

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022**  
**2021-2022 - 062**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION: ROOM #14**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Pantano, Board President

President Pantano called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Tom Pantano, Board President

“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.

President Pantano read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tom Pantano, Board President



President Pantano led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

The **Special Meeting** of the Springfield Board of Education (Burlington County) was held on **March 3, 2022** in **Room 14** beginning at **7:00PM**.

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Bucs	X			1
2	Mrs. Donahue	X			2
3	Mr. Hale	X			3
4	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey	X			4
5	Ms. O'Brien	X			5
6	Mr. Roberson	X			6
7	Ms. Wainwright	X			7
8	Mr. Walker	X			8
9	Mr. Pantano	X			9

	Staff In Attendance	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Mr. Vaughn, Superintendent	X			1
2	Ms. Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, SBA	X			2

3	Ms. Ann Tomjack, Assistant Principal			X	3
4	Mr. Knewasser, Ed Fac Manager			X	4

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

Thomas Pantano, Board 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

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

**RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-062-001**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO  
THE SAFE RETURN PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** in March 2021 President Biden signed the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Public Law 117-2, into law. The ARP Act provides an additional \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) to States and school districts to help safely reopen, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation’s students; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA’s website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan) A Safe Return Plan is required of all fund recipients, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take those comments into account in finalization of the Safe Return Plan. Under the interim final requirements published in Volume 86, No. 76 of the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), an LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023, review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return Plan; and

