

Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Agenda – Work Session - 220

CALL TO ORDER

TIME:

7:05 P.M.

A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, August 8, 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		7:16 PM		3
4	Gregory Madia	X			4
5	Michael Ramalho			X	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
[] Joe Knewasser, Interim Facilities Manager
[] Kim Hannigan, Interim Supervisor of Curriculum

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

None.

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 comments will only be permitted during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Each public comment period shall be limited to thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board members present. Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one topic.

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.

Mr. Bucs called for a motion to move Board Forum ahead of the preparation of the agenda tonight since there is a councilmember present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Madia. All present voted in favor of this change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Bucs provided an overview of the school's funding situation. He stated that if we had known what the state planned to do we could have and would have planned differently.

Mr. Hale specified that the district stands to lose \$831,000 over the next 7 years.

Assemblyman Peters stated that his district is losing over \$20 million this year. He stated they are working towards making the cuts more palatable, and stated that dealing with state funding reform is a priority.

Mr. Bucs stated he would like to be involved with discussions at the state level.

Assemblyman Peters said he would send email notifications with information related to schools and education so they can come and testify on their behalf.

Mr. Andrew Eaton said that he has heard rumors that the 2% tax cap was going to be eliminated.

Assemblyman Peters pointed out the disparity between the state being able to raise taxes by 8 or 9% but school and local taxes are capped at 2%.

Mr. Bucs said he has heard about forced school district consolidations.

Assemblyman Peters said he believes the plan is to start up north, Princeton has done so about five years ago and have proved successful.

Mr. Bucs shared his concern that regionalization at the K-6 level; Springfield only gets one seat at the table with Northern Burlington Regional.

Assemblyman Peters said that a forced consolidation in Springfield is not likely, as there would be a long drawn out fight.

NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

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NJSBA conference is October 22-25 in Atlantic City. Mr. Vaughn asked for board members to let Mrs. DeJoseph know before the next meeting if anyone is interested in attending so we can begin the registration process.

Mr. Bucs asked about the status of the teacher assignments. Mr. Vaughn responded that the information would be made available within the next two weeks.

Mr. Bucs said the email list was a good idea, and believes the prior Superintendent had an email list for updates that were sent out to the community, so that may be a place to start.

Mr. Bucs asked for a video/audio update. Mrs. DeJoseph stated that she reached out the three districts Mr. Bucs was interested in and was waiting to hear back for more information on their processes.

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, August 21, 2018 AGENDA

*The Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed each item on the **August 21, 2018** Regular Public Meeting with the Board.*

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

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TIME:

8:21 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, August 8, 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					1
2	Kristen Lippincott, Vice President			X					2
3	Andrew Eaton		X	X					3
4	Gregory Madia	X		X					4
5	Michael Ramalho						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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