

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 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
Kevin Keenan, Secretary*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Mark Sereni, Solicitor
Linda Bellace, Director of Human Resources*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

***Annette Deigh**, Highland Ave, Morton, Ms. Deigh expressed her concerns about student lunch debt.*

***Ida Shea**, Madison Road, Springfield, Ms. Shea asked the Board if students were denied lunch due to their lunch debt.*

***Joan Wilder**, Spring Valley Rd, Springfield, Ms. Wilder*

***Mr. Michael Lee**, 237 W. Sylvan Drive, Morton, PA. Mr. Lee stated how he enjoyed the 2023 Celebration of the Arts.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

Ms. Flynn offered her congratulations to the Class of 2023. Girls Lax has a great run this season and fell short in the semi-final round at States – finishing with a 21-3 record. Boys Lax won their 4th District Championship in the last eight years and made it to the State Championship game at Penn State for the 3rd time in the last seven years. They ended their season with a 22-3 record and ranked 30th in the country.

Tyler Klambara took sixth place in Shot Put at States.

Summer lift and works have begun and Support A Sport Camp (run by Sarah Damato) began this week as well.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair
Did not meet due to graduation. Dr. Lofland wished our graduates the best and thanked Dr. Hepp, Ms. Simek, and Ms. Scelfo for the wonderful night.
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Focusing on completing the air conditioning projects. There are still supply chain issues but staff is working hard to try to complete the projects.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo
Did not meet.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Mr. Bentivegna welcomed Ms. Rechner and Ms. Mikula to the Policy Committee.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Met June 6th and recognized two O’Hara students. The Annual Recognition will take place July 4th.

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. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. Payment of Bills

*General Fund checks for the month of May 2023
totaling \$898,381.39*

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ District Financial Reports – May 2023
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – May 2023
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

4. Contracts for Board Approval

- ❖ *Agreement with Overbrook School For The Blind for Extended School Year (ESY) tuition for the Summer of 2023, July 10, 2023 – August 10, 2023 (Monday through Thursday for 5 weeks) for one (1) student (ID# 7448). Total cost for one (1) student: \$6,180.00.*

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- ❖ *Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services for enrollment of three (3) student (ID 100009320, ID #100006235, #100011497) for ESY educational services July 5 – August 3, 2023 at a rate of \$7,800 per student.
Total cost for three (3) students: \$23,400.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Best Beginnings, LLC (Dr. Rachel Canterino, licensed physical therapist) to provide therapy, evaluation, and Access billing services for Grades K-12+. This Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year for a cost to the District not to exceed \$103,500.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor Whole Child Speech and Language, LLC (Cara Termini, licensed speech therapist) to provide therapy, evaluation, and Access billing services for Grades K-12+. This Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year for a cost to the District not to exceed \$57,022.08.*
- ❖ *Agreement with Fairwold Academy (FNA Wordsworth Academy) for (1) one student (ID #100011073) for ESY Services (July 5, 2023 thru August 10, 2023) for 22 days @ a per diem rate of \$285.00.
The total cost for (1) student: \$6,270.00*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Christopher Massella (Licensed Speech & Language Pathologist) to provide speech and language services to the Springfield School District schools. The Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$90,109.66.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Melissa A. Walton (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. The Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year with cost to the District not to exceed \$86,223.44.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Allison Moyer (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide student counseling, maintaining counseling logs and Progress Monitoring Data, participation in IEP writing/meetings, running the STAT Program for Springfield High School, and providing ACCESS billing logs to the District. The Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$67,523.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Shannon Saladik (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. This Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$49,578.75.*

- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Benjamin White (Licensed Social Worker and Certified Home and School Visitor) to provide clinical services and Access billing reports for services provided to the E. T. Richardson Middle School. This Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$64,056.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement between Springfield School District and independent contractor, Ali Gellman (Licensed Occupational Therapist) to provide Occupational Therapy Services District-wide PreK-12+. The Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year, with cost to the District not to exceed \$82,000.00.*
- ❖ *Agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services for four (4) students (ID #100006235, ID# 100009639, ID# 1000011497, and ID# 100009320) for the 2023 – 2024 school year.
Total cost for one (1) student: \$80,500.00
Total cost for four (4) students: \$322,000.00*

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Personnel Report – Ms. Bellace

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

Comments: *Presenting the retirement of one (1) certificated staff member, the resignation of four (4) certified staff members, the retirement of one (1) noncertified staff member, the employment of one (1) certified staff member, a change of employment status for one (1) certified staff member, the employment of two (2) non-certified staff members, and one (1) family medical leave.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

Vote: *9-0-0*

2. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following policies for second reading:*

- ❖ *408 Teachers Employment Contract*
- ❖ *412 Evaluation of Professional Employees*
- ❖ *504 Employment Procedures*
- ❖ *E2 Drug and Substance Abuse*

Comments: *There have been no changes to these policies, so it is recommended the Board approves.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

Vote: *9-0-0*

3. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following policies for first reading:*

- ❖ *217 Graduation Requirements*
- ❖ *235 Student Rights*
- ❖ *815 Internet Use*
- ❖ *915 Booster Organizations*
- ❖ *916 Volunteers*
- ❖ *E7 Political Activities*
- ❖ *E16 Conflict of Interest*

Comments: *Mr. Bentivegna explained the changes that were made to the policies. A brief explanation of the changes are:*

217 Graduation Requirements – Adjusted to better define graduation requirements.

235 Student Rights – Student responsibilities identified and defined.

815 Internet Use – Facilities and equipment are more clearly defined.

915 Booster Organizations – Define restrictions of use of facilities by the organization.

916 Volunteers – Defines restrictions of use for political activities associated with the school district.

E7 Political Activities – Defines restriction of participation of political activities defined as supported by or associated with the school district.

E16 Conflict of Interest – In researching this policy as used by another district, it was found that many of their conditions are more compatible with our district that our existing policy. The rewrite incorporates these topics and conditions.

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

Vote: *9-0-0*

4. SESP Contract – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *Mr. Lord explained SESP is the union for our non-certified paraprofessionals and office staff. Mr. Lord thanked Mr. Mooney, Ms. Bellace, and the union reps who worked so well together. It is a three-year contract. There were minor contract changes which included raising starting salaries levels.*

Motion: *Ms. Guy*

Second: *Ms. Rovinski*

Vote: *9-0-0*

5. Independent Contractor Agreement – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the independent contractor agreement between Springfield School District and Maura Roche, Licensed Speech and Language Pathologist, to provide clinical services for the Springfield School District. This Agreement is for the 2023-2024 school year for a total cost to the District not to exceed \$51,468.75.*

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is a new-hire to provide speech services for the upcoming school year.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

6. Delaware County Community College Budget – Mr. Sillo

(Roll Call Vote)

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the 2023-2024 Delaware County Community College budget.*

Comments: This budget calls for a 1% increase to be approximately \$800,000. Mr. Sillo stated he does not recommend the approval of the budget.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 0-9-0

7. Election of 2023-2024 School Board Treasurer – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board elects Joseph Sillo as School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.*

Comments: Mr. Lord stated he would like to reappoint Mr. Sillo as School Board Treasurer.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

8. Dell Financial Services - Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the additional schedules to the Master Lease Agreement with Dell Financial Services. These additional lease schedules are for 1,034 additional laptops, workstations and Chrome book computers and licenses to replace out of life computers throughout the district and expand the Chromebook programs at the Springfield High School, E.T. Richardson Middle School and Scenic and Sabold Elementary Schools. These schedules are for a four-year term with an annual cost of \$143,160.53 and a total cost of \$572,642.12 over the life of the lease. The equipment buyout amount at the end of the lease is \$1 per unit. These lease costs will be funded through the technology department operating budget included in the General Fund.*

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained we use DELL Financial Services to manage our leased equipment. Graduating seniors take their Chromebook with them, and the district provides new Chromebooks to all incoming freshmen. Mr. Keenan asked if are still using the program that allows students to repair the equipment. Mr. Mooney stated that the district continues this program.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni
Nothing to report.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Met June 7th. All 15 school districts approved their operating budget. The DCIU held their recognition program at Neumann University. 46 of our Springfield Seniors received a certificate from their program.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
4. Future Board Meetings – August 24, 2023
There will not be a meeting in July.
5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked the attendees that spoke tonight, especially the ones that spoke on school lunches. Dr. Barber stated that there are families that have school lunch debt. Those that are able to pay, are asked to pay. All students are given a nutritious meal regardless of their ability to pay.

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: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 9-0-0