

Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Agenda – Work Session - 045

CALL TO ORDER

TIME:

7:02 P.M.

A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Springfield Elementary School **Media Center**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon." Pursuant to the provisions of this act, the Springfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof sent to: The Burlington County Times, Springfield Township Clerk, Board of Education members, and posted in the Springfield Township Board of Education Office and Springfield Township Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Joseph Bucs	X			1
2	Kristen Lippincott, Vice President	X			2
3	Andrew Eaton	X			3
4	Gregory Madia			X	4
5	Michael Ramalho		7:21		5
6	Gary Walker	X			6
7	Jennifer Webb	X			7
8	Eric Eaton	X			8
9	Wade Hale, President	X			9

Others present:

[X] Craig Vaughn, Chief School Administrator
[X] Casey DeJoseph, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
[] Shawn Dennis, Educational Facilities Manager
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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

None.

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PUBLIC COMMENT #1 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

Before a matter is placed on the agenda, Administration has thoroughly reviewed it. Board Members preview the agenda items five days prior to the meeting and discuss questionable items with the Superintendent.

The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration and/or Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the Administration separately.

Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one topic. Public Comment #1 is reserved for agenda specific comments or statements and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Public Comment #2 is for general comments or statements.

Mr. Wayne Smith provided the board with a handout titled “Contacts” and he discussed free curriculum through the Dough Main Financial Literacy Foundation; Mr. Smith spoke about Labster, a Scandinavian company that provides interactive virtual science labs and microscopy; Jacie Maslyk, 3D Printers, Goggle procurement, Stockton Marine Field Station, and the Liberty Science Center. He also spoke about the ECO Complex and suggested talking to them about what kids need, he believes this should be investigated. Mr. Smith also mentioned the NJ Drone Academy which is in middle and high schools now. Mr. Smith mentioned Maplewoodshop.com and Mike Schoff, and suggested the idea of bringing woodshop back. He also stated that he was excited about the cardboard amusement park.

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, February 20, 2018 AGENDA

*The Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed each item on the **February 20, 2018** Regular Public Meeting with the Board.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Ramalho asked about the parking lot and Mr. Hale responded that it was under consideration of the Budget Finance Committee. Mr. Bucs asked for an update on the Archery Program and Mr. Vaughn replied that the training was completed and there are three certified teachers. We have the certificate to borrow equipment and can borrow or go in on the purchase of equipment with Delanco. Mr. Vaughn would like to have the Archery Program be part of the summer camp. Mr. Bucs stated that he would like to see the program integrated with curriculum.

NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Bucs stated that he attended the Techspo Conference and spoke with a vendor about retention, he provided the administration with the vendor's contact information.

Mr. Vaughn stated there would be a Linkit Conference in March and he, Mrs. DeJoseph, and the new Curriculum Supervisor will be attending.

Mr. Bucs wanted to bring attention to returning to a committee structure and has concerns that not enough attention is being given to certain items. He wanted to float the idea about going back to the committee structure and reiterated that not enough time is spent on policy, which is the main responsibility of the board.

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Electronic delivery of curriculum was mentioned, this concept is not yet available for elementary schools, but perhaps will be in the future.
 Mr. Bucs provided an OPRA presentation that he was provided during the Techspo Conference.
 It was asked whether or not we are on track to do any wireless updates, Mr. Vaughn will review the tech budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

Mr. Wayne Smith spoke about the haunted house and asked how the school capitalized on the student's excitement about learning. He believes that teachers should help students with area of learning that garner excitement, "scaffolding". He spoke about BMX, creative girls' newspaper fashion show, and believes the newspaper fashion show can be amazing, he saw it done at Princeton. He suggested promoting girls that are nationally recognized, and expressed interest in promoting "Girls that Code," which will help close the gender gap in technology. Speaking of technology, Mr. Smith discussed the Creative Kids Picnic and the phone-athon as a matter of getting people together and helping garner schools connection to the community. He mentioned High Tech High, core work and getting support from parents. Mr. Smith suggested visiting Pittsburgh and the idea of an Exploratorium - a student group, and ask them what they can do, bring it home and get parents involved, suggested an Exploratorium Night for 8+ year olds. He would like to get the spirit of kids learning out to the community so they get excited about the school. He suggested a lunch and learn and noted that there are a number of fascinating ones out there. Mr. Smith attended one at Lenape and spoke with the BA, they saved money and took programs that were after school and moved to lunch and learn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TIME:

8:50 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Education, by the vote below indicated, at the **Work Session Meeting** held on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** in the **Media Center** at the Springfield School, 2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, New Jersey.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Joseph Bucs	X		X					1
2	Kristen Lippincott, Vice President			X					2
3	Andrew Eaton			X					3
4	Gregory Madia						X		4
5	Michael Ramalho		X	X					5
6	Gary Walker			X					6
7	Jennifer Webb			X					7
8	Eric Eaton			X					8
9	Wade Hale, President			X					9

Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting
 Not Voting due to Conflict. Quorum = 5

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Casey DeJoseph
Secretary to the Board

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