

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 18, 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 (absent)*

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

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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*Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.*

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Michael Lee, 237 W. Sylvan Drive, Morton, PA. Mr. Lee offered his congratulations to the Class of 2023.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. Cougar Student Success – Kiona Lac and Rebecca Hunchak  
*Academics: Students finished AP and Keystone Exams.  
Athletics: Girls lax ended their season 15-1 and are looking forwarding to playoffs. Boys also are excited to move into the play-offs.  
Art: National Art Society visited the SLC to work with the students.  
Celebration of the Arts will be next week. The choirs, orchestras and bands in the schools have been holding their concerts.  
Service: SSDM is hosting a tie-dye event to introduce their new members and NJHS will be assisting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade bump-up day.*
2. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn  
*Softball had a great season with one game left. Baseball ended their season with a strong finish. Boys tennis had two boys compete in districts, boys and girls track had several athletes move on to districts. ETR sports teams did very well and had great seasons. Hoops for Heart will be held next week. SSD participated in Unified Handball this Spring.*

**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair  
*Met on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Led off with the principal reports and recommendations were put forth for the Val/Sal discussion. Ms. Mattie gave an update on our Federal Programs. Ed Committee will resume in September. Mr. Lord thanked Dr. Lofland for her work in the Ed Committee.*
- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair  
*Mr. Mooney stated the committee met last Thursday. The committee walked the SLC and ETR to discuss the work that will be done in the future. Discussed the HVAC updates for Sabold and the start of the ETR project this summer.*
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo  
*Did not meet.*
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair  
*Did not meet.*
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair  
*Met May 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed 15 policies that will be brought to the Board.*
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna  
*Met May 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed their program for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.*

**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: 8-0-0**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Board Meetings – April, 2023*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of April, 2023  
totaling \$1,228,261.80*

**3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

❖ District Financial Reports – April 2023  
*General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ Financial Reports – April, 2023  
*Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

**4. Contract for Board Approval**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *Agreement with Chadds Ford Alternacare, Inc. d/b/a as CritiCare for nursing and personal care assistants services for the 2023-*

*2024 school year. Services to be billed on an hourly basis for actual hours incurred. Hourly rates range between \$31 and \$66 per hour.*

**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 resignation of one (1) certificated staff member and two (2) non-certificated staff members. Employment of one (1) non-certificated staff member and one (1) family medical leave.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**2. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “0336”.*

**Comments:** *Dr. Barber stated that exact details or identification cannot be discussed due to the privacy of the student.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**3. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “8471”.*

**Comments:** *Dr. Barber stated that exact details or identification cannot be discussed due to the privacy of the student.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Flynn                      Vote: 7-1-0**

**4. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

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

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*Comments: Mr. Bentivegna stated the policies have been updated due to language or regulations that have changed.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Flynn                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**5. Resolution for 2023 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2023 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion authorizing a real estate assessed value reduction of \$10,838.00 and a real estate tax reduction of \$228.00.*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this will be reviewed with the Budget presentation. Approved applicants receive a tax credit on their bill of \$228.*

**Motion: Ms. Rovinski                      Second: Dr. Lofland                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**6. Resolution for 2023 Annual Tax Levy – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the Resolution for the 2023 Annual Tax Levy for a real estate tax of 21.0379 mills.*

*Comments: This will be discussed with the budget presentation and this is the millage being requested for Board approval.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Flynn                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**7. 2023-2024 General Fund Final Budget – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget for \$93,889,567 as presented.*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney presented the 2023-2024 General Fund budget.*

**Motion: Ms. Guy                      Second: Ms. Flynn                      Vote: 8-0-0**

**F. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni  
*No report.*
2. DCIU Board Report – Ms. Rovinski  
*DCTS held its Board Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The DCIU hosted the 'Making a Difference' award and with over 90 individuals and groups being recognized. Senior recognition ceremony will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> at Neumann University. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.*
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo  
*No report.*
4. Future Board Meetings – June 22, 2023
5. Superintendent Salutations – Dr. Barber

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*Dr. Barber stated the best way to get involved is to attend a committee meeting. SSD staff members had a wellness day on their last in-service held in May. Dr. Barber thanked those that do not get thanked often, such as a coach, club advisors, etc.*

***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: 8-0-0***

