

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

December 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield School District policy prohibits smoking in this area.

Members Present:

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

Mark Sereni, Solicitor

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Lisanne Mikula, Director of Human Resources*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Bruce Lord, Board President**
Mr. Lord explained the ReOrganization Meeting would be held before the Regular Board Meeting. Public Comment will be held first and will serve for both meetings.

- 2. Public Comment**
Public Comment is limited to three minutes per speaker.
Addy Collins, Old School House Dr, Springfield, *Ms. Collins discussed she has been a victim of bullying.*
Lilly Criscuolo, Old School House Dr, Springfield, *Ms. Criscuolo discussed bullying she has seen at the high school.*
Shannon Collins, Old School House Dr, Springfield, *Ms. Collins asked the Board to reevaluate the Bullying Policy.*
Mia DeJohn, 323 Wayne Ave, Springfield, *Ms. DeJohn wanted to discuss the last Board Meeting. She was prepared to read a Facebook post a Board Member posted but did not want to read it in front of children.*
Cecilia Todd, 110 Althea Ave, Morton, *Ms. Todd stated that Ms. Guy verbally and physically assaulted her in the past.*
Joseph Pettine, 244 Ballymore Rd, Springfield, *Mr. Pettine asked the Board reevaluate the bullying policy.*
Christopher DeSantis, 123 Sycamore Ave, Morton, *Mr. DeSantis wanted to discuss Ms. Guy's alleged actions.*
Dena Boggs, 715 Country Ln, Springfield, *Ms. Boggs asked how students are supposed to focus on their schoolwork while also worried about being bullied. She asked for the Board to reevaluate the anti-bullying policy.*

Purpose of Meeting

It is the purpose of this Reorganization Meeting to elect School Board Officers for 2024,

elect the solicitor, approve depositories and signatories, and take other Reorganization Meeting actions as deemed necessary by the Board.

3. Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

Board President opened nominations to appoint a Temporary Chairperson to preside over the meeting until the 2024 Board President is elected.

Motion by Dr. Lofland & second by Ms. Flynn to nominate a Temporary Chairperson. Dr. Lofland nominated Kevin Keenan as the Temporary Chairperson.

Motion by Dr. Lofland, second by Ms. Guy, & vote to close nominations.

Vote to appoint Temporary Chairperson 8-0-0.

Mr. Keenan is elected Temporary Chairperson.

4. Administration of Oath to Board Members-Elect –

The first act was to have The Honorable Anthony D. Scanlon do the Administration of Oath to the following Board Members:

<i>Jacqueline Guy</i>	<i>Region 9</i>
<i>Robert Hornberger</i>	<i>Region 5</i>
<i>Kevin Keenan</i>	<i>Region 4</i>
<i>Nicole Rechner</i>	<i>Region 7</i>
<i>Joseph Sillo</i>	<i>Region 6</i>

Judge Scanlon administered the Oath to Director's Guy, Keenan, Rechner, and Sillo together. Judge Scanlon then administered the oath to new Director Hornberger.

5. Election of President

Mr. Keenan opened nominations to elect the 2024 Board President.

Motion by Dr. Flynn & second by Ms. Flynn to nominate the 2024 Board President.

Dr. Lofland nominated Mr. Lord for Board President.

Motion by Ms. Guy, second by Ms. Flynn, & vote to close nominations.

Mr. Lord was elected 2024 Board President with a vote of 8-0-0.

6. Election of Vice President

Mr. Lord opened nominations to elect the 2024 Board Vice President.

Motion by Ms. Guy & second by Mr. Keenan to nominate the 2024 Board Vice President.

Ms. Guy nominated Dr. Lofland for Board Vice President.

Motion by Ms. Flynn, second by Ms. Guy, & vote to close nominations.

Vote to close nominations 9-0-0.

Dr. Lofland was elected 2024 Board Vice President with a vote of 9-0-0.

7. Election of Solicitor, Designation of Retainer & Additional Fee Agreement

Board President opens nominations to elect the 2024 Board Solicitor.

Motion by Ms. Guy & second by Mr. Sillo to nominate the 2024 Board Solicitor.

Ms. Guy nominated Mr. Sereni as the Solicitor to the School District.

Vote to close nominations 9-0-0.

Mt. Sereni is elected the 2024 Board Solicitor with a vote of 9-0-0.

8. Appointment of Depositories

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following depositories for Springfield School District:*

- ❖ Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union*
- ❖ Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund*
- ❖ PNC Bank*
- ❖ Republic Bank*

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

Vote: 9-0-0

9. Authorization of Bank Accounts and Signatories

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board authorizes the following bank accounts and signatories for the Springfield School District in accordance with the signatory schedule as maintained by the District.*

Bank Accounts: General Fund Checking, Fund 39 Checking, Fund 31 Checking, Food Services Fund Checking, General Fund Investments, Payroll Fund Checking, Springfield Tax Account, Morton Tax Account, Student Activities Checking, Fund 39 Escrow Account, Naming Rights Investment.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 9-0-0

10. School Board Committees

Appointments will be announced in January 2024.

11. Designation of Out-of-District Representatives

Appointments will be announced in January 2024.

12. Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting

*The Solicitor is appointed at the annual Reorganization Meeting for a one-year term.
Mark A. Sereni, Esquire, was appointed December 8, 2022, to serve for one year @ an annual*

retainer of \$4,000.

Mr. Sereni's fees for 2024

Annual Retainer	\$4,000
Non-Retainer Services:	
• Attorney time	\$205 per hour
• Legal Assistant Rate (whenever appropriate)	\$100 per hour

Vote to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Dr. Lofland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JL' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.