

CALL TO ORDER	TIME	7:01 P.M.
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A **Special Meeting** of the Springfield Township Board of Education will be held on **Monday, July 30, 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 will lead 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		7:09		1
2	Kristen Lippincott, Vice President	X			2
3	Andrew Eaton	X			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, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary
[] Joe Knewasser, Interim Educational Facilities Manager
[] Kim Hannigan, Interim Supervisor of Curriculum

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 stated that the new setup conveys the wrong impression and made a recommendation for a different setup

FINANCE & BUDGET

A. ADOPT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PLAN

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #18/19-SM-211-001

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PLAN
IN RESPONSE TO REDUCTIONS IN STATE AID FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C.6A:23A-13.3**

WHEREAS, any district notified of a reduction in state aid must reduce its budgetary basis state aid revenue and receivable for **2018-2019**. Districts experiencing a reduction in state aid have the following options (described in greater detail below):

1. Use surplus to maintain budgeted appropriations;
2. Reduce appropriations for **2018-2019**; or
3. A combination of 1 and 2, above.

WHEREAS, each Board of Education or Board of Trustees must hold a public meeting to adopt a plan to address the state aid reduction no later than **August 1, 2018**; and

WHEREAS, all districts that received a reduction in state aid are required, by **August 7, 2018**, to submit the following to the county office:

- A narrative detailing the budget adjustment plan to be implemented in response to the state aid reduction;
- A worksheet detailing the line items and accounts impacted by the plan; and
- A copy of the board resolution adopting the plan.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received notification of a reduction in state aid the Board has chosen to reduce appropriations; and

WHEREAS, A "Transfer's Worksheet" has been completed and submitted electronically to the District's County Office by **August 1, 2018**; and a detailed narrative of the proposed budget adjustment plan along with a summary of line items and accounts impacted by the plan are listed below:

Detailed Narrative:

In response to the notification of a state aid reduction in the amount of \$77,884, the Springfield Township Board of Education's budget reduction plan will be implemented as detailed below:

- Reduce salary line by utilizing an Interim Supervisor of Curriculum for the entire school year
- Eliminate need for BCSSSD LDTC Services by restructuring schedules and fulfilling LDTC needs in house
- The following budget line items and accounts have been impacted by the plan:

Line Description	Account	FY19 Amount Original Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY19 Amount
CUR/INST SUPRV SAL	11-000-221-102	80,000	-24,384	55,616
CST BCSSSD PUR LDTC SRV	11-000-219-390	53,500	-53,500	0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Budget Adjustment Plan for the **2018-2019 School Year** be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-13.3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution along with an electronic copy of the Transfers Worksheet will be forwarded to the Office of the Burlington County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Vaughn stated that the school has had to adopt a plan in response to the reduction in state aid in the amount of \$77,884; the state has reverted back to the funding formula from 2008. He stated that the timing is bad, we received news of the reduction mid-July after the budget was passed in April. In our effort to keep these cuts away from the students we have adopted the proposed plan.

Mr. Bucs asked what the cuts would look like over the next few years. He said the committee agreed this was the best course of action but it was not my first recommendation. To be clear - we have spared job cuts this year but will need to make fundamental changes and difficult decisions over the next few years. This was the best recommendation at this point. We didn't expect the governor to take extra after we were already promised an amount.

Mr. Andrew Eaton said this was a difficult decision. This year is hard, next year will be harder. The Sustainability Committee will include community members to help shape ideas; we need involvement from everyone.

Mrs. Webb asked if there was a 60-day termination clause with ESU's contract; we want to make sure that kids have everything they need.

Mr. Hale reminded the public that the number they need to keep in mind is \$800k, 20% of our budget. 2% of our tax levy is \$68k, even if we took every exemption we cannot tax our way out of this. There have been talks of forced consolidations of schools and towns coming out of the legislation. We want our little school to survive,

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 **Special Meeting held on Monday, July 24, 2017** 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	X					2
3	Andrew Eaton			X					3
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Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting
Not Voting due to Conflict. Quorum = 5

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

Denise Buffa asked if renting rooms to generate income was an option.

Nick Delanos states that taking away \$800k over the next few years will cause the teachers, parents, and kids to all suffer. He asked what the course of action will be, will the school be here, and how drastic is it going to be?

Cathy Welsh asked what would happen if you asked for volunteers and for parents to volunteer their time?

Melina Walker asked if we have had discussions with other school districts that were also cut; Mr. Vaughn responded that there were 16 districts in Burlington County that were reduced and his home district, Lumberton plans to close a school.

Luke Shook asked if combining with other districts for shared services, ordering supplies, and sharing personnel would help; Mr. Vaughn responded we will have to share services.

Corrine Cervino asked as parents was there anything immediately they could do to help; start purchasing out own supplies? Mr. Hale responded to be present, we will need the community's input.

Wayne Smith asked what the process is for joining the committee, is there a selection process? Mr. Hale can you say there is no selection process? Mr. Hale responded that he is not on the committee but when there is more information it will be shared with everyone.

Tom Pantano commented on the agenda and stated that he believes the assumption that we are over funded is false. He stated that NJEA is crowing about funding and they should look at Chesterfield; he rejected the notion that we are overfunded. He asked that the board share information about how the sustainability committee will be formed.

Mr. Andrew Eaton responded that the idea of forming a Sustainability Committee was just suggested two weeks ago, we haven't had an opportunity to meet yet, we still have to set parameters and gather information. School finance is not as easy as it appears to unravel. Once we determine the mechanism to sign-up we will share the information.

Jason Palmer asked if members of the BOE steering committee and this new committee would be subject to sunshine laws and OPMA; Mr. Bucs responded no, it is a private committee.

Mayor McDaniel stated he would like to see a copy of the state funding formula on the district's website.

Mr. Ramalho stated that he is on the committee and he feels that community involvement and transparency are of the utmost importance.

Mr. Bucs commented on Mr. Palmer's question and stated that this is new territory for the BOE, we haven't operated with public as part of a committee before.

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Casey DeJoseph
Business Administrator
[Authorized Representative]

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