

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 26, 2023**

*Members Present:*

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

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Michael Lee, 123 W. Sylvan Ave, Morton. Mr. Lee reminded everyone to educate themselves and vote in the upcoming election.*

**B. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. June 30, 2023, Audit Report – BBD, LLP – Mike Mood  
*Mr. Mood explained the District received an unmodified opinion on the auditor's report for June 30, 2023. The board of directors were provided with a presentation of the audit process and findings.  
Mr. Mooney thanked Mr. Mood, Ms. Mosloskie and their teams for helping to complete the audit process so smoothly.*
2. ETR Pillar Report – Mr. Hartshorn  
*Mr. Hartshorn thanked the Board for inviting ETR students to speak on their ETR experiences on the pillars.*
3. Pillar Report – Jennifer Flynn and Nicole Rechner  
**Academics**
  - *District Staff is preparing for their professional development day on 11/7/2023.*
  - *Staff observations with follow-up meetings of all non-tenured teachers are nearly complete.*
  - *SAEF approved to fund the ETR Student Leadership summer camp.*
  - *New Teacher Induction October- Building Community*

- *Revising Elementary Curriculum & Go Blue Website*

### **Service**

- *Members of the SHS Football and Cheer teams helped the SLC “kick off” their Go Blue reading groups.*
- *Thon will be hosting a Unified Basketball game on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. There will be a \$5 suggested donation, with all proceeds going to Thon.*
- *The SLC will be holding its first Student Monthly Meeting in October. Two to three students will be recognized from each class to be part of a school-wide campaign to explore ways to spread kindness and build community.*

### **SHS Athletics**

- *The last game of the regular season for football will be vs. Radnor on 10/27. Playoff information will be announced next week.*
- *ETR Fall sports are wrapping up within the next two weeks. The Athletics Department scheduled to get each team an opportunity to play on the high school turf.*
- *Field Hockey made it to the first round of playoffs but unfortunately lost to Haverford on Monday.*

### **Activities**

- *Apple Crunch Day was held in our Elementary Schools to promote healthy eating.*
- *The SLC will hold its Trunk or Treat this Friday in the SHS parking lot.*
- *ETR will hold its Halloween event for 6<sup>th</sup>-graders this Friday evening.*
- *The SHS held its Homecoming Dance last Saturday evening. It was a fun-filled event with over 700 students in attendance.*

## **C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ **Education – Jennifer Lofland, Chair**  
*Met on 10/12. School Board interns will be attending the Education Committee and provided their reports. There was a principal report and Dr. Brigg presented his information on the New Teacher Induction Audit. In lieu of the Education Committee Meeting on 11/9, everyone is invited to the Unified Basketball Game at 6 PM in the Blue Gym. Next meeting will be held on 12/14 at 6:30 PM.*
- ❖ **Facilities – Kevin Keenan, Chair**  
*Met on 10/11 virtually. Please check the District calendar if you would like to attend. Topics were Halderman Field drainage and, ETR air conditioning/heating project. The next meeting will be held 11/8/2023.*
- ❖ **Finance & Audit – Joseph Sillo, Treasurer**  
*Met on 10/3. Discussed the year-end financials, compared the year-end results, and discussed what to do with the surplus from the General Fund.*
- ❖ **Personnel – Bruce Lord, Chair**  
*Met on 10/26 to discuss personnel issues.*
- ❖ **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 28, 2023*

##### **2. Payment of Bills**

*General Fund checks for the month of September 2023 totaling \$2,043,368.22.*

##### **3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

❖ *Tax Collector's Reports – September 2023  
Morton and Springfield*

❖ *District Financial Reports – September 2023  
General Fund, Investment Schedule, Revenue, Expenditures*

❖ *Financial Reports – September 2023  
Middle School & High School Activity Accounts*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Flynn*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

#### **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. Flynn*

*Second: Ms. Rovinski*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: Ms. Mikula presented to the Board: the resignation of four (4) non-certified staff members, the employment of one (1) certified teacher, the employment of (one) 1 Long Term Substitute Teacher, three (3) non-certified staff, and change of employment status for one (1) non-certified staff member.*

##### **2. Employment Agreement– Mr. Lord**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *that the Board approve the Second Addendum to the Employment Agreement between Donald Mooney and the Board of School Directors of Springfield School District.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Flynn*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Lord explained this is an extension of Mr. Mooney's contract.*

##### **3. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver and Release Agreement for student "9126".

Motion: Ms. Rovinski                      Second: Dr. Flynn                      Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: As with any special education agreement, the details cannot be discussed in public.

**4. Special Education Agreement – Dr. Barber**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board agree and accept proposed Settlement, Waiver and Release Agreement for student "9885".

Motion: Ms. Rovinski                      Second: Dr. Flynn                      Vote: 7-1-0

Comments: As with any special education agreement, the details cannot be discussed in public.

**5. June 30, 2023, Springfield School District Audit Report – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board accepts the Springfield School District June 30, 2023, audited financial statements as presented.

Motion: Dr. Flynn                      Second: Ms. Rovinski                      Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is the Board taking formal action accepting the Springfield School District final 6/30/2023 audit report.

**6. Sabold Elementary School Mechanical Work Change Order Approval – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the following change order #5 for \$20,094.76 for carpentry modifications for work performed by the general contractor for HVAC installation work provided at Sabold Elementary School.

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

Motion: Ms. Rovinski                      Second: Dr. Flynn                      Vote: 8-0-0

Comments: Mr. Mooney stated this is one of the final change orders for Sabold HVAC project. This was related to additional carpentry work that had to be completed.

**7. General Fund Balance Commitment – Mr. Mooney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board approves the commitment of a portion of the audited general fund balance as of June 30, 2023 in the amounts of

*\$1,000,000 for future capital projects and \$1,000,000 for future real estate tax appeal settlements.*

*Motion: Ms. Rovinski*

*Second: Dr. Flynn*

*Vote: 8-0-0*

*Comments: Mr. Mooney explained this is the final steps of the audit. He is asking the Board to approve two commitments: \$1 million for future capital projects and \$1 million for future tax appeal settlements.*

**F. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Sereni  
*Nothing to report.*
2. DCIU Board Report – Mrs. Rovinski  
*DCIU/DCTS met last Thursday in the Morton offices. They are looking to fill positions in their office. DCTS is holding an Open House in their nursing program on 11/15. The DCIU is holding a four-part series titled "Emotional Support Networking Meetings" on October 4<sup>th</sup>.*
3. DCCC Board Report – Mr. Sillo  
*Held their Annual Appreciation Dinner. New site located on Prendie's old campus, will be open within two years. SSD had 269 students in dual enrollment. Next meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup>.*
4. Future Board Meetings – November 16, 2023 and December 7, 2023
5. Superintendent's Salutations – Dr. Barber  
*Dr. Barber stated he was impressed with the ETR students and their involvement in the District and the Community. He thanked the Business team for the successful audit.*

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

***Motion: Ms. Rovinski***

***Second: Ms. Lofland***

***Respectfully submitted,***

  
***Kevin Keenan***

*11/16/23*