

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
December 8, 2022
7:15 PM**

Members Present:

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

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools (absent)
Linda Bellace, Director of Human Resources
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Lee, 123 West Sylvan Ave, Morton, Mr. Lee hopes all parents make the right choices for their children.

Drew Melbourne, 242 Harwicke Rd, Mr. Melbourne asked everyone is responsible when thinking of school safety.

Dawn Ogden, 57 S Britton, Ms. Ogden wanted to discuss the miscommunication that occurred at a previous school board meeting.

Nichole Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Ms. Missino stated an email she sent to the board was released to the public and is demanding legal action. Mr. Lord stated he has contacted Ms. Missino several times to ask for proof and has not received it to date.

Ms. Donato, 940 Stewart Ave, Ms. Donato feels that is not inclusive to only hang certain flags in the classroom.

Joseph Pettine, Ballymore Rd, Mr. Pettine discussed the idea of moral panics and how it has caused people to identify an enemy throughout history. He asks everyone to remember that we are all seeking acceptance and a sense of community.

Elene Maccario, 545 W. Springfield Rd, Ms. Maccario explained what the group Moms of Liberty stands for and that they look forward to working with the Springfield School District.

Kevin Stephan, 300 Avon Rd, Mr. Stephan discussed the STEM program in the Springfield School District. Mr. Lord invited Mr. Stephan to an Education Committee Meeting.

Annette Deigh, Highland Ave, Morton, Ms. Deigh spoke about how everyone has the right to live and love.

Mr. Lord stated, "Over the past two plus years, some members of our community have made accusations claiming that the district did not investigate allegations of bullying. Although the law limits the district's ability to publicly respond to specific accusations, including the need to protect the privacy of our students and staff, we can assure the public that all claims of bullying, harassment, criminal conduct, or inappropriate behaviors are thoroughly investigated by administration, human resources, our attorney's office, and the local police are notified when necessary."

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn
Winter sports just began at ETR and high school. Athletic Leadership groups have been meeting.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Did not meet. Ed Committee meets 2nd Thursday of the month.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
No report.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Frank Agovino, Chair
No report.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
No report.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Will meet Monday, December 12th at 5:30.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Will meet Monday, December 21st.

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.

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meetings – November 17, 2022

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Linda Bellace

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Ms. Bellace is recommending the employment of two non-certificated staff members and the resignation of two non-certificated staff supports.

2. Proposed Resolution not to exceed the Act 1 Index – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the resolution that the 2023-2024 General Fund Operating budget tax millage increase will not exceed the Act 1 Index of 4.8%.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the first step of the 2023-2024 budget process.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula

Ms. Mikula thanked the Board for the confidence they have in their legal team.

2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski

The DCIU held their regular board meeting on 12/7. On 11/17 they held an adaptive art display. 40 Delaware County students participated in a student leadership conference. DCIU put out a newsletter celebrating each of the district's in Delaware County. Next meeting will be 1/4/23.

3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

The meeting was canceled. DCCC is in the process of reviewing applications for the Board of Trustees.

4. Future Board Meetings – January 19, 2023

February 23, 2023

Dr. Lofland wanted to thank Nancy and Tom Urglavich for helping take care of the community. They are witnessed picking up trash early in the morning. Dr. Lofland wished everyone a happy holiday.

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: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Keenan

