptions

Approval of the request to the PA Department of Education for Act 80 Exceptions for the 2022-2023 school year on the dates when school is not in session in order to provide in-service instruction for our teachers and parent/teacher conferences.

Motion: Ms. Flynn

Second: Ms. Guy

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: None

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Health and Safety Plan – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Health and Safety Plan presented by the school district administration to begin the 2022-2023 school year.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber stated we are required to have a Health & Safety Plan by the State.

2. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Ms. Bellace presented to the Board: 20 new contracted teachers, 22 new long-term substitute teachers, seven Teacher Aides/Learning Assistants, one change of employment status of a non-certified staff member to a contracted teacher, one change of employment status of a noncertified staff member to a long-term substitute teacher, one family medical leave, four child-rearing leaves, two certified retirement, six resignations of certified staff members, one retirement of a noncertified staff member, three resignations of a noncertified staff member.

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. 42-00-00501-00, 1100 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$1,843,000 assessment/\$1,843,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$1,362,450 assessment/\$1,362,450 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$480,550 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$9,538 to our District for tax year 2021.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-00500-00, 1054 Baltimore Pike, Springfield Township
2021 \$1,795,000 assessment/\$1,795,000 fair market value.*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$1,244,920 assessment/\$1,244,920 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$550,080 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$10,919 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Ms. Mikula stated these are two districted-related appeals valued at the highest appraised value our appraiser can sustain. Additional information can be found on the website.

Comments: These are the 2023 district appeals the district is processing. It is to assess properties that we believe are undervalued.

7. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for Student ID #6668.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Due to confidentiality, specifics will not be discussed. The District works with the attorneys to reach a fair agreement.

8. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for Student ID #9559.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Due to confidentiality, specifics will not be discussed. The District works with the attorneys to reach a fair agreement.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to Report. Ms. Mikula wished everyone a happy and upcoming school year.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Met August 3rd. DCIU held two STEM summer camps. They are planning for the biggest enrollment over the past 30 years. Open House will be on August 31st. This past Tuesday the Marple Education Center caught fire. It was quickly put out with minimal damage. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
4. Future Board Meetings – September 22, 2022
October 27, 2022
5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked the facilities, maintenance, and grounds crew for the work they did this summer to get the district ready. It was a successful and busy summer in terms of the curriculum work and we are excited to get started.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Sillo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Sillo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland Vote: 8-0-0