

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
2019-2020 – 127

BUDGET HEARING & WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President **EATON** called the meeting to order at **7:02PM**.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

President **EATON** read the below **Open Public Meeting Act** statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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

President **EATON** led he assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Flag displayed on computer screens)

ROLL CALL

President **EATON** requested that the roll call of those in attendance be taken by the Board Secretary and said roll call is below represented:

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Vice President	X			1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member		X ¹		2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member	X			3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member	X			4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Member	X			5
6	Mr. Ramalho, Board Member		X ¹		6
7	Mr. Roberson, Board Member	X			7

8	Mr. Walker, Board Member	X			8
9	Mr. Eaton, Board Member	X			9

	Staff In Attendance	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Vaughn, Superintendent	X			1
2	Mr. Benedetti, Interim SBO	X			2
3	Mrs. Hannigan, Interim Curr Dir			X	3
4	Mr. Knewasser, Ed Fac Manager			X	4

- Two (2) Board of Education members were late in arriving to the meeting but the exact time could not be noted due to the setting of the remote meeting.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET

Superintendent of Schools **VAUGHN** and Interim School Business Administrator **BENEDETTI** reviewed a Power Point presentation into the details of the **2020-2021 Budget Statement**. Once the presentation was completed the meeting was opened for comments and questions.

Once all comments were made and questions addressed President **EATON** declared the meeting closed..

BURDGET HEARINGT & PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)

Before a matter is placed on the agenda, the 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.

BUDGET HEARING

Questions were raised by the general public as well as several members of the School District staff. The general topics of discussion were the calculations used to determine weighted enrollment to which the reply noted that the exact formula was not attainable from the New Jersey Department of Education

Two (2) staff members made inquiry as to any raises that were given to non-aligned member of School District staff. Superintendent VAUGHN noted that an action was taken at the last public meeting and that the Springfield Township Education Association was duly informed prior to said action.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

A general discussion ensued thanking the School District staff, especially the teaching staff, for their continuing work under very difficult circumstances.

Seeing no further interest in addressing the Board of Education from the public, President **EATON** closed Public Comment #1.

BUDGET & FINANCE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20-21-BT-127-101

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
FY2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2001, C. 202**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 provides that a district's general fund tax levy shall not exceed the district's adjusted tax levy as calculated and that said budget shall be deemed approved once the submission is reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the **FY2020-2021** school budget on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020** at which time taxpayers and other interested persons had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has heard and considered any and all public comment regarding the approval of the **FY2020-2021** budget as presented; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy – 9120 PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM, the Board of Education believes all reasonable means should be employed to keep the community served by the school district informed on matters of importance regarding district programs, finances, personnel policies and operations. The Board will determine which of its official actions have sufficient community impact and interest to warrant special release; the Board alone will release to the news media information about those matters of importance. In conformance with the provisions of the subject Policy, the Board of Education shall release to the public information on the **FY2020-2021** School District Budget Statement; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the submitted **FY2020-2021** budget statement have not been made to the details of said submitted budget, therefore **STATEMENT A** is appropriate for designation. The total budget amounts do not change from submission.

State of New Jersey
Department of Education
Division of Finance

2020-2021 DISTRICT BUDGET
STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Springfield Township COUNTY: Burlington

After the hearing and adoption of the budget, the district will send this budget statement certification to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools. Sign the statement pertinent to your district.

[xxxxxxxxxx] **STATEMENT A**

I certify that the 2020-2021 budget approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools for advertising was adopted as approved after the public hearing.

Craig Vaughn
Chief School Administrator

Bruce M. Benedetti
Interim School Business Official

[] **STATEMENT B**

I certify that the 2020-2021 was revised either by reallocating resources to other line items or by revising the total amount after the approval for advertising by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools and adopted after the public hearing, and all changes are reflected on the attached School District Budget Statement as below summarized.

Revisions:

Craig Vaughn
Chief School Administrator

Bruce M. Benedetti
Interim School Business Official

I have reviewed the revised 2020-2021 budget adopted after the public hearing and have determined that the budget is approved.

Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools Date

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, that the 2020-2021 school budget shall be approved and that the local tax levy amount shall be three million three hundred three thousand three hundred and seventy three dollars (\$3,303,373); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

Category	Amount of Revenue
Fund 10 - Current	\$4,514,067

Fund 20 – Special Revenue	\$50,329
Fund 40 Debt Service	\$284,194
	\$4,848,590
Category	Amount of Appropriations
Fund 11 - Current	\$4,512,542
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	\$1,525
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	\$50,329
Fund 40 Debt Service	\$284,194
	\$4,848,590

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the following is a summary of conditions in the School District Budget Statement for the **FY 2020-2021**:

1. The **FY2020-2021** Local Tax Levy amount of three million three hundred and three thousand three hundred seventy three (\$3,303,373) is three hundred thirty one thousand four hundred sixty dollars (331,460) the Tax Levy Cap of three million six hundred thirty four thousand eight hundred thirty three (\$3,634,833).
2. The **FY2020-2021** Total Budgeted Adequacy Spending of three million eight hundred fifty one thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,851,115) is six hundred fifty three thousand five hundred eighty five (\$653,585) above the District Adequacy Budget of three million one hundred ninety seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$3,197,530).
3. The **FY2020-2021** Local Tax Levy of three million three hundred and three thousand three hundred seventy three (\$3,303,373) is one hundred five thousand eight hundred forty three dollars (\$105,843) above the Minimum Tax Levy of three million one hundred ninety seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$3,197,530).
4. The Total Administrative Costs Per Pupil in the **FY2020-2021** Annual School District Budget Statement is below or equal to the required limit.

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 **Budget Hearing Meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020** in remote.

Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
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1	Mr. Bucs, Board Vice President	X		X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member		X	X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Member			X					5
6	Mr. Ramalho, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					8
9	Mr. Eaton, Board President			X					9

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-BT-127-102

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING AN ACTION TO APPROVE
THE ADOPTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FY2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET
TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUPERINTENDENT
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.1**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.1; annually, on or before March 4, each district board of education shall adopt , and submit to the County Executive Superintendent for approval, together with such supporting documentation as prescribed by the Commissioner, a budget that provides for a thorough and efficient (T&E) education, and

WHEREAS, a motion was made and duly seconded at the Work Session Meeting held on March 10, 2020 to adopt and authorize the submission of the **FY 2020-2021** budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, that the action taken to adopt and submit the **FY 2020-2021** budget application to the County Executive Superintendent shall be memorialized.

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 **Budget Hearing Meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in remote.**

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8	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					8
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PREPARATION OF THE MAY 19, 2020 AGENDA

Superintendent of Schools **VAUGHN** and Interim Business Administrator **BENEDETTI** discussed the items scheduled for consideration on the **May 19, 2020** Regular Meeting agenda.

BOARD FORUM

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

President EATON opened Public Comment 2 under the same conditions as Public Hearing #1.

Various members of the public wanted to thank the School District for their work in the distribution of food products during the lockdown.

A member to the School District staff raised a question regarding a printout of the in lieu medical payments.

Finally, a member of the public urged the Board of Education to settle the pending collective bargaining agreement with the Springfield Township Education Association

Seeing no further interest in addressing the Board of Education from the public, President **EATON** closed Public Comment #2

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further action pending before the Board of Education, President **EATON** called for a motion to adjourn.

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 **Budget Hearing Meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020** in remote.

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3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member	X		X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
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Andrew EATON
President Board of Education

ATTEST:

Bruce M. Benedetti
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

{OFFICIAL SEAL}
Minutes completed by Bruce M. Benedetti, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary