

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
October 27, 2022
7:00 PM**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Frank Agovino, Treasurer (Absent)
Domenic Bentivegna, Assistant Secretary & Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director
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 reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.*

Danielle Oliver, 635 Kennerly Rd, Springfield, *Ms. Oliver commented on the miscommunication at the last School Board Meeting.*

Giovanni Missino, 478 Granite Terrace, Springfield, *Mr. Missino stated that he is concerned with issues regarding transgender students.*

Andrew Melbourne, 242 Harwicke Road, Springfield, *Mr. Melbourne stated he appreciates the community coming together at the last Board Meeting.*

Dena Boggs, 715 Country Lane, Morton, *Ms. Boggs asked that all the adults stay respectful.*

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. June 30, 2022 Audit Report – BBD, LLP – Carl Hogan
Mr. Hogan explained that the auditors had already met with the Finance Committee. The board of directors were provided with a presentation of the audit process and findings.
2. Data Update – Melissa Butler
Dr. Butler presented the findings on the PSSA and MAPS from last year. Students are growing but the staff is continuing to identify and address areas of concern.
3. Cougar Student Success – Rebecca Hunchak and Kiona Lac

Athletics: All Fall sports were successful this season.

Service: Club Fair was held during lunches so students could learn more information. Student Council held many activities during Homecoming Week. SSDM hosted a 5k and are preparing for the PowderPuff Game next week.

Arts: Band and choir helped create excitement during the pep rally by providing music during the games and leading the National Anthem. The Musical School House Rock will be showcased this weekend. Winter concerts will be held in December.

Academics: Lots of exciting things happening throughout the high school. Several families hosted German exchange students. Classes have been preparing for their first set of quarterly exams.

4. SHS Student Government – Daniel Tracy

Dr. Tracy thanked the Board for recognizing the SHS Student Government. Dr. Tracy introduced Mr. Nelson, the advisor for Student Government. Mr. Nelson discussed the amazing success of Homecoming Week. Students raised over \$11,000 which will be given back to the different organizations and clubs.

5. Cougar Sports Report – Jennifer Flynn

Ms. Flynn stated it is a joy to have the students back. Although the student interns covered most of the Athletics, Ms. Flynn wanted to add that the SHS Athletic Leadership group will be mentoring a Leadership group at ETR.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair

Met October 13th. Reinstated the District Advisory Team to discuss important, not urgent, issues. The District Advisory Team is working with the Ed Committee. The first order is to discuss Val/Sal. Discussed the elementary music program and principals did a building update. Dr. Lofland gave a shout-out to Mr. Nelson for the success of Homecoming. Next meeting will be November 10th. All are welcome to attend.

❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair

Met October 13th. Work is underway at Sabold for the air conditioning project scheduled to be completed by end of 2023 summer. Committee also reviewed final close out items for athletic fields and Halderman Field projects.

❖ Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo, Chair

Met October 18th. Discussed the audit report and the work that went into the audit itself. Also reviewed tax appeals currently being worked on.

❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair

Did not meet.

❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair

Did not meet.

❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna

Did not meet.

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 – September 22, 2022

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of September 2022 totaling \$1,746,053.42.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – September 2022
Morton and Springfield*

❖ *District Financial Reports – September 2022
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ *Financial Reports – September 2022
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

4. Contracts for Board Approval

❖ *Agreement with Fairwold Academy for one (1) student (ID # 11073) for the 2022 – 2023 school year (180 days) with tuition deducted from PDE's 4010 system.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

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: Ms. Bellace is presenting the resignation of five (5) non-certificated staff members, the employment of four (4) non-certificated support staff members, change of employment status of one (1) non-certificated staff member, and one (1) Family Medical Leave. Mr. Sillo questioned the role of the Director of School Safety.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 7-1-0

2. Director of School Safety – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *the Board authorize and direct the Solicitor to prepare and present a Petition, made pursuant to Section 13-1302-C of the Pennsylvania School Code, to the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County to appoint Christopher Chermak to act as a school police officer with the power to issue citations for summary offenses and/or detain students until the arrival of local law enforcement and to authorize him to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties.*

Comments: Dr. Barber explained this is part of the legal process. Ms. Mikula stated this is the process of allowing the police officer to carry out his role. Mr. Lord explained the position has been filled, this is to seek court approval to carry out further duties.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 7-1-0

3. PSBA Candidates for 2023 – Mr. Lord

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board approves Mr. Sillo to register votes for the 2023 PSBA Officers and Trustees in the upcoming election:

- ❖ *Michael Gossert - President Elect*
- ❖ *Allison Mathis - Vice President*
- ❖ *Amy Goldman - Section E4 Advisor*
- ❖ *Kathy K. Swope- Trustee (PSBA Insurance Trust)*
- ❖ *Roberta M. Marcus - Trustee (PSBA Insurance Trust)*

Comments: As members of PSBA, we are allowed to vote in the PSBA officers.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

4. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver, and Release Agreement for student “11296” allowing for a maximum expenditure of \$43,200 and transportation.*

Comments: With any special education agreement, the district cannot discuss specifics. The district and the family work very hard to provide the student with what they need while being fiscally responsible.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

5. June 30, 2022, Springfield School District Audit Report – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board accepts the Springfield School District June 30, 2022, audited financial statements as presented.*

Comments: This resolution recognizes the 2022 district audit report has been presented and accepted.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

6. Springfield High School Master Plan Change Order Approval – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *That the Board approves change order GC-03 for \$26,260.00 for additional fencing, block work, and wall pad changes and modifications at Halderman Field performed by the general contractor for Phase 3 of the high school master plan.*

All change order costs will be funded from the capital projects bond proceeds.

Comments: This change order is for work that was completed on Halderman Field project.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Rovinski

Vote: 8-0-0

7. Act 57 Waiver of Additional Charges for Late Payment of Real Estate Taxes – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the resolution authorizing the waiver of additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances to comply with Act 57 of 2022.*

Comments: This is new legislation for local tax law. It allows the district to waive fees in certain situations. Dr. Lofland confirmed in must be a new transfer of a real estate tax parcel.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 8-0-0

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Ms. Mikula
Nothing to report.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
DCIU met October 5th. The LPN program received an accreditation renewal. DCIU began their flu and covid shot clinics. Next meeting will be November 2nd at 7 PM.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Held their annual school district appreciation dinner. Discussed their fundraising campaign. Awarded over 300 students with scholarships.
4. Future Board Meetings – November 17, 2022

December 8, 2022

5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber

Comments: Dr. Barber thanked the students that came out to the meeting.

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. Flynn

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Sillo