

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on April 11, 2022.

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Board Chair Naomi Raven called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Attendance**

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Naomi Raven, Jonathan Light, Todd Mann and Kelly Mason. Vice Chair Emilio Hernandez was excused due to illness.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Judy Bowden, Jeff Michna, Brett Yancey, Kassandra McLennan, Mieli Ward, Skyleigh McKibben, Taylor Madden, Jeff Mather, Mindy LeRoux, Jenna McCulley, Dustin Reese, Joyce Johnson, Melissa Locke, Brian Megert, Brian Flick, Katie Dawson, Jeff Mather, Jessica Lember, Mark J., Megan Knight, James Synder, Lacey Macdonald, Lesa Haley, Mieli Ward, Brandi Starck, Becky Willis, Dave Hulbert, José da Silva, Jonathan Gault, Cheryl Sauer, Ron Sauer, Andy Price, Whitney McKinley, Karri Thiele, Violet Olszyk, Johanis Tadeo, Sammy Alcantar and Marlene Hockema, minutes recorder.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Mr. Light moved, seconded by Mr. Mann, to approve the April 11, 2022 agenda as presented.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the April 11, 2022 agenda as presented: Mr. Light – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Ms. Mason – yes, and Ms. Raven – yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

### **3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

Director of High School Education Mindy LeRoux introduced Brian Flick as the Interim Principal for Thurston High School. Mr. Flick informed the group that he had worked in the Bethel School District for 31 years as a teacher, principal and director of curriculum, adding that it was day number ten on the job and he was excited to have joined the Thurston High School staff. He stated that his priorities were building relationships with students and staff and mentoring the current assistant principals.

### **4. CERTIFIED APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Chair Raven read the following proclamation in honor of Certified Appreciation Week:

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**

**May 2 – 6, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

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**WHEREAS**, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and  
**WHEREAS**, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and  
**WHEREAS**, our community recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of this community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Springfield Board of Directors proclaims May 2 – 6, 2022 to be TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Springfield Board of Directors strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. School Presentation: Briggs Middle School**

Briggs Middle School Principal Jeff Mather and Assistant Principal Katie Dawson provided a slide presentation updating the Board on activities at the school. Mr. Mather noted the goal was to promote growth and success for every student adding that each day would begin with a 20 minute advisory class. Mr. Mather commended staff member Ashley Cary and the health and well-being program being implemented this year. He informed the group that there would be several activities to acknowledge student achievement such as: postcards sent to parents, personal calls to parents, student of the month, acts of kindness, and POW and WOW awards. Mr. Mather was pleased to report students were participating in the Sheds of Hope project and currently working on two sheds with plans to deliver one soon, up the McKenzie River for fire victims. Ms. Dawson delighted to announce that goals for Personal Learning Opportunities had been met and surpassed with student learning improvement as high as 100%. Mr. Mather added that the school had started clubs, such as the gardening club where students would be harvesting vegetables they had planted. Mr. Mather interjected other programs are Student Voice (equity issues), WIFT (Students with Involved Family and Teachers) and the addition of a fulltime family center coordinator. Mr. Mann questioned continuation of nutritional services to which Mr. Yancey replied programs are under federal governance and have strict regulations but private contributions are possible.

### **B. Student Board Representative Communication**

Thurston High School's Board Representative Mieli Ward shared that the tutoring center now has two U of O students participating and teachers would be available for specific subjects. Forthcoming events include Prom (4/23) and the Mr. and Ms. THS pageant (4/16).

Springfield High School's Board Representative Kassandra McLennan shared student elections would be April 22<sup>nd</sup> and plans were being made for Prom (5/6) at the Wheeler Pavilion.

A3's School Board Representative Skyleigh McKibben shared they had a big celebration for Earth Day which included a cleanup of the downtown area; current projects include: a massive art project and Prom which would be held at the Downtown Athletic Center.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Raven read the following statement concerning public comment:

*This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. The board provides three ways for community members to share public comment: written public comment, in person oral public comment and virtual public comment. Written public comment is received via email. Public comment received via email for this evening has been reviewed by the Board and has also been posted on the District's website. The deadline for submitting a request for oral public comment was today at noon. Those who requested an opportunity to speak this evening were notified by the board secretary about their request.*

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*We encourage groups with a common purpose to designate a spokesperson. If your comments will be covered by a group spokesperson, please indicate so when your name is called. I want to remind those members of the public who have indicated a desire to make comments that our policy provides for a limitation of three (3) minutes per person.*

*The Board will not hear comments regarding any school personnel. We ask those speaking to refrain from using names and titles of school personnel. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in Board policy KL, which requires that complaints be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. This procedure must be followed before there is any Board involvement with such issues. A compliment involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, their supervisor and the Board.*

*Speakers are reminded that their public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.*

Karri Thiele, a teacher of 22 years, informed the group that she had resigned due to negativity in the workplace as well as a lack of trust in the Board, adding that decisions would be made without public input and results were driven by money and test scores. She added that dozens of other teachers would be leaving the district's employ and it was time to return to kids first and restoration of trust.

Violet Olszyk, Maple Elementary mother of two, lamented the fact that she had not been allowed access to the school building to walk her children to class and asked that the building be reopened.

Johanis Tadeo expressed concerns regarding COVID-19 regulations, a lack of transparency with the Board and asked the Board to postpone the vote regarding the naming of Hamlin Baseball Stadium and Artificial Turf Field.

Samantha Alcantar stated there was no apparent record of a public meeting regarding the naming of Hamlin Baseball Stadium and Artificial Turf Field and requested the postponement of the vote.

Written public comment submitted by noon today for the Board to review prior to the meeting is below:

# Written public comment

Lou Woodford <l.woodford@comcast.net>

Mon 4/11/2022 10:02 AM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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I notice that one of the action items on tonight's agenda is the naming of the fields at Hamlin. Having served on the district building committee where we recommended the closure of Camp Creek Elementary and the conversion of Springfield Middle School, I understand the importance of respectfully receiving community input.

When passing by something that is "named," it's important that the name has strong meaning and stirs nostalgic memories, reminding the people of Springfield that we are a community that remembers and honors its own. No one has done more for our community and our district than Bill Medford.

According to Board policy, in order to name the new fields at Hamlin Middle School, the board will assemble a naming committee. I would like to apply to be a member of that committee. My 31 years of teaching and coaching in the district would offer much needed historical perspective.

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# Written Public Comment

Steve Dustrude <dustrude@teleport.com>

Mon 4/11/2022 10:45 AM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Springfield School Board -

I worked in the Springfield School District for 30 years and our two daughters graduated from Thurston High School in 1997 and 2001. My wife and I continue to live in the District and have been strong supporters of the Springfield Education Foundation.

In looking at Action Items under the Agenda for tonight's Board Meeting, I see there will be discussion regarding "Naming Hamlin Baseball Stadium and Artificial Turf Field." I am unsure of the process or Board policy re the naming of schools and facilities in the District, but I'm fairly certain the process would involve community input, if not the formation of a committee comprised of District and community members. I would certainly be interested in serving on such a committee.

I recall the former site of the current new stadium was named for John Young, a long time Springfield High School teacher and baseball coach. I would like to suggest honoring the legacy of Bill Medford in naming these new facilities. Bill was a Springfield High graduate and served on the School Board for 18 years. A pillar in this community, Bill was an ardent supporter of the Springfield School District and its athletic programs, especially baseball. Bill Medford's positive impact on the Springfield School District and the city of Springfield can't be overstated.

Please consider honoring Bill Medford in the naming of these new facilities.

Thank you for considering my input.

Steve Dustrude

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## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. March 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel Action, Resolution #21-22.032

**MOTION:** Ms. Mason moved, Mr. Mann seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion favor of approving the Consent Agenda: Mr. Light – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Ms. Mason – yes, and Ms. Raven – yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

### B. Approve Naming Hamlin Baseball Stadium and Artificial Turf Field, Resolution #21-22.033

Throughout the past two years, the Springfield School District has actively partnered with Bushnell University and the Springfield Drifters baseball team to significantly improve the baseball complex at Hamlin Middle School into a valued community asset. As Bushnell University re-established a collegiate baseball program and the Springfield Drifters were accepted into the West Coast Baseball League, the agreement was finalized for a major investment and shared use of the facility. While the complex will continue to remain the home field(s) for Springfield High School baseball (March – June), Bushnell University will utilize the field for their fall season (September/October) and spring season (February – April). The Springfield Drifters baseball program will utilize the complex during their summer season (June – August), beginning summer 2022.

Improvements of the facility include: a new artificial turf playing surface on the west field, construction of two (2) bullpens behind the right field and left field fence (with new lighting), improvement to the existing hitting facility, replacement and construction of safety netting and backstop, construction of two (2) below grade dugouts, construction of a 1,900 seat bleacher system, construction of a press box, new scoreboard with sound system, construction of infrastructure for concessions, and a shared use restroom facility serving the baseball and track/turf field facility. Following the success of constructing an artificial turf field at Maple Elementary School and the recognition that financial limitations impact the district's ability to build facilities of this magnitude, generous supporters offered to donate a majority of the construction costs.

The goals of Bushnell University and Springfield Drifters are consistent with the success from Maple Elementary School, which to ensure access for students to exceptional facilities at minimal additional cost to the district. Through the efforts of these organizations/individuals and the generous contributions from cooperating businesses, the field is nearing completion and is on schedule to be in full use this summer. This facility is an asset that will be valued throughout our community and provide community entertainment for years to come.

Board Policy FF/FFA (attached) outlines two options for how the School Board shall name new facilities. The traditional process is through a committee similar to how naming Two River/Dos Rios Elementary School was named. The other option is that “the Board reserves the right to consider the naming of a facility or portion of a facility after an individual, corporation, or other entity that has made a significant financial contribution to a major project”.

Due to the generosity and abundance of support from Ike Olsson (and family), Kelly Richardson (and family), and Bushnell University, the school district is requesting the School Board to exercise its discretion with Board Policy FF/FFA and name the west baseball facility, OAR Stadium after the Olsson

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and Richardson families. The school district administration is requesting the School Board to name the artificial turf field, Bushnell Field after the contribution made by Bushnell University.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Springfield School District, Board of Directors approve naming the Hamlin Baseball complex, “OAR Stadium” and the artificial turf (west) baseball field, “Bushnell Field”.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mann moved, Ms. Mason seconded the motion to send the above stated recommendation to a middle school sports complex naming committee.

Discussion followed with Mr. Mann stating it was apparent the public wanted more information and postponing the date would likely come to the same conclusion without repercussions. Mr. Yancey responded that a postponement would pause construction at the entry gates which are tied to the naming. Ms. Mason stated the community had contributed to the project and should have an input in the naming of the facility. Mr. Light added that the naming policy is clear and inclusive and the Board has the authority to assign a name if a contributor has donated over 51% of the cost or create a committee to put forward a name for the complex. Chair Raven noted that one party had actually contributed 70% and was well above the requirement for the Board to put forward a name without sending it to a committee recommendation. Superintendent Hamilton indicated that a postponement had not been anticipated and he would prepare a proposal for a future meeting regarding the formation of a naming committee.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of sending the naming recommendation to committee: Mr. Light – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Ms. Mason – yes, and Ms. Raven – no.

Motion passed, 3:1.



## COMMUNITY VERSION

## SEPTEMBER

		1	2	3
NO SCHOOL Labor Day	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL kinders
		8	9	10
13	14	15	16	Early release (all students)
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

## OCTOBER

				1
				Early release (all students)
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	Early release (all students)
25	26	27	28	29

## NOVEMBER

			NO SCHOOL Secondary (grading)	NO SCHOOL Secondary (grading)
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	Early release (all students)
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL
29	30		25	26

## DECEMBER

		NO SCHOOL Elementary (g conferences)	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	Early release (all students)	10
13	14	15	16	17	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
20	21	22	23	24	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
27	28	29	30	31	

## JANUARY

NO SCHOOL All students	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	Early release (all students)	14
NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	Early release (all students)	28
31					

## FEBRUARY

			NO SCHOOL Secondary	NO SCHOOL All students
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	Early release (all students)
14	15	16	17	18
NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	21	22	23	Early release (all students)
28			24	25

## MARCH

		1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	Early release (all students)	11
14	15	16	17	NO SCHOOL Elementary	18
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

## APRIL

					1
				Early release (all students)	8
4	5	6	7	NO SCHOOL Secondary	15
11	12	13	14	Early release (all students)	22
18	19	20	21		
25	26	27	28	29	

## MAY

				Early release (all students)	6
2	3	4	5		
9	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	Early release (all students)	20
23	24	25	26	27	
NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	30	31			

## JUNE

		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	LAST DAY Early release (all students)	16	Staff grading day
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28				

## Key Dates:

- In-district transfers accepted during January.
- All transfers accepted during the month of March.
- Kinder welcome events typically set in early March.
- School registration is in late August.

## LEGEND

All students will begin school either on September 8 or September 9.

Sept. 8: Half of kinders, grades 1-5, 6 & 9  
Sept. 9: Other half of kinders, grades 7-8 and 10-12.

Kindergarten students do not report on Sept. 10.

## Elementary / Trimester Schedule

Dec. 1: End of Trimester 1  
Dec. 1-3: Grading / Conf  
March 18: End of Trimester 2  
June 16: End of Trimester 3

## Secondary / Semester Schedule

Nov. 4: End of Quarter 1  
Nov. 5: Grading/planning/conf.  
Feb. 3-4: End of Quarter 2/  
Sem. 1/ grading day  
April 15: End of Quarter 3/  
grading day  
June 16: End of Quarter 4/  
Sem. 2

## Snow Days

Should more than two school days be missed due to inclement weather, those days will be added during or at the end of the school year to meet minimum instruction minutes required by the state.

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# 2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Staff -Elementary: Trimester

PROPOSED 175A 1.0

## IMPORTANT DATES

M	T	W	T	F	Day	Month	M	T	W	T	F
						August					
					30 & 31	Staff Inservice Days	(2)	3	4	5	6
						September	9	10	11	12	13
					1-2 & 6	Staff Inservice Day	16	17	18	19	20
					5	Labor Day Holiday	23	24	25	26	27
					7	First Day of School - 1/2 Kinders, Gr 1-5, 6 & 9	30	31			
					8	First Day of School - 1/2 Kinders, Gr 7, 8 & 10-12					
					9	Kinder Teacher Collaboration Day - Only Kinder students do not report					
					23	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)	6	7	8	9	10
						October	13	14	15	16	17
					7 & 21	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)	20	21	22	23	24
						November	27	28	29	30	31
					11	No School - Veterans Day Holiday					
					###	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					24 & 25	Holiday - Thanksgiving - No School					
					30	Grading/Conf Day, End of 1st Trimester (Elem Only)					
						December					
					1-2	Grading/Conf Day, End of 1st Trimester (Elem Only)					
					9	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					19-30	Winter Break - No School					
						January					
					2	Holiday - New Years Day (Jan. 1)					
					3	No School - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					13 & 27	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					16	No School - Non-Contract Holiday (all students)					
						February					
					3	Teacher Prep Day (Elementary Only)					
					10 & 24	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					20	No School - Non-Contract Holiday (all students)					
						March					
					10	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					17	No School-Grading Day/End of 2nd Trimester (Elem Only)					
					27-31	No School - Spring Break					
						April					
					7 & 21	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
						May					
					5 & 19	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)					
					29	Holiday - Memorial Day					
						June					
					16	Last Day of School/Early Release-Collaboration Day (all students)					
					19	Non-Contract Holiday (Juneteenth)					
					20	Staff Grading Day					

### Key:

- End of Trimester
- Non-Contract Holiday
- First & Last Day of School
- Holidays
- Grading-Planning Days/Parent Conference Days
- Inservice Days: Staff Dev, Planning & Collaboration
- Early Release
- Collaboration Days (certified & classified report)
- Kinder Only

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Staff - Secondary: Semester  
IMPORTANT DATES

PROPOSED 175A 1.0

M	T	W	T	F
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## JULY 2022

				1
(4)	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

## AUGUST 2022

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	(30)	(31)		

## SEPTEMBER 2022

		(1)	(2)	
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	(23)
26	27	28	29	30

## OCTOBER 2022

3	4	5	6	(7)
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	(21)
24	25	26	27	28
31				

## NOVEMBER 2022

	1	2	(3)	(4)
7	8	9	10	(11)
14	15	16	17	(18)
21	22	23	(24)	(25)
28	29	30		

## DECEMBER 2022

		1	2	
5	6	7	8	(9)
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

### Key:

- End of Quarter
- Non-Contract Holiday
- First & Last Day of School
- Holidays
- Grading-Planning Days/  
Parent Conference Days
- Inservice Days:  
Staff Dev, Planning & Collaboration
- Early Release
- Collaboration Days  
(certified & classified report)

Day	Month
<b>August</b>	
30 & 31	Staff Inservice Day
<b>September</b>	
1-2 & 6	Staff Inservice Day
5	Labor Day Holiday
7	First Day of School - 1/2 Kinders, Gr 1-5, 6 & 9
8	First Day of School - 1/2 Kinders, Gr 7, 8 & 10-12
23	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
<b>October</b>	
7 & 21	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
<b>November</b>	
3 & 4	No School-Grading/Conf Day (Sec Only)-End of 1st Qtr
11	No School - Veterans Day Holiday
18	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
24 & 25	Holiday - Thanksgiving - No School
<b>December</b>	
9	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
19-30	Winter Break - No School
<b>January</b>	
2	Holiday - New Years Day (Jan. 1)
3	No School - Collaboration Day (all students)
13 & 27	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
16	No School - Non-Contract Holiday (all students)
<b>February</b>	
2 & 3	No School-Grading Day (Sec Only), End of 1st Sem
10 & 24	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
20	No School - Non-Contract Holiday (all students)
<b>March</b>	
10	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
27 - 31	No School - Spring Break
<b>April</b>	
7 & 21	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
14	No School-Conf/Grading Day (Sec Only)-End of 3rd Qtr
<b>May</b>	
5 & 19	Early Release - Collaboration Day (all students)
29	Holiday - Memorial Day
<b>June</b>	
16	Last Day of School/Early Release-Collaboration Day (all students)
19	Non-Contract Holiday (Juneteenth)
20	Staff Grading Day

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## JANUARY 2023

(2)	(3)	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	(13)
(16)	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	(27)
30	31			

## FEBRUARY 2023

	1	(2)	(3)	
6	7	8	9	(10)
13	14	15	16	17
(20)	21	22	23	(24)
27	28			

## MARCH 2023

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	(10)
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

## APRIL 2023

3	4	5	6	(7)
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	(21)
24	25	26	27	28

## MAY 2023

1	2	3	4	(5)
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	(19)
22	23	24	25	26
(29)	30	31		

## JUNE 2023

		1	2	
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	(16)
(19)	(20)	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

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## **8. DISCUSSION**

### **A. 2022-2023 Academic Calendar**

Assistant Superintendent David Collins shared the proposed 2022-2023 Academic Calendars stating preparation had been a 5-6 month project starting in late fall/early winter. He added that other sectors (i.e. neighboring school districts and U of O) had been contacted to avoid conflicts on calendars and added changes would be needed to accommodate Juneteenth (6/13) which had been determined to be a state holiday, New Year's Day celebrated on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and any inclement weather days. Mr. Collins noted that several versions of the calendar had been available for staff review for the two-week time period prior to spring break in March.

## **9. INFORMATION/REPORTS**

### **A. Land Acknowledgement**

Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Taylor Madden and Jimmy Snyder of the Chifin Native Youth Center shared the new Land Acknowledgement statement they have been working on this year.

#### **Springfield Public Schools Statement of Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional homeland of the Kalapuya people, and specifically the community that was known as Chifin, the area that we now call Springfield. Kalapuya people, who have lived in this region since "Time Immemorial", were illegally dispossessed of their land and forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations over several years, but most notably in treaties between 1851 and 1855. The Kalapuya are now members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and members of the Kalapuya still live, work, study, and thrive in this area, and continue to make important contributions here in Springfield, across the land we now refer to as Oregon, and around the globe. This information is shared out of a responsibility to prevent the erasure of Native culture, heritage, and people, and to ensure a quality contemporary education for future generations.

Mr. Madden presented a Land Acknowledgement proposal and expressed the need to present accurate history noting that SB13 now mandates teachers be trained and displays visible in each facility. Mr. Snyder added that teachers start by simply reading the acknowledgement and build on that knowledge.

### **B. United Front Trip**

Board Chair Raven shared a report about her recent United Front advocacy trip to Washington D.C. exclaiming it was a wonderful experience and she was both overwhelmed and thankful for the opportunity. She indicated that she had the privilege of meeting with the Director of Education, members of the White House, Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, Representative DeFazio and members of the After School Alliance and National Endowment of the Arts. Additionally, she advised those leaders of the need to continue to support programs that had succeeded and therefore benefited students. Superintendent Hamilton confirmed that Chair Raven had been a strong advocate for Springfield while in Washington D.C.

### **C. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Hamilton recognized the concern raised regarding access to prescriptions for members of the Oregon Health Plan and acknowledged that he had not seen evidence of the situation in Springfield but wanted the Board to be made aware. He informed the Board that Lane County agencies would be working together to prepare kindergarteners for transitioning using the KIT (Kinders in Transition) program.

### **D. Board Communication**

Chair Raven shared she had attended another OSBA meeting for board chairs from around the state and the main concerns was around the well-being of children and providing advocacy. She noted that the OSBA Summer Conference was scheduled for July 8-July 10 in Bend, OR.

Mr. Light shared the workshops at the National School Boards Association Conference he had attended in San Diego had been very good and he had especially enjoyed a presentation which incorporated childhood education based on a book written by Mr. Rogers. He noted that the conference would take place in Orlando next year. He reported that the LCOG executive board meeting would be April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mann shared that SEF would be working to find a venue for Night of 11,000 Stars which has been scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available for a luau to be held June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meetings are as follows:

- April 25, 2022, Time TBD Board Work Session
- May 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m. First Budget Committee Meeting
- May 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- May 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Second Budget Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Third Budget Committee Meeting (if necessary)

Chair Raven thanked everyone for attending and noted that the Executive Session had been cancelled.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Raven adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Marlene Hockema)*