

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Springfield, New Jersey  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center-First Floor on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 8:24 P.M.

President's Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on April 23, 2007.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Anthony Delia

Present: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Jeff Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent  
Mrs. Hillary Corburn, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary  
Mrs. Elyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. New Board members please asked to remain after the regular meeting to meet with Mr. Clarke regarding – NJSBA Orientation, JDHS Graduation, etc.
- b. Reminder that the UCSBA Spring Meeting is in May. The Board needs a new representative
- c. Reminder – NJSBA Delegate Assembly meeting is in May. The Board needs a new representative.
- d. Debbie LoSchiavo annual request (individual) for March of Dimes contribution
- e. The Board is invited to the Welcoming Session at JDHS for the AFG (Middle States) kickoff
- f. A letter received from a staff member referred to closed session

4. Minutes

Moved by Miss Duke and seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting	- April 7, 2008
Executive Session	- April 7, 2008

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Davino reviewed the student recognitions:

**Union County Outstanding Scholars (Breakfast 5/28/08)**

Carissa Clark

Kenneth Glennon

**Union County School Boards Student Recognition – Unsung Heros/Heroines)**  
**(Dinner 5/14/08)**

Karina Adamskay

**JDHS Quiz Bowl**

At the Colonia High School quiz bowl tournament on Saturday, 4/12/08) our team placed 3rd out of 40 teams. Team captain, Seth Benzell, was the overall 1st place responder.

**Springfield's Clean Communities Day Poster Contest Winners**

Edward V. Walton

Adam Gelo

Sadi Lowy

Spencer Gary

James Caldwell

Kevin Wheat

Allison Bratsch

Thelma L. Sandmeier

Wilda Francois

Samzari Sekyi-Williams

Florence M. Gaudineer

Thomas Toussaint

Jonathan Dayton

Dana Ashley Strober

Thanks to the diligence of all art teachers in promoting the contest, there were more participants than ever before. Artwork displayed at the public library until 4/27.

**Somerset-Union County Water Conservation Poster Contest ("Water Is Life")**

David Kim won third place and was awarded \$30.

**Teacher Recognition**

Barbara Trueger was awarded a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University.

6. PUBLIC SESSION (8:32 PM)

There were no comments or questions regarding the agenda.



13. UNUSED SNOW DAY

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval to designate June 20, 2008, schools closed due to not having to utilize the one of two emergency days remaining. If the day is necessary from April 23, 2008 and June 19, 2008, then the day will return to a regular day as describe on the 2007 - 08 school calendar

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. TEACHER MENTORS

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the following personnel as Mentor for the 2007 - 2008 school year

<b>Mentor</b>		<b>Mentee</b>
Josephine Cioffi	-	Maryelin Vasquez

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. STUDENT TEACHER

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to approve the attached list of Student Teachers for the 2008 – 2009 school year. (Attachment E)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC SESSION (8:36 – 8:55 PM)

The following members of the public had comments regarding the fields and busing:

1. Steve Citron
2. Mrs. Crenshaw

17. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dayton will host their own *Jeopardy Game* on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. *College Night* is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at Dayton
- c. It's Circus time at Walton presented by Before and After Care students on April 25<sup>th</sup>; the Circus/Carnival will also be at Sandmeier on April 30<sup>th</sup> and at Caldwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- d. President welcomed new board members
- e. President will send out committee request this week. Please submit your (3) preferences along with contact information.

18. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Volleyball /Basketball Charity event at Caldwell was a great success and enjoyed by all.

19. CLOSED SESSION (9: 03 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

“WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss possible litigation which is not an appropriate subject to be discussed in a public meeting and which is within the exemptions permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this Board and the administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.”

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**20. CLOSED CONFERENCE ITEMS**

1. Potential Litigation

**21. RECONVENE (10:00 PM)**

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, approval to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**22. 2<sup>Nd</sup> NEW BUSINESS**

- a. New Board members were instructed on e-mail correspondence and the Gatekeeper procedure. Included in this review was how to address the public
- b. New Board members were provided information regarding the agreement/contract with the township regarding upkeep of fields
- c. The Board revisited the transportation issued raised earlier in the evening
- d. A questioned was raised regarding the Pledge of Allegiance at Sandmeier in some classes.

**23. ADJOURNMENT (10:35 PM)**

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Next Regular May 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS.

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Matthew A. Clarke  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary