

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 28, 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 7:03p.m.

Attendance

Board Members attending the Zoom webinar included Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Naomi Raven, Lisa Barrager, Dr. Emilio Hernandez and Todd Mann.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Judy Bowden, Colin Johnston, Payton Cox, Colleen Hunter, Jonathan Gault, Whitney McKinley, Jenny Potter, Jonathan Light, Dustin Reese, Kellie, Jen McCulley, Kim Donaghe, Amber Mitchell, Charlie Jett, Kelly Mason, Carla Smith, Jeff Michna, Joan Bolls and Jayson Hayden, minutes recorder.

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 – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Submitted Electronically Only

Chair Bessett explained that members of the public were asked to share electronically 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: Stephanie Timmons, Colin Johnston, Payton Cox and Jennifer Potter. The public comment was also posted online by 4:00pm on the day of the Board meeting to enable the community to read the thoughts that had been shared with the Board prior to this meeting. Please see below for the text of the written public comments.

Public Comments

Stephanie Timmons <timmonsteph@gmail.com>

Thu 6/24/2021 8:17 AM

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

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I attended the meeting a little while back and it mentioned the Public Comment section and there would be posts of opinion on what people want for our schools. Now I've looked for this the last week and realize its hidden and/or taken down. Can someone please provide me the link for this? If not I'd like to know why the Public Comment section has been removed. It is unacceptable to do this. Shadowbanning and hiding the public opinion to produce your own opinion is not what is best for our children. I also dont agree that sharing this information of public opinion should cause an amazing teacher to be removed from their position because your agenda doesn't mesh. Is this really where we are? Parents are unable to share their thoughts of what goes on with our children? If they do its hidden and removed so other concerned individuals cannot see it? Like are you kidding me?

Public Comment Business Meeting - June 28, 2021.

Colin G Johnston <colin.johnston@utexas.edu>

Sun 6/27/2021 6:35 PM

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

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Dear School Board,

After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, I felt compelled to write to ensure an understanding of Critical Race Theory in Education. Critical Race Theory in education is defined in the following terms by Prof. Gloria Ladson-Billings (1998) as an attempt to:

1. Name and discuss the pervasive, daily reality of racism in US society which serves to disadvantage people of color.
2. Expose and deconstruct seemingly 'colorblind' or 'race neutral' policies and practices which entrench the disparate treatment of people of non-White persons.
3. Legitimize and promote the voices and narrative of people of color as sources of critique of the dominant social order which purposely devalues them.
4. Revisit civil rights law and liberalism to address their inability to dismantle and expunge discriminatory socio-political relationships.
5. Change and improve challenges to race neutral and multicultural movements in education which have made White student behaviour the norm

I'd appreciate it the board could acknowledge this is what CRT is, and not the narrative being pushed by white supremacists in the district. Far from removing CRT, the board must ensure equality and justice for ALL of our students by ensuring they understand the historical context of the USA, and how that context continues to play out in our society, both local and national.

Regards,

Colin Johnston

Master of Education (Urban Teaching)
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
Licensed Social Studies and ESL Teacher

Citation:

Ladson-Billings, G. (1998). Just what is critical race theory and what's it doing in a nice field like education? *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, 11(1), 7-24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/095183998236863>


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Payton Cox <payton.cox@sps19.org>

Sun 6/27/2021 11:42 PM

To: Zachary Bessett <zachary.bessett@springfield.k12.or.us>; Naomi Raven <naomi.raven@springfield.k12.or.us>; Lisa Barrager <lisa.barrager@springfield.k12.or.us>; Emilio Hernandez <emilio.hernandez@springfield.k12.or.us>; Todd Mann <todd.mann@springfield.k12.or.us>; public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

Cc: Todd Hamilton <todd.hamilton@springfield.k12.or.us>;

 1 attachment

SPS Letter 2 (1).pdf;

Hello,

Please find my letter for public comment for the June 28, 2021 board meeting attached.

Sincerely,
Payton Cox

June 28, 2021

Springfield School Board

Springfield Public Schools

640 A St.

Springfield, OR 97477

Springfield School District Board Members:

I write to the board again in hopes of making it clear that I will not fall out on pressing this issue. The handful of responses that I received truly made me feel as if I was getting headway in this situation, so for that, I say thank you. I would also like to say thank you to the board members whose terms are ending this month, the dedication that you have to serve students is inspiring.

Once again I want it to be made clear that I understand the place where Springfield Public Schools is coming from. You cannot make drastic changes without approval from ODE. I am fully aware of this. However, I am here because I want to raise attention to this issue that is holding students back, in hopes that this school district will in fact bring this to ODE to show them that Springfield students--and students from other districts--are suffering because of this policy.

"Your condition is not your conclusion." I heard this from a motivational speech spoken by Jeremy Anderson. He grew up in a not-so-perfect world, repeated the seventh grade twice. When he was in eighth grade, a teacher told his mom that he wasn't high school material. This

made him lose faith in himself, causing him to have to take his freshman year of high school three times. He finally made it to a third school when it was his third time taking freshman year, the teachers were welcoming and told him that he was valued. And you know what? He flourished. That is what is happening to students like me. We are told that we aren't good enough or "ready" to graduate early, when in fact we are. If we weren't "ready" then why do we have the credits to do it? Why are we willing to take up our free time to make up the one class we'd need for our senior year? Why do I feel like my condition will become my conclusion if I am forced to stay?

Every time that I think about high school all I can think about is how exhausted, worn out, and unhappy I am. Forcing me to stay does nothing to motivate me to return after college. I no longer plan to bring my future children and family to Springfield Schools, nor do I plan to stay in the area much longer after I have completed my high school career. I listen to those close to me when the topic of me graduating early is discussed, and all I hear is them losing faith in me. A student who has worked herself to what feels like death, in hopes to truly get somewhere in life. I watch these people who have been my cheerleaders since before I walked into kindergarten start to go silent. Can't you see? I'm losing people close to me.

I am to the point in my life where I can make decisions that will change my path forever. Although it may not be the ideal road to take, I do see obtaining my GED as a viable option at this point. I will look as nothing more than a dropout to the district. Doing this is something that I cannot be held back from doing, I will then be able to make notable gains towards my future without having to wait until 2023 to do so. My mom wants me to obtain my AAOT should you make me stay, however, I refuse. I cannot find it in myself to give this school district future glory because they only changed part of what I am vocalizing my student voice for. The glory that

schools such as Marshfield High School deserve because they stood behind their students from the beginning.

So I stand here with tears running down my face and ask you: why will success only be applauded when it is done your way? Why does my success in pushing myself academically not count? Aren't we taught to express our differences and speak for what we believe is right? I'm exhausted from feeling unvalued. My high school career will be completed in June 2022 and I will be a part of a college graduating class of 2026, it is up to you if I remain a Springfield student to get there.

Thank you for your time,

Payton Cox

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. June 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel Action, Resolution #20-21.046
3. 2021-2022 Nutrition Services Dairy, Resolution #20-21.047
4. 2021-2022 Nutrition Services Fresh Produce, Resolution #20-21.048
5. 2021-2022 Nutrition Services Bakery, Resolution #20-21.049
6. 2021-2022 Nutrition Services Applegate Supplies, Resolution #20-21.050
7. World Languages Adoption Delay, Resolution #20-21.051

MOTION: Ms. Raven moved, Chair Bessett 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 – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, and Mr. Bessett – yes.

B. 2020-2021 Budget Appropriation Transfers, Resolution #20-21.052

This resolution is necessary to properly record expenditures in the 2020-2021 budget appropriations within the levels as required by Oregon Budget Law. Oregon Budget Law requires that expenditures are recorded within the proper account, and that expenditures not exceed the total amount budgeted by function level (1000 – instruction, 2000 – support services, etc.). Additionally, a formal resolution by the school board is required to transfer budget appropriations between function levels. The net result is to transfer budgetary appropriations from an account that has a positive balance to accounts that have expenditures that are in excess of the original amounts in the budget. These transfers do not increase the budget in any one fund, or the district budget overall. This resolution recommends adjusting the Student Investment Act Fund where the expenditures are taking place.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for Springfield School District No. 19, hereby allocate budget appropriations and approve transfers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year within the funds and functions listed below:

Student Investment Act (Fund 251)

251-4000	Building Acquisition/Improvements	\$447,100
251-2000	Support Services	(\$447,100)

This adjustment is necessary to cover costs associated with the purchase of covered play structures at seven of the District's elementary schools. Because of the dollar amount of the structures, they should be charged to a 4000 function code.

MOTION: Ms. Barrager moved, Ms. Raven seconded the motion to allocate budget appropriations and approve transfers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year within the funds and functions as presented.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion.

Dr. Hernandez asked what the deficit would be and Mr. Yancey answered that there would be no deficit as this money was already budgeted and was simply being transferred to account for it properly.

Ms. Barrager asked if all elementary schools would have covered playground structures and Mr. Yancey answered yes including the rural school, except Mohawk School.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to allocate budget appropriations and approve transfers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year with in the funds and functions as presented: Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

C. Approve Board Policy, Resolution #20-21.053

From time to time, changes in laws or operating practice require changes or additions to board policies. In Addition, the district subscribes to a policy review service with Oregon School Boards Association and receives samples that are used to create policy for Springfield Public Schools.

These policies were presented for first reading and review at the June 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

Jenna McCulley recommended that the Board of Directors approve the following board policies:

- IIBGA Electronic Communications Systems
- CBA Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
- KL Public complaints

MOTION: Ms. Barrager moved, Dr. Hernandez seconded the motion to approve the board policies, IIBGA, CBA and KL as presented.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the board policies, IIBGA, CBA and KL as presented: Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

D. Approve 2021-2022 Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Depositories and Contract Review Board, Resolution #20-21.054

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) require a governing body to designate at the beginning of each fiscal year the individuals who will have authorization to act as the District officers, clerks, to designate the financial institutions the District uses for the investment of funds and to review the status of, and rules adopted, by the Local Public Contract Review Board.

The resolution designates the following: Budget Officer (ORS 294.331), Clerks of the District (ORS 332.515), Custodian(s) of Funds (ORS 328.441, 328.445), Public Contract Rules (ORS Chapter 279 and OAR Chapter 137), Grant Officer, and Depositories of Funds (ORS 328.441, 294.805 – 294.895).

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

MOTION: Ms. Raven moved, Mr. Mann seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2021-22 fiscal year: Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

E. Approve 2021-2022 Property and Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation Insurance, Resolution #20-21.055

Property & Casualty Insurance:

In preparation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Springfield Public Schools requested the District's agent of record request bids for property, casualty and liability insurance policies. The District has received a premium quotation for property, casualty and liability insurance coverage and the most economical quotation received is approximately 12.21% increase compared to premiums paid for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which is a total increase of approximately \$94,626. Overall, insurance market conditions are volatile based on several factors., Employment and boundary invasion claims continue to be a concern in the overall market, as well as large property claims from storms and natural disasters. The agent of record (Brown and Brown Northwest) recommends coverage under Special District Association of Oregon that meets or exceeds current levels of coverage.

Worker's Compensation Insurance:

Annually, the Springfield Public Schools reviews insurance and worker's compensation policies to ensure the most cost effective plans for the upcoming year. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year SAIF Corporation quoted \$358,130, which is approximately \$10,037 less than the current year. Coverage under this proposal is identical and consistent with current plans.

Be it Hereby Resolved, that the Springfield Public Schools Board of Directors renew property, casualty and liability insurance coverage, including earthquake and flood coverage under Special District Association of Oregon for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Be it Hereby Resolved, that the Springfield Public Schools Board of Directors renew worker's compensation insurance coverage under SAIF Corporation for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Ms. Barrager moved, Dr. Hernandez seconded the motion to renew property, casualty and liability insurance coverage, including earthquake and flood coverage under Special District Association of Oregon for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Additionally, it is recommended to renew worker's compensation insurance coverage under SAIF Corporation for the July 1, Page 4 of 6 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to renew property, casualty and liability insurance coverage, including earthquake and flood coverage under Special District Association of Oregon for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 and to renew worker's compensation insurance coverage under SAIF Corporation for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 : Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

**F. Approve 2021-2022 Designation of District Legal Counsel and Municipal Auditor,
Resolution # 20-21.056**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) require a governing body to designate at the beginning of each fiscal year the individuals who will have authorization to act as the District officers, clerks, to designate the financial institutions the District uses for the investment of funds and to review the status of, and rules adopted, by the Local Public Contract Review Board.

The resolution designates the following: Budget Officer (ORS 294.331), Clerks of the District (ORS 332.515), Custodian(s) of Funds (ORS 328.441, 328.445), Public Contract Rules (ORS Chapter 279 and OAR Chapter 137), Grant Officer, and Depositories of Funds (ORS 328.441, 294.805 – 294.895).

BUDGET OFFICER:

Be it resolved, that Brett Yancey is hereby designated to serve as Budget Officer of the Springfield Public Schools for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

DISTRICT CLERKS:

Be it Resolved, that law designates Todd Hamilton, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, as Clerk of said District for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Whereas, it is advisable for additional staff members to be designated as Deputy Clerk.

Be it Resolved, that Brett M. Yancey, Chief Operations Officer and Joan Bolls, Assistant Director of Finance be appointed as Deputy Clerks for the Springfield Public Schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Be it further Resolved, that adequate insurance coverage be obtained for the above-named Clerk and Deputy Clerk(s), in accordance with ORS 332.525.

Be it further Resolved, the Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer to have signature authority on all matters and issues related to conducting business of the School District. It is also recognized that the Superintendent shall have the authority to delegate levels of signature, outlining appropriate areas for designees (by content area).

GRANT OFFICER:

Whereas, grant funding may become available through Federal, State or other sources; and,

Whereas, certain available grant funds may be deemed beneficial toward improvement of the District's educational system;

Be it Resolved, that the Superintendent or the Chief Operations Officer be named as the Local Agency Representative(s) and shall hereby be authorized to execute and file application(s) for and on behalf of the District and otherwise act as the District's representative in all activities related to grants for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW:

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Directors will act as its own contract review board granted authority under ORS 279A.060, and also adopts the current Oregon Attorney General's Model Public Contracts Manual stipulated by ORS 279A, 279B, 279C, OAR 137 Divisions 46, 47, 48, and 49.

INVESTMENT DEPOSITORIES:

Whereas, Springfield Public Schools has statutory authority for investment of funds,

Be it Resolved, that the following depositories are hereby approved as official depositories of Springfield Public Schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Banner Bank, Bank of America, Umpqua Bank, Key Bank of Oregon, Columbia Bank, Northwest Community Credit Union, Citizens Bank, OnPoint Community Credit Union, US Bank, Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Oregon State Treasury Local Government Investment Pool, Wells Capital Management, D.A. Davidson & Company, Summit Bank, Washington Federal Bank, First Interstate Bank, Oregon Community Credit Union and Piper Jaffrey & Company.

Be it further Resolved, that the Clerk of the District or the Deputy Clerks, as Custodian of Funds, are authorized to establish accounts and to issue checks against such accounts bearing the original signature of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk(s) or the facsimile signature of the Clerks in accordance with ORS 328.411 and 328.445.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as presented for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

MOTION: Dr. Hernandez moved, Mr. Mann seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 designation of district legal counsel and municipal auditor.

Chair Bessett asked if there was any discussion.

Dr. Hernandez asked if these were all local agencies and Mr. Yancey answered that some were out of the area as it was hard to find local expertise.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. Chair Bessett asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as presented for the 2021-2022 fiscal year: Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on June 28, 2021

6. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:24p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Jayson Hayden)