

**SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2023**

VISION STATEMENT

Cultivating, compassionate, and extraordinary learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences – empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Time: 5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT- President Paula Saha

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 January 3, 2023 and revised on April 28, 2023, May 22, 2023, and July 11, 2023. The public comment format for this meeting is as follows – attendees wishing to comment during the public sessions will state their name and address. The President of the Board of Education will recognize the attendee at the appropriate time. All of the Board's Policies and Regulations related to public participation in board meetings shall remain in effect, including, but not limited to, the presiding officer's ability to limit each statement made by a participant to a 3-minute duration.

B. ROLL CALL

Vice President Meredith Murphy
Mr. Jerry Fernandez- absent
Mrs. Laura Gamarekian
Mr. Marc Miller
Mr. Hector Munoz-absent

Mrs. Kristy Rubin
Mrs. Hilary Turnbull
Mrs. Yelena Zolotarsky
President Paula Saha -absent

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Goldberg discussed the staffing transfers on the agenda. Principals will communicate with the school community.
- Dr. Goldberg discussed some misinformation regarding Before and Aftercare programs.
- Dr. Goldberg discussed staff appointments.
- Dr. Goldberg commented on the summer programs.
- Ms. Calas provided overview of the construction project Walton and the bid award.

E. SCHOOL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE- Vice President Murphy

Items 1 through 3

The Superintendent recommends:

1. Staff Appointments

To approve the following staff appointments:

- a. Marc Aranguren*, High School Science Teacher, JDHS, September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 at Step 17-MA+30, \$93,270.00.
Account Number: 11-140-100-101-00-10
- b. Kimberly Tuttle*, English Teacher, FMG, September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 at Step 10-MA \$73,092.00.
Account Number: 11-130-100-101-00-10

- c. Megan Theobald*, Dance Teacher, JDHS, September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 at Step 3-BA \$60,647.00.
Account Number: 11-140-100-101-00-10

**Pending Criminal History Background Clearance*

2. Staff Resignation

To accept the following resignations:

1. Jacqueline Rebimbas, Elementary Teacher, EVW, effective June 30, 2023.
2. David Gonzalez Silva, Science Teacher, JDHS, effective June 30, 2023.
3. Christine Saliceti, Guidance Counselor, EVW, effective June 30, 2023.
4. Cherish Fiorilli, Autism Teacher, EVW, effective June 30, 2023.
5. Marnie Zambolla, Guidance Counselor, FMG, effective June 30, 2023.
6. Morgan Engel, Special Education Teacher, EVW, effective June 30, 2023.

3. Change of Assignments/Transfers

To approve the following change of assignments/ transfers:

Staff Name	From	To
Timothy Kiely	Principal Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Salary: \$152,315	Principal Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School Salary: \$152,315 Effective July 17, 2023
Ronald Slate	Principal Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School Salary: \$126,885	Principal Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Salary: \$133,187 Effective July 17, 2023

F. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE- Mr. Munoz

Item 4

The Superintendent recommends:

4. Edward Walton School Playground- Bid No.2023-01

To approve the following bid award to the lowest responsible bidder:

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the Springfield Board of Education (“Board”) to seek a contract for construction services for the playground at the Edward Walton School (hereinafter “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18:-4; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023 and on May 16, 2023 the Board did not receive bids from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023 the Board authorized the negotiation of a contract with a vendor in accordance with in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c); and

WHEREAS, on Monday June 10, 2023 the Board received the following bids from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq; and

Bidder	Base Bid
Zenith Construction Services, Inc.	\$215,000
The Landtek Group	\$335,645

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Zenith Construction Services, Inc. has been reviewed and has been deemed compliant with the bid specifications and New Jersey Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Zenith Construction Services, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder at a total contract amount of \$215,000.

Approval of School Government Items 1-3 and Building and Grounds Item 4

Motion to Approve: Mr. Miller

Seconded: Mrs. Gamarekian

Roll Call

Vice President Meredith Murphy	Yes	Kristy Rubin	Yes
Jerry Fernandez	Absent	Hilary Turnbull	Yes
Laura Gamarekian	Yes	Yelena Zolotarsky	Yes
Marc Miller	Yes	President Paula Saha	Absent
Hector Munoz	Absent		

G. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Zolotarsky asked about the before and aftercare program. She wanted to confirm that the issues are staffing and not physical spacing.
- Dr. Goldberg confirmed. She explained that the District must be compliant with state regulations regarding before and aftercare. The process has been the same historically. Filling spots upon getting staffing candidates is revolving.
- Mrs. Gamarekian noted that the before and after care program fills up very quickly.

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mr. Miller

Seconded: Mrs. Gamarekian

Time: 5:50 PM

Voice Vote: AYE-6 NAY-0

Upcoming Meeting

1. Regular Meeting – July 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the JDHS IMC