

**Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, New Jersey 08041
Reorganization Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

Call to Order: The **Reorganization Meeting** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Moskal at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in the library.

Public Notice:

As per the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, notice of the Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Springfield Township Board of Education to be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 7:15 p.m., in the school library, 2146 Jacksonville Road, Jobstown, New Jersey.

Sent to: Burlington County Times
Board of Education Members
Springfield Township Clerk

Posted: Springfield Township School
Board of Education Office
Springfield Twp Municipal Building, Jobstown, NJ

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board Secretary led the Board and the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment of Temporary Meeting Chair

Resolved, that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Christina Moskal, Board Secretary, as temporary Chair to conduct the Annual School Election.

Motion: Reinisch

Second: Ritterman

Approval: 8-0 (Giovanelli-Absent)

Roll Call of Members:

Joseph M. Bucs - present
Andrew B. Eaton - present
Gregory Madia - present
Michael Ritterman - present
James Specca - present

Christopher Corbo – departed 7:59 p.m.
Lisa Giovanelli - absent
David Reinisch - present
Dennis Schmieder - present

Others Present:

Edith Conroy, Christina Moskal

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The public shall be reminded that they should attempt to resolve the problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff. Such matters should only be brought to the Board of Education after all avenues within the administrative chain of command have been exhausted. In addition, items regarding personnel should follow the chain of command and any comments could hold the resident and the Board of Education liable.

Public Comment #1:

At times, it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little, if any, comment and, in many cases, a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter and is satisfied that it is ready to be presented to the Board of Education. The matter may have been previously referred to a Board committee for further consideration. When all are satisfied that it is ready for Board action, the agenda is delivered to Board members five days prior to their meeting. Board members preview the agenda items and discuss questionable items with the Superintendent or Business Administrator so that when they attend the meeting, there is usually no further need to question the issue. Only then is it voted upon as an action item at a public meeting.

Annual School Election

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, the Springfield Township Board of Education held its Annual School Election. The results were as follows:

Local BOE-Springfield	Voters	Percentage
Joseph M. Bucs	613	27.95%
Dennis Schmieder	570	25.99%
Gregory Madia	575	26.22%
Wayne Smith	426	19.43%
Personal Choice	9	0.41%
Total	2,193	100.00%
Andrew B. Eaton	504	64.95%
Pamela Crete-Sutton	267	34.41%
Personal Choice	5	0.64%
Total	776	100.00%

A motion is requested to approve the Annual School Election results as read by the Board Secretary, record of such to be placed in the official minutes.

Motion: Ritterman

Second: Corbo

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Approval: 8-0 (Giovannelli-Absent)

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Oath of Office

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members.

Election of School Board President

The Board Secretary entertained nominations for School Board President. A Roll Call Vote was conducted to determine Board President.

Nomination #1: Mr. David Reinisch

Motion: Bucs

Second: Ritterman

Roll Call Vote for Nomination 1: All Yes

Ms. Moskal declared Mr. Reinisch as the newly elected Board of Education President.

Election of School Board Vice President

The Board Secretary entertained nominations for School Board Vice President. A Roll Call Vote was conducted to determine Board Vice President.

Nomination #1: Mr. Dennis Schmieder

Motion: Specca

Second: Corbo

Nomination #2: Mr. Ritterman

Motion: Corbo

Second: Madia

**Roll Call Vote for Nomination 1: Yes- Reinisch/Schmieder/Specca;
No- Madia/Ritterman/Bucs/Corbo/Eaton;
Absent- Giovanelli
Vote Failed**

**Roll Call Vote for Nomination 2: Yes – Madia/Ritterman/Bucs/Corbo/Eaton/
Reinisch; No- Schmieder/Specca; Absent-
Giovanelli**

Ms. Moskal declared Mr. Ritterman as the newly elected Board of Education Vice President.

Ms. Moskal turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board of Education President.

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Appointment of Board Representatives

NJSBA Representative: **Gregory Madia**

NJSBA Alternate Representative: **Michael Ritterman**

BCSBA Representative: **Dennis Schmieder**

BCSBA Alternate Representative: **James Specca**

Home and School Representative: **Michael Ritterman**

Home and School Alternate Representative: **Andrew Eaton**

Motion: Specca

Second: Corbo

Approval: 8-0 (Giovanelli-Absent)

2013-2014 Board of Education Committee Structure

A motion is requested to approve the Board of Education committee structure for the 2013-2014 school year:

Policy Committee

Finance/Facilities/Transportation Committee

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Personnel/Negotiations Committee

Motion: Specca

Second: Schmieder

Approval: 8-0 (Giovanelli-Absent)

2014 Board Meeting Dates

Set dates for Regular Meetings as follows:

The established dates are the third week of each month unless otherwise designated. Board Meetings are held in the Springfield Township Library Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. following a work session at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Tuesday, March 4, 2014; Adoption of Tentative Budget

Tuesday, March 25, 2014; Budget Hearing

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.; Reorganization Meeting

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Motion: Specca

Second: Ritterman

Approval: 8-0 (Giovanelli-Absent)

2013-2014 Policy and Procedures

A motion is requested to readopt existing Board of Education Policy and Procedures as per current manual.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Madia

Approval: 7-0 (Giovanelli/Corbo-Absent)

2013-2014 Parliamentary Procedures

A motion is requested to approve Robert's Rules of Order as the guideline for Board of Education Parliamentary Procedures.

Motion: Bucs

Second: Ritterman

Approval: 7-0 (Giovanelli/Corbo-Absent)

2013-2014 Code of Ethics

A motion is requested to adopt New Jersey School Board Association's Code of Ethics for New Jersey School Board Members.

Motion: Schmieder

Second: Madia

Approval: 7-0 (Giovanelli/Corbo-Absent)

Public Comment #2:

- (1) Mr. Peter Sobotka welcomed the new BOE Members. He stated that he is glad that the meeting time is moved to 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sobotka also said that he believes that the public is a customer of the Board and wants to see the children "wow-ed." He wished the new Board Members good luck, but warned them that it is difficult to control or change issues because of State mandates.
- (2) Mr. Tom Pantano congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Board Members. Mr. Pantano also congratulated Mr. Reinisch and Mr. Ritterman on their respective President and Vice President positions.
- (3) Mr. Peter Sobotka inquired as to who has the responsibility to ensure that an ethics violation does not occur.

Motion to Adjourn: _____

Time: 8:06 p.m.

Motion: Madia

Second: Ritterman

Approval: 7-0 (Giovanelli/Corbo-Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Moskal
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary