

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on April 13, 2020. 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.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education virtual meeting to order at 7:01 p.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, Jen McCulley, Colleen Hunter, Charlie Clark, Anne Goff, Jeff Michna, Don Lamb, Hannah Beer, Joan Bolls, Dustin Reese, Tom Bakker, Joy Marshall, Jordyn Brown from the *Register-Guard*, Aliya Hall from the *Chronical* and Lydia Dysart minutes recorder. There were also two community members who attended using Zoom Phone, so their names were not available.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation

Board Chair Zach Bessett read the following proclamation in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020:

Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation May 4 – 8, 2020

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

WHEREAS, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

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 4 – 8, 2020 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 13th day of April 2020.

3. 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, no written comments were submitted for the board meeting.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. February 24, 2020 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
2. March 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Chair Bessett called for discussion; there was no discussion.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He 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.

Motion passed, 5:0.

B. Approve Student Investment Account Grant Application, Resolution #19-20.036

Funding from the Student Investment Account (SIA) provides an exciting opportunity to make strategic investments that will support and accelerate improved student outcomes. Through a comprehensive and collaborative process, SPS developed a plan that directly aligns the stated purposes of the SIA funds:

1. Meet students' mental or behavioral health needs, and
2. Increase academic achievement for students, including reducing academic disparities.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is using targeted universalism as a guiding framework. We developed a plan that can benefit all students while targeting investments for our historically underserved students. The plan, process and investments are outlined in our SIA Application.

ODE requires Board approval of the SIA Application.

Superintendent Hamilton recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Springfield Public Schools *Student Investment Account Grant Application* as presented to the board.

MOTION: Vice Chair Raven moved, Mr. Mann seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the Springfield Public Schools *Student Investment Account Grant Application* as presented.

Chair Bessett called for discussion.

Chair Bessett thanked the staff for all the work they had done on the SIA application, specifically with the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Vice Chair Raven added that she was impressed with how well written the document was. Specifically, she said that the research and data were well done and were easy to understand and showed the community's and district's priorities. Dr. Hernandez noted that the information was easy to explain to the community and other organizations. He said the staff did a good job making hard concepts easy to understand. Mr. Mann shared that the district had established an ambitious goal and he was sure that the proposed SIA application would help improve student education and achievement.

Dr. Hernandez asked what the next steps were. Mr. Collins explained that the next day they would submit the application to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The final deadline for submission was Wednesday, April 15, 2020. After submission, ODE would review the document and return it to the

district with feedback around performance indicators. The district would review the feedback and make changes as needed. Once all the changes had been completed, the district would need final approval from the board in June. Mr. Collins informed the board that Superintendent Hamilton would keep them updated throughout the remainder of the process. Superintendent Hamilton said that he appreciated all the support from the board during the many months of work to complete this process.

Superintendent Hamilton shared that there had been conversations on the state level about the economic impact going on as a result of COVID-19. He said that there might be school cut backs. He said that the SIA application was written and submitted with the assumption that it would be fully funded. Superintendent Hamilton added that they had written the SIA application with assumptions built-in so that if cuts needed to be made the district would be able to easily identify the areas for adjustment.

Dr. Hernandez inquired into where the money coming out of schools would go. Superintendent Hamilton replied that at the time they were unsure. He added that Governor Kate Brown might call a legislative special session at the end of May to figure that out. Mr. Yancey stated that they were in a good spot as a district to react to these changes. Mr. Collins added that their process was thorough and with the information they had, they believed that they could scale back successfully, if necessary.

Dr. Hernandez noted that everything was a lot harder with virtual meetings. He wondered if they were keeping staff and schools informed on what was going on. Superintendent Hamilton replied that that was something they were currently navigating, but that they were keeping staff, schools, and the community updated.

Mr. Collins wanted to take a moment to recognize Superintendent Hamilton's guidance, the hard work of the leadership team, principals, teachers and the passion and direction from the community. He also thanked Dr. Keith Hollenbeck, a former district employee who helped craft the final application.

Chair Bessett called for a roll call vote. He asked each board member to indicate if they supported the motion to approve the *Student Investment Account Grant Application* as presented: Ms. Raven – yes, Ms. Barrager – yes, Dr. Hernandez – yes, Mr. Mann – yes and Mr. Bessett – yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

5. NEXT MEETINGS

April 27, 2020 Work Session, Cancelled

May 11, 2020 7:00 p.m., Business Meeting

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)