

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
2021-2022 – 005

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

Thomas Pantano	595
Lynsey O'Brien	586
Mary Wainwright	884

ADMINISTRATIVE OATH OF OFFICE

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary
Board Secretary, Danielle Tarvin-Griffith administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Pantano, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Wainwright.

ROLL CALL

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Board Secretary
The **Reorganization Meeting** of the Springfield Board of Education (Burlington County) was held on **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** 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. Murtaugh-Frey	X			3
4	Mrs. O'Brien	X			4
5	Mr. Pantano	X			5
6	Mr. Roberson	X			6
7	Mrs. Wainwright	X			7
8	Mr. Walker	X			8
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	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

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

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

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

Thomas Pantano, Board President
Board President, Thomas Pantano opened the floor to nominations.
Mr. Hale was nominated by Mr. Bucs. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Roberson.
There being no further nominations, the floor was closed and a voice call vote was taken. All in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Pantano discussed the need to receive input from the board regarding Board Representative and Board Committee appointments.

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.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Thomas Pantano, Board President

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-ROM-005-101

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD
ON THE NOVEMBER 2021 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 2, 2021** and the final certified results are below reported:

Springfield Township Board of Education - 3 Year Term

Polling Place	<u>Shane Delumeau</u>	<u>Thomas Pantano</u>	<u>Lynsey O'Brien</u>	<u>Mary Wainwright</u>	<u>Personal Choice</u>
1D	150	223	234	321	1
2D	119	179	161	268	5
3D	36	63	63	122	0
Mail-In	68	103	99	135	2
Provisional	4	7	5	15	0
Early Voting	19	20	24	23	0

Totals	396	<u>595</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>884</u>	8
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;and

The voter turnout at the polling locations, mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots in the **November 2, 2021** election was **one thousand four hundred fifty-seven (1,457)** ballots cast in Springfield Township. This represented **fifty-one point eight five percent (51.85%)** of the **two thousand eight hundred ten (2,810)** registered voters in Springfield Township.

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 5, 2022** 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 January 5, 2022** in **Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member			X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member		X	X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President			X					8
9									9

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-ROM-005-102

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION #21/22-ROM-005-103

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS
FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2022**

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.

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 January 5, 2022** in **Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member			X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member		X	X					3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member	X		X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President			X					8
9									9

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-ROM-005-104

**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 below calendar of public meetings is proposed for Board of Education approval:

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

Regular Session Meetings
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Tuesday, April 26, 2022*
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Tuesday, December 20, 2022

**April 2022 meeting moved to the fourth Tuesday due to the school being closed for Spring Break*

Reorganization Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2023

; 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.

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 January 5, 2022** in **Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member			X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member	X		X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member		X	X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President			X					8
9									9

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-ROM-005-105

**RESOLUTION ABOLISHING CERTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICIES, BYLAWS, AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the procedures shall conform, in all respects, to the bylaws of the Board of Education concerning agenda and meetings. The procedures shall provide a means whereby all interested parties in the school community may submit proposals for additions and amendments to the school district governance manual, and may contribute opinions and information for the Board's consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the policy coordinator shall ascertain any conflicts between proposed and existing policies and bring them to the attention of the Board of Education at the first reading of the draft. Policies may be abolished by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Education present when it is deemed they are no longer required provided the legal requirements are addressed elsewhere in the policy manual; and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of the policies & regulations to be abolished, and the corresponding areas of the policy manual where the legal requirements are met:

File Code	Name	Policy / Regulation for Referral
P 2425	Physical Education	P 2422 Comprehensive Health & Physical Education

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the policies and/or regulations listed above, are hereby abolished.

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 January 5, 2022** in **Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member					X			1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member		X	X					3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member	X		X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member			X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President			X					8
9									9

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BOARD FORUM

Thomas Pantano, Board President

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Quarantine Policy- recommended that no action be taken at this time

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Advertisement for filling Mrs. Lippencott's seat
- Parking Lot
- A motion was made by Mr. Bucs and seconded by Mr. Walker to get further clarify from the board attorney and JIF regarding quarantine policy regulations, guidelines, and recommendations.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the motion was duly adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Reorganization Meeting held on January 5, 2022 in Room 14.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member	X		X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member				X				3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member		X	X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President				X				8
9									9

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

Thomas Pantano, Board President

Mrs. Hale- Congratulated board members that have been re-elected and the board as a whole on a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Pantano, Board President

Seeing no further action to come before the Board of Education, President Pantano 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 5, 2022** in Room 14. **The time of adjournment was 7:43PM.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	

1	Mr. Bucs, Board Member			X					1
2	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					2
3	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member			X					3
4	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member			X					4
5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member		X	X					7
8	Mr. Pantano, Board President			X					8
9									9

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