

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
2020-2021 – 006

REORGANIZATION MEETING

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ROOM #14

CALL TO ORDER

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary

Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary

“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.

Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary



Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION RESULTS

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary

Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith presented the results of the November 3, 2020 election.

3 Year Team

Ms. Kristen Lippincott	1174
Mr. Wade Hale	959
Mr. Joseph Bucs	922

Unexpired 1 Year Term

Mr. Thomas Pantano	1036
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ADMINISTRATIVE OATH OF OFFICE

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary
Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Lippincott, Mr. Hale, Mr. Bucs, and Mr. Pantano.

ROLL CALL

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary
The **Reorganization Meeting** of the Springfield Board of Education (Burlington County) was held on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021** in **Room 14** beginning at **7:00PM**.

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Bucs	X			1
2	Mr. Hale	X			2
3	Mrs. Lippincott	X			3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey	X			4
5	Mr. Pantano	X			5
6	Mr. Ramalho			X	6
7	Mr. Roberson	X			7
8	Mr. Walker	X			8
9	Mr. Eaton			X	9

	Staff In Attendance	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Vaughn, Superintendent	X			1
2	Ms. Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, SBA	X			2
3	Mrs. Hannigan, Interim Curr Dir			X	3
4	Mr. Knewasser, Ed Fac Manager			X	4

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary
Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith opened the floor to nominations.
Mr. Bucs was nominated by Mr. Pantano. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hade.
There being no further nominations, the floor was closed and a voice call vote was taken. All in favor.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

Joseph Bucs, President
Board President, Joseph Bucs opened the floor to nominations.
Mr. Patano was nominated by Ms. Lippincott. Mr. Roberson was nominated by Mr. Walker.
There being no further nominations, the floor was closed and a roll call vote cast.

	Board of Education Member	Mr. Pantano	Mr. Roberson	Absent	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member			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 Vice President	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. Bucs, Board President	X			9

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Bucs discussed the need to take time to deliberate and receive input from the board regarding Board Representative and Board Committee appointments.

Mr. Robeson asked to revisit adding a representative to the Foundation.

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

Joseph Bucs, President

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.

None.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Joseph Bucs, President

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-ROM-006-101

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Board reports that the annual school election was held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** and the final certified results are below reported:

Springfield Township Board of Education - 3 Year Term

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Joseph M. Bucs</u>	<u>Wade Hale</u>	<u>Kristen D. Lippincott</u>	<u>Brian Kowalczyk</u>	<u>Personal Choice</u>
1D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mail-In	889	928	1137	572	251
Provisional	33	31	37	18	4
TOTAL	922	959	1174	590	255

Springfield Township Board of Education - Unexpired 1 Year Term

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Thomas Pantano</u>	<u>Personal Choice</u>
1D	NA	NA
2D	NA	NA
3D	NA	NA
Mail-In	988	45
Provisional	48	1

TOTAL	1036	46
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The voter turnout at the polling locations (NA), mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots in the **November 3, 2020** election was **two thousand one hundred and eighty-two (2,182)** registered voters in Springfield Township. The turnout percentage was **eighty-one and point zero two percent (81.02%)** of the total **two thousand six hundred and ninety-three (2,693)** registered voters.

The Board Secretary has been provided copies of the Springfield Township Return Sheets and the Burlington County Board of Elections Statement of Results for absentee/provisional ballots which confirms the above vote tallies. This Report of the Secretary shall be entered into the minutes of the **January 6, 2021** Reorganization Meeting prior to the administration of the oath of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above outlined Report has been reviewed and accepted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Board of Education members-elect.

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 **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						X		1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member			X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		X	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. Bucs, Board President			X					9

Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-ROM-006-102

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ADHERENCE WITH THE SCHOOL ETHICS ACT AND CODE OF ETHICS PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:30 AND 6:3 AND N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Board of Education regulations require local boards of education to meet to discuss the ethics laws at a regularly scheduled public meeting; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education must discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics at a regularly scheduled public meeting and annually adopt policies and procedures regarding training in understanding the

Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education member shall sign an acknowledgment of receipt that she/he has read and become familiar with the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, copies of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30 and 6:3, the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, and the New Jersey School Boards Association training materials were distributed to every Board Member; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics were reviewed and accepted by each member of the Board of Education as evidenced by the executed "Acknowledgment of Receipt" by each member which is kept on file in the Administration Building of the Township of Springfield Board of Education.

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 **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						X		1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member			X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President			X					5
6	Mr. Ramalho, Board Member						X		6
7	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Walker, Board Member		X	X					8
9	Mr. Bucs, Board President			X					9

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-ROM-006-103

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, District Policy 0154 requires the Board of Education to annually motion and designate the following at the annual organization meeting:

1. Designate one or more depositories for school funds, N.J.S.A. 18A17-34; 2. Designate those persons authorized to sign school warrants (checks), N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
3. Designate the official newspaper, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-11; 18A:39-3;
4. Designate a second newspaper for the publication of Board meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8;
5. Designate the day, place, and time for regular meetings of the Board;
6. Approve the curriculum for all grades;
7. Readopt existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of the school system.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates WSFS Bank as its depository for all

school funds, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates the Board President, Superintendent, and Business Administrator as those persons authorized to sign school warrants, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as official newspapers of record, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as newspapers for the publication of Board meetings, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates that regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 14 (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised), and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education approves current curriculum for all grades, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education readopts all existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of the school system, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby certifies that the above annual motions and designations have been approved in accordance with District Policy 0154.

Mr. Pantano made a comment that although this is a requirement at the reorganization meeting, changes/amendments/additions can be added to future agendas and voted upon.

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 **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						X		1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member		X	X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					9

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-ROM-006-104

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act - N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. Requires that within seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of a public body, the public body must establish, for public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 14 (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised). Action will be taken at these meetings and closed executive sessions may be conducted. The bloew calendar of public meetings is proposed for Board of Education approval:

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

<u>Regular Session Meetings</u>	
	Tuesday, January 19, 2021
	Tuesday, February 16, 2021
	Tuesday, March 16, 2021
	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
	Tuesday, May 18, 2021
	Tuesday, June 15, 2021
	Tuesday, July 20, 2021
	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
	Tuesday, October 19, 2021
	Tuesday, November 16, 2021
	Tuesday, December 21, 2021

<u>Reorganization Meeting</u>

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the above public meeting calendar.

Mr. Roberson requested that minutes be shared with all board members after each committee meeting.

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 **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						X		1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member		X	X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					9

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BOARD FORUM- NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

Joseph Bucs, President

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #20/21-ROM-006-105

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION NOTICE OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Board of Education President received official resignation notice from Andrew Eaton, Board of Education Member, Springfield Township School District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with District Policy 0143 - Board Member Election and Appointment, the Board will give public notice of the vacancy and invite any qualified person to submit a written request for consideration of his/her candidacy for the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above notification of resignation is hereby accepted effective January 6, 2021; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the posting of the vacancy is hereby authorized.

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 **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14 .**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						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 Vice President		X	X					5
6	Mr. Ramalho, Board Member						X		6
7	Mr. Roberson, Board Member	X		X					7
8	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					8
9	Mr. Bucs, Board President			X					9

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Mr. Bucs noted that in the event board meetings need to transition to remote meetings it will be at the discretion of the Board President and the already existing policy for fully remote meetings will be re-invoked.

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

Joseph Bucs, President

Mrs. Hale- Congratulated board members that have been re-elected and the board as a whole on a job well done. Mrs. Hale noted that a new family recently moved into town and when asked why they chose Springfield they said because of the school.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Bucs, President

Seeing no further action to come before the Board of Education, President Bucs requested a motion to adjourn.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated to **ADJOURN** at the **Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Room 14. The time of adjournment was 7:40PM.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Eaton, Board Member						X		1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Lippincott, Board Member	X		X					3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		X	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. Bucs, Board President			X					9

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