

Spring Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Minutes – Session 226

CALL TO ORDER

TIME:

7:03 P.M.

A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was held on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** at **7:03 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. Jason Angello	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:

- Craig Vaughn, Chief School Administrator
- David Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Joe Knewasser, Interim Facilities Manager
- Kim Hannigan, Interim Supervisor of Curriculum

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

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34 Mr. Vaughn gave a presentation on the Staff Evaluation process in detail. Mr. Vaughn explained that the
35 process is made up of two sections, Teach Practice and Student Achievement. Mr. Vaughn presented
36 both in detail. Many board members requested clarification throughout the presentation, which Mr.
37 Vaughn provided.

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39 Mr. Angello questioned how the data gathered during the Staff Evaluation process could be utilized to
40 evaluate Principal performance. Mr. Vaughn stated he would be glad to later discuss what type of data
41 Mr. Angello would like to see.

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43 Mr. Bucs stated he would like to see a breakdown to easily see where the district is as a whole. He would
44 also like to see individual trends to be able to get ahead of any situation, if needed. Mr. Bucs also
45 questioned whether this data would be available from other districts in which to compare.

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47 Mr. Wade commented that seeing a percentage breakdown of where the district stood would be a good
48 starting point. From there he would like to look at historical data to compare.

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50 Mr. Eaton asked where the guidelines could be found in order to refer back to. Mr. Vaughn explained that
51 these guidelines are spelled out by the State and can be found on the State's website.

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53 After reviewing the guidelines on the State website, Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey asked about the process of
54 tenure charges, which Mr. Vaughn gave a brief explanation.

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

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57 *Before a matter is placed on the agenda, Administration has thoroughly reviewed it. Board Members*
58 *preview the agenda items five days prior to the meeting and discuss questionable items with the*
59 *Superintendent.*

60 *The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public comments*
61 *will only be permitted during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of each Board*
62 *meeting. Each public comment period shall be limited to thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote*
63 *of the Board members present. Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six*
64 *minutes on any one topic.*

65 *Public comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration*
66 *and/or Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment*
67 *periods. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or*
68 *contact the Administration separately.*

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70 NONE.

PREPARATION OF TUESDAY, July 16, 2019 AGENDA

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73 Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Gorski reviewed their respective sections of the agenda for the August 20, 2019
74 regular meeting and answered any board questions that were raised.

BOARD FORUM

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77 NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATERS

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NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

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84 Mr. Angello brought up for Board consideration, along with administration, the idea of taking the time to
85 do a complete business review. Mr. Angello suggested it would be beneficial to the district to review all
86 district expenses in order to identify inefficiencies. His thought is to review all expenses regarding whether
87 or not they are required by statute, necessary or not necessary, etc.
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89 Mr. Bucs agreed with the concept of Mr. Angello's idea. Mr. Bucs felt that this should be a project for the
90 Finance Committee, but should also look more like a multiple-year approach to budgeting.
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PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

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93 Comment was made on the flooring in Room 14 being in excellent condition.
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

TIME:

9:27 P.M.

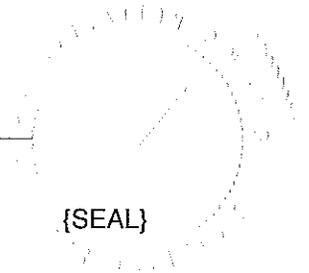
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96 Mr. Angello made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramalho seconded. Upon voice vote, all members present
97 voted in the affirmative.
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***** **CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY** *****

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
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David Gorski
Secretary to the Board



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