

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on January 11, 2021. In order to comply with the Governor's executive orders, the Board conducted this meeting by video conference only. The public was invited to watch or listen to the board meeting via Zoom Webinar or Zoom Phone. Information for participating was shared with the public on the district website and news media outlets.

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Attendance**

Board Members attending the Zoom webinar included Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Naomi Raven, Lisa Barrager and Todd Mann. Dr. Hernandez was excused for a family emergency.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Judy Bowden, Tony Scurto, Vanessa Truett, Laurel King, Meredith Branch, Brian Megert, Carla Smith, Teresa Page, Lisa Reynoso, Lacey Macdonald, Marilyn Williams, Sherry Moore, Sierra Cochrane, Caitlin Wild, Staci Holt, Sarah Hugo, Mike Harshbarger, Adam Fine, Joan Bolls, Charles Jett, Jeff Michna, Carrie Stockton, Jan Tovey, Whitney McKinley, Leslie Watson, Kellie, Amy Unfred, Colleen Hunter, Jonathan Gault, Mindy LeRoux, Rick, Jen McCulley and Jordyn Brown of the Register-Guard. There were also community members who attended using Zoom Phone, so their names were not available.

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

Chair Zach Bessett called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mann moved, Ms. Barrager seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Mr. Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Mr. Mann – aye, and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 4:0

### **3. SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Superintendent Hamilton shared a short video that was put together to thank the Springfield Public School Board for all their hard work. He thanked the communication team for creating the video together.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Bessett explained that members of the public were asked to electronically share their ideas and opinions with the Board by noon on the day of this Board meeting. As of the noon deadline, public comment was received from: Cory Tuntland, Kelly Stewart and Colleen Hunter.

## Thurston HS Softball Complex

Mon 1/11/2021 10:41 AM

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

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Board,

Please see attached letter requesting your support for the THS Softball Facility.

Springfield School Board,

I am writing you for public comment regarding the vote you are going to have regarding the funding for the new softball facility. I urge that you approve this project to go forward. It has taken a lot of work and patience from a significant amount of people to get to this point.

I would like to applaud CFO Brett Yancey in his support and continued effort to make this project a reality. He has worked to see this project continue to move forward when so many other issues were competing for his time. His diligence is appreciated, especially by those parents and athletes that have been in this journey from its inception.

My daughter is a senior this year and may or may not see the benefits of this project, but she, like all of her teammates, have endured through the inequities and stood up to address this issue for the future athletes in the program. Athletics is a crucial part of development in their young lives.

Athletics plays an important role in the forming of young minds by way of improved fitness, better academics, learning the 3 P's (patience, persistence, and practice), teamwork and cooperation, leadership skills, time management, and maybe most important these days, social skills/relationships beyond a computer screen. I mention these things only to emphasize the importance of this project. The program that Coach Holte has developed, is building into a very strong one that focuses on building these character traits in the young ladies, and in turn a winning program. There have been many challenges in trying to build a successful program though when you are constantly scrambling for adequate practice space.

The softball and baseball programs have been trying to share a facility that is barely adequate in size and storage for one program, let alone two. Both programs have been successful and seen numbers grow. With that, sharing and compromises have been made by both teams. I would argue that it was to the detriment of both teams, since neither team was able to get adequate practice time, especially in season. This project may seem like a sizable investment, but it is an investment in the future success of generations of student athletes to come.

In conclusion, I am encouraging you to support this project for the success of all student athletes in sports at Thurston High School. It is an investment in the future of the community and the future generations of student athletes.

Respectfully,  
Cory Tuntland  
Thurston High School Softball Boosters

## Board meeting 01/11/2021

Mon 1/11/2021 10:59 AM

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

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Questions about upgrades to softball facility at Thurston High School. We are very excited and thankful to see this happening. I was wondering what is going to be done for the safety of the girls and coaching staff? Will there be lights on the outside of the building since it is in the back of the school and is unfortunately used as a hangout or is vandalized? Will there be a safe place for players and coaches to park? There has been incidents where the resource officer had to be called to remove a man for causing issues. As a parent I would like to know the district is doing everything in their power to keep these kids safe. Also, will there be locks on all buildings to again protect against vandalism? The water fountain has been damaged, Bucks locks broken, and dugout gates destroyed. Again I am very grateful for the building that the girls will have for many years and just so happy that it's another piece of the puzzle to building an amazing program.

Thank you  
Kelly Stewart

Sent from my iPhone

## Public comment for 1/12/2021 business meeting

COLLEEN HUNTER

Mon 1/11/2021 11:29 AM

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

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Members of the Board and Superintendent Hamilton,

As a retired Springfield teacher, resident of Springfield and advocate for students and families, I would like to join previous community members in requesting public comments be allowed via Zoom in real time. It is extremely important that members of the Springfield community have the ability to not only voice their questions and concerns but also to see and hear others as was done when the meetings were held in person. This change to the virtual meetings would give families and all community members the opportunity to more actively participate in the democratic process and operations of the Springfield School District and its Board.

Transparency and the ability of others to voice concerns and questions and witness those of others is especially important at the present time as we are all trying to navigate the pandemic and its effect on the students, staff and families of all communities.

I gratefully acknowledge and value the time and effort expended in your work on behalf of the students, staff and families of Springfield Public Schools.

Respectfully,

Colleen Hunter

Member of CAPE

(Community Alliance for Public Education)

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. December 14, 2020 Board Work Session Minutes
2. December 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Financial Statement
4. Personnel Action, Resolution #20-21.021

**MOTION:** Ms. Barrager moved, Vice Chair Raven seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 4:0.

### B. Approve Thurston High School Softball Facility General Contractor, Resolution #20-21.022

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce and on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN). Thirteen (13) potential general contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid Zoom conference on December 17, 2020. Five (5) responses were received to the ITB.

Generally, the project consists of the general construction of a new Softball Practice Facility for Thurston High School. The project includes all site / utility work for a 4,872 s.f. light wood framed building with a standing seam metal roof. The building interior includes a large practice area, team locker room, coach's office, concession area and supporting restrooms. The owner will furnish all cabinets and restroom partitions for the contractor to install. The district will provide and install the artificial turf inside the building. Work on this project will begin immediately and is to be under a single standard general construction contract.

The original solicitation documents and specifications were developed by Rodd Hansen Architect, in cooperation with District staff. Board member Naomi Raven reviewed the procurement files. Funding for this project will be provided through identified District resources.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors approve the award of the Thurston High School Softball Facility Construction Project to Bridgeway Construction of Lowell, Oregon for the Base Bid amount of \$764,720.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Raven moved, Ms. Barrager seconded the motion to approve the award of the Thurston High School Softball Facility Construction Project to Bridgeway Construction of Lowell, Oregon for the Base Bid amount of \$764,720.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the award of the Thurston High School Softball Facility Construction Project to Bridgeway Construction of Lowell, Oregon for the Base Bid amount of \$764,720: Ms. Raven – aye, Ms. Barrager – aye, Mr. Mann – aye and Mr. Bessett – aye.

Motion passed, 4:0.

## 6. Discussion

### A. 2021-2023 Lane ESD Local Service Plan

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Superintendent Tony Scurto from Lane ESD joined Superintendent Hamilton for a discussion about the details for the 2021-2023 Lane ESD Local Service Plan. The Local Service Plan services are intended to:

- Improve student learning
- Enhance the quality of instruction provided to students
- Assure equitable access to resources
- Maximize operational and fiscal efficiencies

The Lane ESD 2021-23 Local Service Plan – Year One would include services for:

- Students with Special Needs
- Instruction, Equity and Partnerships (School Improvement)
- Technology
- Administrative and Support
- Custom Services

The Lane ESD 2021-23 Local Service Plan provides a two-year framework which must be approved annually by Lane ESD and component district boards no later than March 1.

The Board asked:

- What the discussion was like for COVID-19 support around special education and if it would be brought up at the legislature.
  - Mr. Scurto replied that there were some areas in the County doing in-person for special education.
    - They were learning through those situations.
    - It was hard to connect with those students.
    - Lane ESD was committed to keeping those students as engaged as possible.

## **7. Reports and Information**

### **A. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Hamilton shared:

- Information on the Governor's letter:
  - Highlighted the work that had been done.
  - Acknowledged the challenges that students and teachers were facing.
  - Talked about how the Governor wanted kids back in classrooms.
    - Partner with OHA to provide on-site COVID-19 testing at schools.
  - Redefine the metrics and have them be advisory instead of mandatory.
    - Recommendations given on January 1, 2021.
    - Update to metrics for returning to in-person instruction on January 19, 2021
  - HB 4402 which gave schools liability coverage against COVID-19 related incidents.
    - Had to be in line with State guidelines when classes resumed in person instruction.
  - Educators and school staff would be vaccinated in the next group.

### **B. Board Communication**

Lisa Barrager shared that she was excited for District events to start back up once students returned to in person instruction.

Vice Chair Naomi Raven agreed with Ms. Barrager. She let the community know that they were engaged and realized the burden that many students were under. Vice Chair Raven was looking forward to the book study they would do.

Todd Mann shared that the public comment submissions had gone back to normal. At the beginning of the pandemic the community had a lot to share that was very emotional. He was glad that so many people

cared and kept the Board updated on how they felt. Mr. Mann shared that the Library Foundation would have their Books and Brew event on January 26 through 29. It would all be virtual.

Board Chair Zach Bessett agreed with what Mr. Mann said about public comment. He hoped that at this time the community understood they were trying to do what was best for the students. Chair Bessett thanked his fellow Board members for all their work over a tough year.

Ms. Barrager missed hearing from school student representatives and hoped they could find a way to include them in the virtual meetings.

#### **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Bessett said that there was no other business.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021 beginning at 5:00pm. The location and format will be determined at a later time.

#### **10. The Board moved into Executive Session (non-public) pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Members returned from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)*