

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2023**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Jennifer Lofland, Vice President
Domenic Bentivegna, Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Margaret Rovinski, Director
Nicole Rechner, Director (absent)
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*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lord read a statement stating to the public that the Board does not engage in back-and-forth discussion.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Barber, Ms. Barber gave an update on SSDM, to include dining events, the Powder Puff game, and the Unified Basketball game fundraiser.

Mr. Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton. Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Rovinski for her years of service as a Director of the School Board. He thanked the Boys Choir for their tremendous concert.

Mr. Mario Simino, 46 S. Morton Ave, Ms. Simino spoke on support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Ms. Cecilia Todd, Ms. Todd stated she was assaulted by Ms. Guy on election day in Morton.

Mr. Chris DeSantis, Mr. DeSantis stated he was unhappy with the actions of Ms. Guy on election day.

Ms. Dena Boggs, Ms. Boggs stated she had an amazing experience while running for her seat on election day. She encouraged everyone to get to know their candidates.

Mr. Michael Celitti, Mr. Celitti spoke on his disappointment on the actions on election day.

Mr. Gabriel Guy, Mr. Guy stated he felt the negativity being put upon the school board is unnecessary.

Ms. Annette Deigh, Ms. Deigh spoke against bullying and hate-mongering.

B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. SSD Pillar Report – Ms. Flynn and Ms. Rechner

Academics

- *Our Staff is preparing for parent-teacher conferences, which will be held the week of Thanksgiving. This is a fantastic opportunity to chat with your child's teacher to stay involved in your child's educational journey. Please remember, you do not have to wait for teacher conferences to contact our staff if the need arises.*
- *Staff Professional Development was held on November 7th. Staff spent the day collaborating with their peers in group and breakout sessions. The focus of the day was student engagement and instructional practices. We appreciate our staff and the hard work they are doing each day in the classroom with our children.*
- *PSSA and Keystone scores have been released by the Pennsylvania Department of Education from last year. We are in the process of going through those files, and we will be reporting out the scores in December. At first glance, the district performed exceptionally well.*

Service

- *Steve Stefani Dance Marathon held their annual Powder Puff Football game. The game was a huge success. Likewise, they also sponsored the Unified Basketball game last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful event, and all the athletes and fans had a great time.*
- *ETR students have begun their canned goods collection. The homeroom that donates the most will win a prize!*

SHS Athletics

- *Cougars defeated Marple Newton in the second round of the PIAA District 1 playoffs. They will face Strath Haven in the semifinals this Friday at Strath Haven.*
- *ETR's fall sports season came to an end on 11/3. Coaches for winter sports have already begun planning for their upcoming season.*
- *Our directors are meeting with the winter sports teams going over the guidelines, goals, and preparations for the up-coming season.*

Activities

- *The SLC is in the planning stages for their Clubs. Staff is very excited to offer a Lego Club, Computer Club, Sports Club, and more!*
- *Sabold and Scenic held their respective Race for Education last week. Students had a wonderful time completing laps and participating in activities in their fields.*
- *The Soph Hop will be held at Springfield High School this Saturday. This is always a great event for our students.*
- *ETR students had the opportunity to participate in the Turkey Trot run this afternoon. All proceeds go to the SSD Turkey Fund, which helps families in our community.*

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**
In lieu of a meeting, everyone was encouraged to attend the Unified Basketball

game on 11/9, sponsored held by SSDM. Dr. Lofland thanked the coaches, Thon, students, and all those who participated in the event. Dr. Lofland thanked Ms. Rovinski for her service on the school board.

- ❖ Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair
Facilities met 11/8 and discussed Halderman Field drainage issues and how it has improved. They discussed the Sabold and ETR HVAC program.
- ❖ Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo, Treasurer
Did not meet.
- ❖ Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair
Did not meet.
- ❖ Policy – Domenic Bentivegna, Chair
Met on 11/6. We discussed 39 policies. 33 policies had little change and the remaining six (6) policies will be discussed later in this meeting.
- ❖ Volunteer Memorial – Domenic Bentivegna
Will meet on 11/20.

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 26, 2023

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund checks for the month of October 2023 totaling \$1,174,896.05.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

- ❖ Tax Collector's Reports – October 2023
Morton and Springfield
- ❖ District Financial Reports – October 2023
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures
- ❖ Financial Reports – October 2023
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts

- 4. Agreement with the Fairwold School for one (1) student ID #100011073 for the 2023-2024 school year (180 days) with tuition deducted from PDE's 4010 system.**

Motion: Dr. Lofland

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

E. 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: Dr. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

*Comments: Ms. Mikula presented the retirement of one (1) certified staff member, the resignation of one (1) certified staff member, the resignation of two non-certified staff members, the employment of one (1) certified staff member, and the employment of three (3) non-certified staff members.
Ms. Mikula thanked Ms. Rovinski for her years of service.*

2. Board Policy – Mr. Bentivegna

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

- ❖ Policy 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- ❖ Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
- ❖ Policy 227.1 – 24/7 Policy (Delete Policy)
- ❖ Policy 251 – Homeless Students
- ❖ Policy 252 – Bullying and Cyberbullying
- ❖ Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

Comments: The changes from these policies are from legal review, changes in the law, or federal regulations. Policy 227.1 is being removed by this action.

3. Sabold Elementary School Mechanical Work and Concrete Pier Repairs – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following proposals received from Radius Systems and L.J. Paoletta Construction for \$17,900.00 and \$38,954.84, respectively, for additional equipment installation for HVAC project and concrete pier repair work provided at Sabold Elementary School.*

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

Comments: There had to be additional HVAC equipment installed at Sabold and additional concrete piers to be repaired as well.

4. E.T. Richardson Middle School Mechanical and Floor Tile Removal Monitoring Work – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following proposals received from Radius Systems, Atlas Group Services, LLC, and Ecoservices, LLC for \$46,410.00, \$15,391.00, and \$27,900.00, respectively, for additional building controls equipment for the HVAC installation and project oversight and floor tile removal and abatement services provided at ET Richardson Middle School.*

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

Comments: Radius Systems is installing additional controls on the mechanical equipment and classroom floor tiles had to be removed and abated.

5. Halderman Field and Saxer Avenue Maintenance Building Architectural Services – Mr. Mooney

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approves the following proposal received from Blackney Hayes Architects for \$15,000.00 for additional construction management services for work provided at Halderman Field and the Saxer Avenue Maintenance building projects.*

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

Motion: Ms. Guy

Second: Ms. Flynn

Vote: 8-0

Comments: These projects took longer than expected and this is the proposal for the additional hours of professional services incurred.

F. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni
Nothing to report. Mr. Sereni wanted to commend Ms. Rovinski for her years of service.
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski
Met the first Wednesday of November. DCIU began a girl's coding program. ETR student, Lucy McGill, won second place in the Veteran's Day essay contest. DCTS is holding an open house on December 6th in Folcroft and December 7th in Aston. Next meeting will be December 6th.
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo
Nothing to report.
4. Future Board Meetings – December 7, 2023
Reorganization & Regular Meetings
5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber
Dr. Barber thanked the staff, students, and families for the commitment to the District. He thanked everyone for public comment.

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: Ms. Rovinski

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Keenan