

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
November 17, 2022
7:00 PM**

Members Present:

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

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
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 thanked the administration for the concert by the Philadelphia Boys Choir. Mr. Lee wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.*

***Dianne Ozembella, 16 Myrtle Ave, Springfield,** Ms. Ozembella stated the SSD is a supportive and caring school district. We need to work together to keep our students safe and teachers supported.*

***Gary Byrne, 967 Edgewood Drive, Springfield,** Mr. Byrne discussed his son, Ethan.*

***Annette Deigh, Highland Dr, Morton,** stated she is thankful for the teachers and administrators of the District.*

***Drew Melbourne, 242 Harwicke Dr, Springfield,** Mr. Melbourne wanted to discuss the Director of School Security and what his role will be within the District.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. SHS Cougar Student Success – Rebecca Hunchak and Kiona Lac Athletics: High school football ended their season in the second round of playoffs. Winter sports are getting ready for their season to begin. Service: Class advisors are preparing for the Snow Dance for juniors and seniors. Student Council is planning on using their funds from homecoming to help alleviate the costs for other dances. NEHS held its induction and NAHS will hold its induction this week.

Arts: SHS Art Alumni show was held in November, where proceeds benefited SAEF. Musical ensembles are preparing for their winter concerts.

Academics: With the start of the new quarter, SHS students are busy in their classes.

2. ETR Student Pillar Presentation – Mrs. Conlin

Mrs. Conlin is thrilled to share how ETR students excel in each of the four pillars.

Academic: Mrs. Katie Stewart discussed the coding and droning course. This allows the students to learn the coding of how to make a drone fly.

Athletic: Mr. Hartshorn introduced Mr. Adolf and Ms. Gougler to discuss the student Athletic Leadership program. This began under the direction of Tom Lemieux at the HS.

Arts: Ms. Charitonchick introduced Ms. Wisely to discuss the drama club and their production of Newsies this year.

Service: Ms. Parsons introduced a few members of the student council to discuss their commitment to service.

3. Cougar Sports Report – Ms. Flynn

Ms. Flynn stated the Board Interns shared most of her Sports Report. She encouraged people to visit the website to stay updated with concerts and events happening in the District.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair

Dr. Barber stated Ed Committee discussed building updates, the positive behavior support systems in place, discussed the elementary music proposed curriculum on the website, a professional development recap, and an open discussion.

❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair

Met on 11/9/2022 for a brief meeting online. Discussed the closeout of Phase 1. Reviewed progress at Sabold for the HVAC project. Discussed the Service Life Extension Project. The next meeting will be on 12/7/2022 at 6 PM via zoom meeting.

❖ 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

Will meet Monday, 11/21/2022 at Township Building

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 – October 27, 2022

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of October 2022 totaling \$1,360,293.94.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

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

Motion: Ms. Flynn

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

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: Recommending the employment of two non-certified staff members, the change of employment status and position for two non-certified staff members, and one Family Medical Leave.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

2. Sabold Elementary HVAC Commissioning Services – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the proposal received from Wright Commissioning for technical commissioning services to confirm the HVAC upgrades for Sabold Elementary School meet all designed work scope and performance requirements during installation, start-up, and operation of the building systems. The cost for these proposed services will be billed hourly for a not to exceed a budget of \$73,600.*

All costs for these services will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Motion: Dr. Lofland

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated that Wright Commissioning oversees and commissions the mechanical work at Sabold. Most of the work will be started in the summer but preliminary work is being done now.

3. Approval of Restructuring the Settlement Agreement for Student “8350” that has previously been approved. – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept the proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “8350”.*

Motion: Ms. Rovinski

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Dr. Barber stated that by law the details of the settlement cannot be discussed.

4. 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. 42-00-06857-00, 300 Summit Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$340,000 assessment/\$340,000 fair market value.
2022 \$340,000 assessment/\$340,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$302,840 assessment/\$302,840 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution for tax year 2021 results in a \$37,160 increase above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar increase of approximately \$737 to our District for tax year 2021.

This proposed resolution for tax year 2022 results in a \$37,160 increase above the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar increase of approximately \$759 to our District for tax year 2022.

- ❖ *Folio No. 42-00-03998-00, 246 Summit Road, Springfield Township
2021 \$20,000 assessment/\$20,000 fair market value.
2022 \$20,000 assessment/\$20,000 fair market value*

*Appealed-from assessment/fair market value of the above property:
\$122,930 assessment/\$122,930 fair market value.*

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$102,930 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$2,043 to our District for tax year 2021.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$102,930 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$2,103 to our District for tax year 2022.

Motion: Ms. Rovinski

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Ms. Mikula explained these two appeals are adjacent properties brought on by the property owner.

5. Property Exchange Agreement Ratification – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board ratifies its approval of the subject property exchange in accordance with the Property Exchange Agreement that was approved at the June 23, 2022, Springfield School Board meeting. The Board also authorizes the Board President or the Secretary to attend the real estate closing and execute necessary closing documents related to the subject property exchange.*

Motion: Ms. Rovinski

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 7-1-0

Comments: The Board has previously approved the property exchange agreement, this is a resolution required by the title company to complete the paperwork for the transaction.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to report.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Met on 12/3/2022. DCIU held the annual Delaware County essay contest. The LPN program held a virtual open house. DCIU started an IT repair shop for students in their technical school to gain practical experience. The next meeting will be on December 7th.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report. The meeting is scheduled for 12/7/2022.
4. Future Board Meetings – December 8, 2022
Reorganization & Regular Meetings
5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked the students and staff that spoke from ETR. Dr. Barber thanked Natalie Tanner for the NHS Induction.

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

Motion: Dr. Lofland

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Sillo

