

Spring Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Minutes – Session 036

CALL TO ORDER	TIME:	7:00 P.M.
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A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was held on **Wednesday, February 5, 2020** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Springfield Elementary School **Room 14**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"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

Mr. Eaton, Board President, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Joseph Bucs, Vice President	X			1
2	Mrs. Ashleigh Murtaugh-Frey			X	2
3	Mr. Tom Pantano	X			3
4	Mr. Rodney Roberson	X			4
5	Mrs. Kristen Lippincott	X			5
6	Mr. Gary Walker	X			6
7	Mr. Michael Ramalho	X			7
8	Mr. Wade Hale	X			8
9	Mr. Andrew Eaton, President	X			9

Others present:

- Craig Vaughn, Chief School Administrator
- David Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

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Mr. McNally from the auditing firm of HFA presented the results of the June 30, 2019 CAFR and Audit.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AGENDA

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Mr. Gorski reviewed the agenda for the February 19, 2020 regular meeting and answered any board questions that were raised.

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BOARD FORUM – UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATERS

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- Mr. Bucs requested an update on the approval for use of Emergency Reserve funds in the 19/20 budget. Mr. Gorski responded that the approval is still pending with the county, but we should know within the next week or two.
- Mr. Pantano requested an update regarding the RFP for Board Solicitor. Mr. Gorski noted that the RFP has been released and responses will be opened on the 19th of February.

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BOARD FORUM – NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

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A. Joint OPRA – School Funding Reform Act of 2008

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- Mr. Pantano voiced some of his concerns regarding the proposed resolution in its current form. Discussion ensued surrounding proposed language changes. Mr. Pantano expressed that it would be helpful for the board to know what changes are going to be made in the upcoming second OPRA request to the State from the supporting group. Mr. Bucs agreed with Mr. Pantano and suggested that Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Pantano meet with the group to voice concerns over the resolution in its current form.

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- Further questions and comments were made by Mrs. Lippincott, Mr. Walker, Mr. Ramalho and Mr. Roberson.

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B. NJSBA Delegate Assembly

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- Mr. Bucs discussed the proposition of a resolution to the NJSBA Delegate Assembly surrounding A333. This resolution would ask for the NJSBA support to begin the process in changing current law surrounding the replacement of vacant board position seats at regional school districts within the state of New Jersey. The law currently allows the remaining board members of the Board of Education of the Regional School District to select the individual to fill the seat of a vacant board member. Mr. Bucs noted that with NJSBA support the law could potentially be changed to allow for the sitting board of the representative school district to select the Board Member that would fill the vacant seat on the Regional School Board of Education. Mr. Bucs and the rest of the board of education agreed that this would allow for a more proper representation of the constituents of the district.

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C. Grant-Writing

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- The board discussed the possibility of contracting with a grant writer to pursue any and every available grants for the district. The board agreed this would be a good idea. Mr. Eaton delegated the Curriculum and Technology committee to further research this possibility.

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

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MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION	TIME:	8:17 P.M.
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Mr. Hale made the motion to enter executive session. Mr. Bucs seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

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MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION	TIME:	9:44 P.M.
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Mrs. Lippincott made the motion to return to public session. Mr. Ramalho seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN	TIME:	9:44 P.M.
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Mr. Hale made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Pantano seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

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CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

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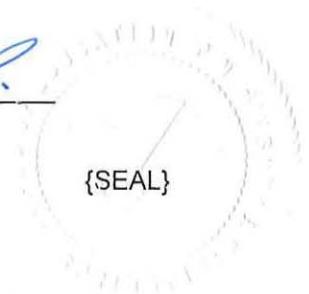
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Secretary to the Board

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