

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
2019-2020 - 063

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ROOM 14

CALL TO ORDER

President **EATON** called the meeting to order at **7:00PM**.

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** lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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			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			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, Board Secretary/SBO	X			2
3	Mrs. Hannigan, Interim Curr Dir		X		3
4	Mr. Knewasser, Ed Fac Manager		X		4

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

None

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

Prior to opening the session for public comment on posted resolutions, President **EATON** read the below statement into the public record:

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.

There were no public comments.

PREPARATION OF MARCH 17, 2020 AGENDA

The Superintendent of Schools and the Interim School Business Official discussed the items placed on the agenda for the **March 17, 2020** agenda.

BOARD FORUM

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Superintendent of Schools led a discussion of the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was had on the topic of Board of Education goals.

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

President **EATON**, having read the appropriate statement, opened public comment #2. There were no public statements or questions.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #19/20-RM-063-101

**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 executive 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 negotiation
5. Purchase/lease/acquisition of real property
6. Items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety
7. Investigations 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 #9** 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:

Terms and Conditions of Employment/Personnel Matters

NOW THEREFOR, BEIT 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 Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and that said session will be held on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**; and

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

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, March 4, 2020** in Room 14 – Board of Education Meeting Room at the Springfield School, 2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, New Jersey

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
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4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
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6	Mr. Ramalho, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Walker, Board Member		X	X					8
9	Mr. Eaton, Board Member			X					9

ADJOURNMENT

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