

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting**

Members Present:

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

***Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton,** Mr. Lee discussed homes in the area that students for Celebration of the Arts could recreate as their project. Mr. Lee wished Frank Agovino well in his future endeavors.*

***Mia DeJohn, 323 Wayne Ave, Springfield,** Ms. DeJohn wanted to make the community aware of the abuse of the Right to Know requests in the District. She commented that every request goes through the solicitor and is costing the districts tens of thousands of dollars.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. SHS Student Recognition – Mr. Stanford

Mr. Stanford recognized Luke Hathaway for his many accomplishments as a percussionist. Luke has been invited to play in the Pennsylvania Music Education Association in District and Regional Band and Orchestra. Luke has also chosen to play as an alter in the National Honors Band as well as a chair in the Eastern Honors Band.

Mr. Keenan thanked Mr. Stanford for his support of the students and their study of music.

2. Cougar Student Success – Kiona Lac and Rebecca Hunchak

Athletics: Our boys and girls basketball teams had a great regular season. Both teams advanced into district playoffs. The girls varsity team continues on to state playoffs this week and look forward to some tough competition. The indoor girls track is preparing for states this weekend. Beth Schearer is competing in the 60-meter and 200-meter. The 4 by 8 is

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also going to states. In March, they are attending New Balance Nationals. They are planning to run the 4 by 8.

Academic: Our HiQ team recently finished their season, ending in 6th place overall out of 20 teams. Teachers are excited about beginning the second half of the school year with many teaching new electives and new students. In Zoology, students are now learning about Cnidarians and Sponges, some of the smallest and least complex animals in the animal kingdom. Dr. Brett's AP Literature class recently finished reading and acting out the play Macbeth and studied how history plays a crucial role in the biography of plays, novels, and stories. In Honors Biology, students are finishing their unit on DNA. They recently spooled their DNA using dish soap, Gatorade, and ethanol.

Arts: Our theatrical students have been rehearsing in preparation for the performance of the spring musical, Mean Girls Jr. The show will be opening on March 9th and closing on March 12th. Tickets are now available on the Springfield Theatre Workshop Website. ETR 8th grade students in the choir visited the High school on Wednesday. During their visit they had the opportunity to talk to students in Springfield singers and ask questions about choir in the High school. Art elective classes are now creating and starting projects in preparation for the Celebration of the arts, which will be held here at the high school in May.

Service: The act of service has been booming here at Springfield High school. Recently the Environmental Club has teamed up with Educators Rising to start a book drive in the school. Boxes were put in Ms. Freed's, Ms. Hostetter's, Mr. Baker, and Bohlen's for students to drop off their old books. Over 60 books were donated to Swarthmore library. In community service, students were given the opportunity to help decorate the cafeteria and the gym in preparation for the Sophomore dance which had over 250 students attending. Future Business Leaders of America is sending over 20 students to compete in the PA FBLA State Conference in Hershey, where students will be testing and performing against other students from other districts all over the state. The student council is now working with Home and school to help plan out the Senior after-party, Junior Prom, and Senior prom.

3. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

ETR basketball teams had a wonderful season. 8th-grade girls went undefeated and 8th-grade boys went 9-2.

Wrestling went 5-4 and 6th-grade intramurals began.

Elementary school band had a large turnout and are preparing for their Spring concerts. ETR's production of Newsie's will be this weekend.

ETR Athletic Leadership group created posters and raised money for the Dance to Make a Difference.

Thon will be held March 25th.

The community put together a Unified Basketball team. She encourages the community to come support the next endeavor.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Dr. Barber stated Ed Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month to discuss the pillars, industrial technology, building updates, and some of the course offerings that the district may be piloting. Also continued the Val/Sal discussion. Next meeting will be April 13th.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Mr. Mooney stated Facilities met virtually on February 9th. They provided status updates on the Saxer Ave. maintenance building and the Sabold HVAC project. The committee also reviewed proposals for ETR's HVAC project.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo, Chair
Met February 13th. Mr. Mooney discussed the preliminary budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussed how to maintain the fund balance going forward and the tax appeal claims. The next meeting has not been scheduled.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Will meet next month.

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: Jacqueline Guy

Second: Jennifer Flynn

Vote: 7-0-0

Comments: none

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of January 2023 totaling \$922,636.10.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports
January 2023, Morton and Springfield
- ❖ District Financial Reports – January 2023
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – January 2023
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

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: *Jacqueline Guy* **Second:** *Jennifer Flynn* **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Recommending the resignation of one certified and one non-certified staff member as well as the employment of two noncertified staff members and one substitute teacher. The district is proposing a change of employment status for three certified staff members, three Family Medical Leaves, and two Unpaid Leaves of Absence.*

2. Health and Safety Plan – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the continuation of our Health and Safety Plan from August 25, 2022.*

Motion: *Jacqueline Guy* **Second:** *Jennifer Flynn* **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Dr. Barber stated there are no changes to the Health and Safety Plan. It is a PDE requirement that this plan is reviewed.*

3. 2023-2024 School District Calendar – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2023-2024 School District Calendar for first reading.*

Motion: *Jacqueline Guy* **Second:** *Jennifer Flynn* **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Dr. Barber explains this is the first of two readings for the calendar for next year. The proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year is very similar to the current year. The school year will begin August 29th with a half day. The first full day of school will be September 5th. The calendar is available on the District website.*

4. Purchasing Cooperative – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the Master Service Inter-Local Contract Between Education Service Center-Region 19 Allied States Cooperative (“ESC-R 19 ASC”) and Springfield School District. ESC-R 19 ASC is a national governmental purchasing cooperative which competitively bids and awards contracts in compliance with local, state, and federal*

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procurement laws and regulations. No fees are charged to the School District to become a member of ESC-R 19 ASC.

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second:** Jennifer Flynn **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Mr. Mooney stated this National Purchasing Cooperative allowing the district to access a national pool of contractors that have been approved by the consortium.*

5. DCIU Board Candidate – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board nominates Margaret Rovinski as the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) Board member for the term commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second:** Jennifer Flynn **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Mr. Lord explained that Ms. Rovinski is the current DCIU Board Member and she is being appointed to continue for the next three years.*

6. Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student 8712 – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student 8712.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy **Second:** Jennifer Flynn **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Due to privacy, details of this settlement will not be discussed in public.*

7. Real Estate Tax Assessment Settlements – Mr. Sereni

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. 42-00-05409-00, 28 S. Rolling Road, Springfield Township
\$365,070 assessment/\$501,469 fair market value.*

*Appealed from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$336,336 assessment/\$462,000 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$28,734 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$587 to our District for tax year 2023. The approximate tax dollar loss is calculated using the District's 2022 millage rate because the millage rate for 2023 has not yet been determined.

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- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-07259-01 E Victoria Road, Springfield Township
\$227,640 assessment/\$312,692 fair market value.*

*Appealed from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$32,760 assessment/\$45,000 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$194,880 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$3,982 to our District for tax year 2023. The approximate tax dollar loss is calculated using the District's 2022 millage rate because the millage rate for 2023 has not yet been determined.

Motion: *Jacqueline Guy* **Second:** *Kevin Keenan* **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Mr. Sereni stated both are residential properties and the appeals were initiated by the property owners. The district does not settle below our appraiser's recommended value.*

8. E.T. Richardson Middle School HVAC Project – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following proposals submitted for HVAC systems work and building automation systems technology for E.T. Richardson Middle School for work that is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2024. The cost of these projects will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds. The proposal amounts are as follows:*

1.	Clipper Pipe – Mechanical Construction	\$4,000,000
2.	McCarthy Construction – General construction	1,059,649
3.	Ford Brothers Electrical Construction	653,585
4.	Radius Systems – Building automation systems	1,236,700
	Total Project Costs	\$6,949,934

Motion: *Jacqueline Guy* **Second:** *Jennifer Flynn* **Vote:** 7-0-0

Comments: *Mr. Mooney stated this is the last of the HVAC projects and will be the largest one. The work will be started in the summer of 2023 and will hopefully be completed by the end of the summer of 2024. The district received 4-5 bids in each construction category and these are the best qualifiers proposals.*

9. Board Member Resignation – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the resignation of Director Frank Agovino from the Springfield School Board Directors with an official resignation effective date of February 28, 2023, at the end of the business day.*

Motion: Jacqueline Guy

Second: Jennifer Flynn

Vote: 6-0-1

Comments: *Mr. Lord stated Mr. Agovino has been on the Board for the past 16-18 years. He stated the Board is better thanks to Mr. Agovino. Mr. Keenan wished Mr. Agovino well on his future endeavors. Mr. Agovino was presented with a poster of the Springfield School District crest, which he helped design. Mr. Agovino thanked the Board and community for the past years as Board Member.*

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni

Mr. Sereni wished Mr. Agovino well. He stated Mr. Agovino always presented himself as calm, cool, and collected. Mr. Sereni commented the importance of music in all of us.

2. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo

The committee met last Thursday to promote new trustees for the DCIU. There is one open position and 7 applicants. Mr. Sillo should have more information at the next meeting.


3. Future Board Meetings – March 23, 2023, April 27, 2023

4. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

Dr. Barber thanked Mr. Stanford for the hours and preparation that goes into the music department. Dr. Barber thanked Ms. Flynn for mentioning the Unified Basketball Program and encourages the community to come out next season.

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
Director and Board Secretary