

Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Agenda – Work Session - 221

CALL TO ORDER

TIME:

7:01 P.M.

A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** 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	Andrew Eaton	X			1
2	Wade Hale	X			2
3	Kristen Lippincott			X	3
4	Gregory Madia	X			4
5	Michael Ramalho	X			5
6	James Specca	X			6
7	Gary G. Walker	X			7
8	Jennifer Webb	X			8
9	Joseph Bucs	X			9

Others present:

[X] Craig Vaughn, Chief School Administrator
[X] Casey DeJoseph, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
[] Shawn Dennis, Educational Facilities Manager
[] Asia Michael, Director of Curriculum

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 presented a “Holistic View” of education information he felt important to share with the Board. His presentation referred to an ESSA explanation, a discussion about Creator Space, his view on community/school “perfect together”, as well as information regarding “High Tech High”. He was enthusiastic to share information related to helping develop science education and was hopeful that the school would consider pursuing a veterinary program/partnership with Penn.

Mr. Eaton motioned to extend the Public Comment #1 section by ten minutes to allow Mr. Smith to continue sharing his ideas with the Board.

Mr. Ramahlo seconded the motion; all attending Board members voted “yes.”

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, September 19, 2017 AGENDA

*The Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed each item on the **September 19, 2017** Regular Public Meeting with the Board.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATTERS

There was discussion that we would attempt to have Mr. Jesse Adams from NJ School Boards attend the October 11, 2017 Work Session to present the Board with direction on developing Board Goals.

NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Vaughn noted that there would be a brief “Hi-Fivers” award ceremony and he would provide the Board with the QSAC Statement of Assurance.

There was discussion regarding general communication, negotiation updates, and tactics for community outreach. There was a motion to create an ad-hoc communications sub-committee which would examine Board external communication. The members of the newly created committee are as follows: Mr. Madia (Chair), Mrs. Webb, Mr. Specca, and Mr. Ramahlo.

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MOTION TO CREATE AD-HOC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

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

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 Not Voting due to Conflict. Quorum =5

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

Mr. Wayne Smith continued with his presentation and passed out science program information. He was excited to share Princeton University's upcoming science program event on October 28, 2017. He believes that the program would be a great way to make connections and further the school's interest in science. Additionally, the offerings would tie in nicely with the school's Creator Space program.

MOTION TO TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS

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3	Kristen Lippincott						X		3
4	Gregory Madia	X		X					4
5	Michael Ramalho			X					5
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MOTION TO RETURN FROM RECESS AND ENTER CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION	TIME:	8:42 P.M.
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #17/18-WS-221-052

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
PUBLIC LAW 1975, c.231**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq provides that a public body may hold a closed session under certain statutory exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act with a general description of the exceptions being as follows:

1. items forbidden by specific legal action
2. right to receive federal funds
3. invasion of individual privacy
4. collective bargaining negotiations
5. purchase/lease/acquisition of real property
6. items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety
7. investigation of violations of law
8. attorney-client privilege
9. terms and conditions of employment/personnel matters
10. penalty or loss of license to an individual

WHEREAS, the President of the Board of Education has determined that such a circumstance exists which warrants a closed executive session under **item #4** as above indicated and that the conducting of a closed executive session was duly authorized by the adoption of this Resolution. The subject to be discussed is as follows:

Collective Bargaining Agreement – SEHBP

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, that it meet in executive session closed to the public for the discussion of a matter which falls under a statutory exception to the New

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Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and that said closed session will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the closed executive session discussions will pertain to the above mentioned items and that the minutes of the closed executive session will be disclosed after the Board of Education takes formal action or after the reason for the discussions in closed session no longer exists.

Joseph M. Bucs, President

Casey DeJoseph
Business Administrator

***** **CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY** *****

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MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXEC SESSION & ADJOURN

TIME:

9:12 P.M.

***** **CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY** *****

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Casey DeJoseph
Secretary to the Board

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