

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 7, 2023  
(7:15 time approximate)**

*Members Present:*

*Bruce Lord, President  
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President  
Domenic Bentivegna, Director  
Jennifer Flynn, Director  
Bob Hornberger, Director  
Nicole Rechner, Director  
Jacqueline Guy, Director  
Kevin Keenan, Secretary  
Joseph Sillo, Treasurer*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools  
Donald Mooney, Executive Director of Operations  
Mark Sereni, Solicitor  
Lisanne Mikula, Director of Human Resources*

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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***Mr. Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.***

**AGENDA**

**A. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. Elementary Pillar Report – Dr. Brigg and Mr. Simek  
*Dr. Brigg provided a brief update on the SLC and Scenic Hills Elementary. Mr. Simek thanked the Board and introduced Sabold Elementary students to give an update on the Arts, Academics, Service, and Athletics pillars.*
2. Unified Basketball Team – Mr. Bradley  
*Mr. Bradley introduced the Unified Basketball Team and thanked the coaches, athletes, and families for their participation and support. Two athletes, Kieran Phelan and Christian Phelan, spoke on their experience about Unified Basketball.*
3. SSD Pillar Report – Ms. Flynn and Ms. Rechner  
**Academics**
  - *The National Junior Honor Society welcomed 54 new inductees at ETR last week. And this past Tuesday evening, SHS inducted 89 new members to the National Honors Society. In addition, SHS also held several additional Honor Society Inductions including English, Art, and our new Rho Kappa Social Studies society. Congratulations to those students, their families, and our staff.*
  - *Fall Conferences were held the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. They were well attended in all our buildings. Again, we encourage all our families not to wait for conferences if you need to have a conversation about your child.*
  - *Our Homework Clubs have been running smoothly for many weeks. We appreciate the efforts students are taking to increase their depths of*

knowledge when it comes to their studies.

### **Service**

- *ETR is holding its school-wide annual can food drive. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable items into their homerooms.*
- *Sabold held its Caring & Sharing event last week. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students raised over \$2,000 by doing chores and packed 30 boxes of food for families in the community.*
- *Our Elementary Schools participated in "Say Yay to Pajama Day!" to benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.*

### **SHS Athletics**

- *On 12/17, SHS is hosting a Cheerleading Competition against our in-house competition. The competition is certain to bring a host of talented athletes to our school. Best wishes to all.*
- *Senior Mara Fallon was nominated by her track and field coach Logan Ford as the PHL17 Student Athlete of the Week. Her segment aired on December 4<sup>th</sup> and can be found on their website.*
- *Our winter sports teams are in full swing, and games have started this week. You can visit the Athletics tab on our website to view their game schedules.*

### **Activities**

- *Winter Concerts will be occurring over the next two weeks. Our musicians have worked hard preparing winter and holiday music to present to their families and friends. Dates and times can be found on our website.*
- *The Snow Dance will be held for Juniors and Seniors at the Springfield High School on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great event for our students.*

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ *Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair  
Did not meet in November. Next meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.*
- ❖ *Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair  
Have not met yet. Mr. Keenan commended the Facilities team for keeping the District looking great.*
- ❖ *Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo, Chair  
Did not meet. Date and time will be posted on the website for the next meeting.*
- ❖ *Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair  
Did not meet.*
- ❖ *Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair  
Did not meet.*
- ❖ *Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna  
Met on November 20<sup>th</sup> and began to discuss next year's celebration. Mr. Lord congratulated Mr. Bentivegna on 30 years of service.*

## **C. 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 – November 16, 2023*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 9-0-0

#### **D. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

##### **1. Personnel Report – Ms. Mikula**

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 9-0-0

*Comments: Ms. Mikula presented the resignation of two (2) non-certified staff members, the employment of two (2) non-certified staff members, and one request for Sabbatical.*

##### **2. Proposed Resolution not to exceed the Act 1 Index – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the resolution that the 2024-2025 General Fund Operating budget tax millage increase will not exceed the Act 1 Index of 6.4%.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 9-0-0

*Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is the first official step of next year's budget. Dr. Lofland asked Mr. Mooney to confirm that 6.4% is correct. Mr. Mooney stated it is and does not anticipate the millage increase to be close to that percentage.*

##### **3. Proposed Adjudication – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approves the proposed Adjudication of Student ID# 100011248.*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 9-0-0

*Comments: Dr. Barber stated that similar to a Special Education Agreement, he will not go into details. However, the Board was supplied with the information to be given an informed decision.*

*Domenic Bentivegna – read the transcript, approve  
Jennifer Flynn - read the transcript, approve  
Jacqueline Guy - read the transcript, approve  
Bob Hornberger - read the transcript, approve  
Kevin Keenan – attended the hearing, approve  
Jen Lofland - read the transcript, approve  
Bruce Lord – attended the hearing, approve  
Nicole Rechner - read the transcript, approve  
Joseph Sillo – attended the hearing, approve*

##### **4. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna**

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

- ❖ Policy 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- ❖ Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

- ❖ Policy 251 – Homeless Students
- ❖ Policy 252 – Bullying and Cyberbullying
- ❖ Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

*Motion: Ms. Guy*

*Second: Ms. Flynn*

*Vote: 9-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Bentivegna stated these policies have been voted on for first reading, and the Board has had the opportunity to review all changes. He proposed the policies be accepted as is.*

## **E. LIAISON REPORTS**

### **1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni**

*Mr. Sereni thanked the Board for their confidence and allowing him to continue to serve the community.*

### **2. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo**

*Nothing to report.*

### **3. Future Board Meetings – January 18, 2024 February 22, 2024**

### **4. Superintendent Salutations – Dr. Barber**

*Dr. Barber thanked Judge Scanlon and welcomed Bob Hornberger to the Board.*

*Dr. Barber thanked the students and families who spoke tonight. Dr. Barber also thanked the staff and the community for their support.*

***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. Lofland***

***Respectfully submitted,***

  
**Kevin Keenan**