

Spring Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Minutes – Session 317

CALL TO ORDER

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Springfield Elementary School **Room 14.**

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

Mrs. Lippincott, 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	X			1
2	Mr. Gregory Madia	X			2
3	Mrs. Ashleigh Murtaugh-Frey	X			3
4	Mr. Tom Pantano	X			4
5	Mr. Wade Hale	X			5
6	Mr. Gary Walker	X			6
7	Mr. Michael Ramalho	X			7
8	Mr. Andrew Eaton, Vice President	X			8
9	Mrs. Kristen Lippincott, President	X			9

Others present:

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

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

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Swearing in of Board of Education Appointee – Mr. Pantano.

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.

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.

1. **Joe Bucs** – Welcome Mr. Pantano to the board.

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AGENDA

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Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Gorski reviewed their respective sections of the agenda for the November 19, 2019 regular meeting and answered any board questions that were raised.

Mr. Bucs suggested a presentation of financial material as a part of board meetings. Mr. Bucs suggested doing so going forward, beginning in January.

During the Finance Section, Mr. Bucs asked how the district accounts for the splitting of costs with other districts. Mr. Gorski explained how this is handled within the accounting software.

BOARD FORUM – UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATERS

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Mr. Madia asked when Student Council Elections were being held – Mr. Vaughn answered.

Mr. Bucs asked about the progress on the Long Range Facilities Plan. Mr. Vaughn answered as to its progress and noted that he has been in constant contact with the engineers. Mr. Bucs also asked if the facilities “Wish List” could be detailed within the report or discussed separately with the engineers.

Mr. Bucs also asked about Out-of-District Students, specifically in terms of how residency verifications are performed. Mr. Vaughn responded that verifications are performed on all incoming new students. Mr. Vaughn then elaborated on the verification process.

Mr. Eaton noted that at \$22,000 per student, residency verification is meaningful to look into.

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BOARD FORUM – NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Bucs requested that the minutes that are uploaded to the website for district record are searchable.

Mr. Bucs would like for Mr. Pantano to fill the vacated committee positions of Mr. Angello.

Mr. Bucs brought up the grading system and noted that it is not comparable to what the middle or high school use. Mr. Vaughn noted that we use a comparable system to other elementary schools in the area. Mr. Bucs wants to bring up the discussion of the system and if there is a gap when going from 6th grade in Springfield Elementary to middle and high schools.

Mr. Bucs requested that we look into an RFP for Board Solicitor.

Mr. Eaton discussed curriculum. He noted that it is the duty of the Board of Education to approve curriculum. Mr. Eaton mentioned that there has not been a recent presentation prior to approval of curriculum and mentioned that it would be helpful to get a presentation like in past administrations.

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

None.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION	TIME:	7:58 P.M.
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Mr. Madia made the motion to enter executive session. Mr. Bucs seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION	TIME:	8:34 P.M.
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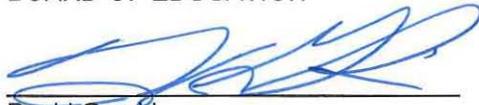
Mr. Hale made the motion to return to public session. Mr. Ramalho seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	TIME:	8:34 P.M.
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Mr. Hale made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramalho seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

***** **CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY** *****

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BOARD OF EDUCATION



David Gorski
Secretary to the Board

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