

Spring Township Board of Education
 Jobstown, NJ 08041
 Wednesday, September 11, 2019
 Minutes – Session 254

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, September 11, 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.

MOTION FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Bucs made motion to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Madia. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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. Jason Angello	X			4
5	Mr. Wade Hale	X			5
6	Mr. Gary Walker		X – 7:05		6
7	Mr. Michael Ramalho		X – 7:05		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

32 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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34 **RESOLUTION #19/20-RM-254-101**

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36 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF**
37 **EDUCATION TO MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**
38 **PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS**
39 **ACT PUBLIC LAW 1975, c.231**
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41 **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq provides that a public body may hold a closed session under certain
42 statutory exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act with a general description of exceptions
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- 45 1. Items forbidden by specific legal action
- 46 2. Right to receive federal funds
- 47 3. Invasion of individual privacy
- 48 4. Collective bargaining negotiations
- 49 5. Purchase/lease/acquisition of real property
- 50 6. Items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety
- 51 7. Investigation of violations of law
- 52 8. Attorney-Client privilege
- 53 9. Terms and conditions of employment/personnel matters
- 54 10. Penalty or loss of license to an individual
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56 **WHEREAS**, THE President of the Board of education has determined that such a circumstance exists
57 which warrants a closed executive session under item #9 as above indicated and that the conducting of a
58 closed executive session was duly authorized by the adoption of this Resolution. The subject to be
59 discussed is as follows:
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61 ***6. Items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety***
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63 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Springfield Board of education, County of
64 Burlington, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, that it meet in executive session
65 closed to the public for the discussion of a matter which falls under a statutory exception to the New
66 Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and that said closed session will be held on Wednesday, September
67 11, 2019; and
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69 **BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED**, the closed executive session discussions will pertain to the above
70 mentioned items and that the minutes of the closed executive session will be disclosed after the Board of
71 Education takes formal action or after the reason for the discussions in closed session no longer exists.
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MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION	TIME	7:02 P.M.
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76 Mr. Hale made motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing items where immediate
77 disclosure would impair public safety.
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79 The motion was seconded by Mr. Madia. All members present voted in the affirmative. The board went
80 into executive session at 7:02 P.M.
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MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION	TIME:	8:00 P.M.
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Mr. Eaton made the motion to return to public session. Mr. Ramalho seconded.

Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

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Mr. Gorski gave a short presentation on the District's unaudited financial statements as of June 30, 2019. General Fund fund balance is up by almost \$100,000, which is attributed to the recognition of higher revenues than anticipated, as well as a concerted effort to control spending. This increase in fund balance comes in a much needed time, as the District will be experiencing significant cuts in State Aid revenues due to the passing of New Jersey Senate Bill 2. The District's excess surplus balances will be used, along with budgeting, to offset the losses in aid.

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. Tom Pantano – 7 Huntington Dr. – Tom congratulated the Board and Administration for a job well done in terms of financial performance of the district. He also noted the importance of the proper use of reserves and excess surplus. He noted that most schools try to “stash the cash” in June, but a good balanced approach of using reserves along with excess surplus should be implemented so that some of the money can be used as an offset for tax payer relief. It was also noted that during budget discussion, these reserve balances along with consideration of On-Behalf TPAF should be presented along with the budget so that the public is better informed.

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, September 17, 2019 AGENDA
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Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Gorski reviewed their respective sections of the agenda for the September 17, 2019 regular meeting and answered any board questions that were raised.

BOARD FORUM – UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATERS

NONE.

BOARD FORUM – NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Walker brought up discussion regarding the railing to the gymnasium entrance. He noted that during pick-up, several students can be seen hanging on the railing, presenting a safety issue. He would like to look into what precautions can be taken to mitigate risk.

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

NONE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TIME:

9:20 P.M.

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 *******

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION



David Gorski
Secretary to the Board

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