

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
2021-2022 - 355

REGULAR MEETING

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ROOM #14

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Bucs, Board President

President Bucs called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Joseph Bucs, 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 Bucs read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joseph Bucs, Board President



President Bucs led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

The **Regular Meeting** of the Springfield Board of Education (Burlington County) was held on **December 21, 2021** in **Room 14** beginning at **7:00PM**.

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

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

- Overview of Budget Reserve Accounts

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Joseph Bucs, Board President

- Budget & Finance (Mr. Pantano, Committee Chair) - increase per diem rate for substitute, ability to fund reserve accounts
- Personnel (Mr. Hale, Committee Chair) - None
- Buildings & Grounds (Mrs. Lippincott, Committee Chair) - need new chair, discussing projects to be funded from reserve accounts
- Negotiations (Mr. Bucs, Committee Chair) - None
- Curriculum & Technology (Mr. Roberson, Committee Chair) - None
- Policy (Mr. Pantano, Committee Chair) - current state of policy tracker with status
- Transportation (Mr. Walker, Committee Chair) - None

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

Joseph Bucs, 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

CORRESPONDENCE

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

- [Letter from Parent RE: Grade Five Class Size](#) - Attached as Appendix A
- [Letter from Parent RE: Quarantine Policy](#) - Attached as Appendix B

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

- [Update on District Goals](#) - Attached as Appendix C
- Important Dates
 - December 23 - Early Dismissal
 - December 24 - January 2 - School Closed for Winter Break
 - January 3 - School Reopens
 - January 5 - Board of Education Reorganization Meeting
 - January 14 - Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development
 - January 17 - School Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

- **REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Hale, Board Member		X	X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (ENROLLMENT & HIB)

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-101

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

AS PART OF THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AS OF NOVEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining accurate registers for all students enrolled in the Springfield Township School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education also relies on accurate enrollment counts for such reports as the Application for State School Aid Report, the annual Budget Statements, the annual December 1st Special Education Report, Fall Enrollment Report and the Average Daily Attendance Report; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has received and compiled school registers from each of the schools in the School District which have been cross-checked with active home room rosters and Child Study Team class listings with the resulting summary table being generated:

Expense Account #	Grade Level/Program	Count June 30, 2021	Count NOV. 30, 2021	Difference
11-105-100-101-101-105	Pre-School Regular	11	13	+2
11-110-100-101-101-110	Kindergarten	26	40	+14
11-120-100-101-101-401	First Grade	39	29	-10
11-120-100-101-101-402	Second Grade	34	36	+2
11-120-100-101-101-403	Third Grade	27	37	+10
11-120-100-101-101-404	Fourth Grade	28	31	+3
11-120-100-101-101-405	Fifth Grade	23	32	+9
11-130-100-101-101-406	Sixth Grade	33	27	-6
11-212-100-101-101-100	Multiple Disabled	6	6	0
11-215-100-101-101-100	Preschool Disabled PT	6	3	-3
11-000-100-56X-60X-XXX	Out-of-District Placement	3	3	0
	TOTAL	234	257	+23

Month	Enrollment	Monthly Change
June 2021	234	
July 2021	247	+13
August 2021	253	+6
September 2021	252	-1
October 2021	252	0

November 2021	257	+5
December 2021		
January 2022		
February 2022		
March 2022		
April 2022		
May 2022		
June 2022		
July 2022		

;and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above enrollment report is hereby accepted upon the certification of the Superintendent of Schools.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-102

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MONTHLY HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021
PURSUANT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5512**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education believes that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Since students learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers are required to demonstrate appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying. Harassment, intimidation or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment. Therefore, the school district will not tolerate acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying;

WHEREAS, harassment, intimidation or bullying is defined as any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents, that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic, that takes place on school grounds, at any school-sponsored function or on a school bus, or off school grounds, in accordance with law, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other students, and that:

A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a student or damaging the students property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group of students; or creates a hostile educational environment for the student by interfering with the students education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the student; and

WHEREAS, the results of each investigation shall be reported to the board of education no later than the date of the next board meeting following the completion of the investigation, and include:

1. Any services provided;
2. Training established;
3. Discipline imposed; or
4. Other action taken or recommended by the chief school administrator; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Superintendent of Schools reports the results of the following harassment, intimidation or bullying incidents for the month of **NOVEMBER 2021**:

School Location	# Cases Reported	# Cases Confirmed
Springfield Elementary School	1	0

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-103

RESOLUTION RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN A SCHOOL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, a number of school boards in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the SCHOOLS HEALTH INSURANCE FUND hereafter referred to as "SHIF", as permitted N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the SHIF has received approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance on August 10, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a school board joint insurance fund; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Springfield Township School District hereinafter referred to as "SCHOOL BOARD" has determined that membership in the SHIF is in the best interest of said SCHOOL BOARD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD hereby agrees as follows:

- i. SCHOOL BOARD shall become a member of the SHIF for the period outlined in the SCHOOL BOARD's Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
- ii. SCHOOL BOARD will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the SHIF's Bylaws, and the SHIF's Plan of Risk Management.

- iii. SCHOOL BOARD accepts and approves the SHIF's Bylaws and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.
- iv. SCHOOL BOARD shall execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.
- v. SCHOOL BOARD agrees to commit to the four principles of the SHIF which are:
 - a.) A long term philosophy on rates.
 - b.) A willingness to work with bargaining units to achieve plan design changes.
 - c.) Professional management with stability and commitment.
 - d.) Rating structure based on actuarial numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the SHIF as required by the SHIF's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the SHIF's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the SCHOOL BOARD by the SHIF.
- ii. Receipt by the SHIF of a Resolution from the SCHOOL BOARD accepting SCHOOL BOARD's SHIF assessment.
- iii. Approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance of SCHOOL BOARD as a member of the SHIF.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		X	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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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FINANCE & BUDGET

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith, Business Administrator

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-106

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE REPORT

**OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)2**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 6, Chapter 20, requires that the board secretary report monthly to the board of education changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the attached revenue statement reports change in anticipated revenue is hereby acknowledged and accepted as compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.11(c)2.

**MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
REPORT ON CHANGES IN ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 6:20-2.11(c)2, I report the following **NOVEMBER 2021** changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources as noted on the submitted revenue report.

Danielle Tarvin-Griffith
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-107

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT ANY REMITTANCE TO PURCHASE ORDERS
GREATER THAN THE APPROVED PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT SHALL BE DETAILED
THROUGH THE APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY CREDIT/DISBURSEMENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.10
AND THAT THE BELOW REPORT IS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-6.10 provides that “a school district and county vocational school board shall adopt a policy establishing the approval process for any remittance of payment for invoice amounts greater than the approved purchase order; and

WHEREAS, the policy shall require the Business Administrator/Secretary to the Board to identify and investigate, if necessary, the reason for any increase to a purchase order. If it is found that such an increase is warranted, the Business Administrator/Secretary to the Board shall either approve a revision to the original purchase order with the reason noted, approve the issuance of a supplemental purchase order for the difference, or cancel the original purchase order and issue a new purchase order. If it is found that such an increase is not warranted, the purchase order shall be canceled and the goods returned. In no instance shall an adjustment be made to a purchase order that changes the purpose or vendor of the original purchase order or a bid award price; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Secretary to the Board shall review, on a monthly basis, edits/change reports, in particular the Credit/Disbursement Report, listing all payments made in excess of the originally approved purchase order amount to ensure that all payments are properly made are properly authorized prior to the commitment of any bill list disbursements; and

WHEREAS, a Credit-Disbursement Report has been developed by the School District's accounting software vendor, Asbury Park Computer Center, and said report is attached herein which details any changes in purchase order amounts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that attached NOVEMBER 2021 Credit-Disbursement Report detailing the changes is hereby approved and that any and all adjustments against Board of Education obligations therein enumerated for equipment, material and supplies, furnished and delivered and for work done and performed and certified as correct by the Secretary of the Board of Education, and when funds are available; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of the above Report shall be placed in the permanent minutes of the Board of Education.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member		X	X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member						X		7
8	Mr. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-108

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT NO ADVERTISED APPROPRIATION
EXCEEDS THE TEN PERCENT (10%) TRANSFER LIMIT
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2004, C. 73
AND RECOGNIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNTY BUSINESS OFFICIAL
A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER THAT EXCEED TEN PERCENT**

WHEREAS, Public Law 2004, C. 73 requires New Jersey Department of Education Commissioner approval of transfers in any general fund account greater than ten percent (10%) on a cumulative basis; and

WHEREAS, a report has been developed by the School District's accounting software vendor, Asbury Park Computer Center and said report is attached herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the attached **NOVEMBER 2021** monthly transfer report detailing the percentage change in transfers is hereby approved; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of the report shall be placed in the permanent minutes of the Board of Education.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President			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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-110

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF GRANT EXPENDITURES
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021 FOR THE 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR
PURSUANT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE 3-003
TO MONITOR THE % OF EXPENDITURE TO CONTROL CARRY-OVER WAIVER REQUESTS
UNDER GUIDANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY QUALITY SINGLE ACCOUNTABILITY CONTINUUM
FISCAL MANAGEMENT - RESTRICTED REVENUES**

WHEREAS, Standard Operating Procedure 3-003 provides for the mechanism for Board of Education monitoring of restricted revenue expenditure levels as the Board of Education must ensure that restricted revenue accounts must be appropriated and fully expended in a timely manner and in accordance with grant allocations/budgets; and

WHEREAS; the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) - District Performance Review - D. Restricted Revenues - Sections 1.b. and 1.d provide the following guidance:

1.b. Grant funds are spent as budgeted. Amendments and budget modifications are completed for changes that exceed the applicable threshold (entitlement grants - lesser of 10% or \$50,000; discretionary grants - lesser of 10% or \$10,000;

1.d. At least 85 percent of the ESSA and IDEA grant funds are expended in one year. For Title I, a waiver to carry over more than 15% has not been requested within the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Secretary to the Board reports the following:

GRANT	YEAR	CURRENT APPROP	TOTAL EXPENDED	TOTAL ENCUMBERED	UNEXPENDED DOLLAR BALANCE	PERCENT UNSPENT
TITLE 1A 231; 232	2021-22	60,353	0	0	60,353	100
IDEA BSC 250; 252	2021-22	72,381	0	250	72,131	99
IDEA PSD 251, 253	2021-22	5,140	0	0	5,140	100
IDEA ARP BSC	2021-22	10,243	0	0	10,243	100
IDEA ARP PDS	2021-22	874	0	0	874	100
TITLE 2A 270; 272	2021-22	11,626	0	0	11,626	100
TITLE 4A 280; 282	2021-22	10,000	0	1,750	8,250	82.5
REAP 451	2021-22	23,492	0	10,000	13,492	57
CARES 477/999	2019-22	33,264	28,920	4,344	0	0

ESSER II	2021-23	128,972	0	37,114	91,858	71
ESSER II- LA	2021-23	45,000	0	0	45,000	100
ESSER II-MH	2021-23	25,000	0	10,850	15,150	60

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above summary represents the monthly certification of grant expenditures for the state and federal grant allotments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the responsible staff and said staff shall provide the Board of Education with a detailed explanation for any grants that will exceed the fifteen percent (15%) waiver amount at the end of the program year.

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-111

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SECRETARY TO THE BOARD'S
MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d) AND N.J.S.A. 18A:22.8.1**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 6, Chapter 20, requires that certain monthly certifications be demonstrated as to the budgetary line item accounts; and

WHEREAS, the certification of the Secretary to the Board must demonstrate that no budgetary line item account, which are understood by the rule to be the advertised section of the New Jersey Department of Education prescribed budget, has obligations and contractual orders which exceed annual appropriations for said line item accounts in accordance with the Monthly Line Item Budget Report; and

WHEREAS, the following Board of Education comments and/or discussion was had, if any, on the matter of this Resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the below certification are hereby acknowledged and accepted as compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d) and N.J.S.A. 18A:22.8.1.

**MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 6:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of **NOVEMBER 30, 2021** no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments, understood as contractual orders, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Township of Springfield Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

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4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President			X					4

5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member			X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member		X	X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member						X		7
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-112

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 2021
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8, designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers among line items between meetings of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, it became necessary to transfer funds among certain line items between the monthly meetings of in the month of **NOVEMBER 2021**, recorded as adjustments according to the attached report, so as to provide for the thorough and efficient education of Springfield Township School District pupils; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the attached transfers are hereby ratified.

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President			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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-116

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RATE OF PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS
FOR THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR**

WHICH TERM IS UNDERSTOOD TO RUN FROM JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, in order to ensure reliable assistance in the absence of regular support staff employees, the Board of Education will offer competitive compensation to qualified substitute secretaries, clerks, custodians, maintenance workers, bus drivers, teacher aides, and cafeteria workers; and,

WHEREAS, in no instance shall the wages paid a substitute exceed the wages paid the regular employee; and,

WHEREAS, substitute support staff members will be paid at a per diem rate set by the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey Legislature has passed and gained approval by the Governor for a state minimum wage of \$13.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the that the hourly substitute rate for support staff employees as listed be amended effective January 1, 2022:

Substitute Position	Current Rate of Pay	Amended Rate of Pay	Effective Date
Instructional Assistant	\$12.00 per hour	\$13.00 per hour	January 1, 2022
Teacher	\$85 per day	\$95 per day	January 1, 2022

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-117

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS FOR THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools is vested with the authority to recommend the hiring of certain personnel within the School District and that substitute teachers, aides, secretaries, nurses, special education aides are such personnel

Teachers	Aides	Secretaries	Custodians
Diane Matheson	Dorian Delorenzo		Evi Fennessy

; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has reviewed the qualifications of the individuals listed below and recommends approval to the Board of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above substitute positions are hereby approved.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-118

RESOLUTION APPROVING HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6:28-4.5(c)

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield Board of Education finds individual circumstances which require District pupils, public and non-public, to receive homebound instruction for periods of time; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:28-4.5(c) provides that instruction shall be provided for pupils confined to a hospital, convalescent home, other medical institution or at residence for at least a two (2) week period of time and determined by the school physician to need home instruction or classified by the child study team as educationally disabled and case law supporting the providing of home instruction to suspended students who posed a substantial danger pursuant to New Jersey case law RR -v- Board of Education of Shore Regional, 109 NJ sup, 337 Chancery Division, 1970; and

WHEREAS, a pupil of the district has been assigned homebound instruction, provided by Springfield Township School District certified staff, Mrs. Cheryl Bucko & Miss Amber Warshany, based upon the recommendation of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is expected to last more than two (2) weeks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above homebound instruction is hereby approved at the determined rate of forty-four dollars and no cents (\$44.00) per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the homebound instruction period of this subject approval shall begin on November 29, 2021 through December 17, 2021 and that any and all extensions shall be approved subject to N.J.A.C. 6:28-4.5 (a) 7.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-119

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE
PURSUANT TO POLICY #4432 FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield Board of Education Policy #4432 sets forth that an employee may request an extension of sick leave by proper notification to the Superintendent, accompanied by a physician's signed statement setting forth the nature and anticipated duration of the employee's disability; and,

WHEREAS an employee who anticipates an extended period of disability may apply to the Board for a leave of absence, during which the employee will receive no compensation or benefits, pursuant to Policy #4431; and,

WHEREAS employees are reminded that sick leave extensions and disability leaves of absence are not entitlements and will be granted or denied by the Board on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, the following employee has notified the Superintendent in accordance with Policy #4432 of a request for an unpaid leave of absence:

Name	Position	Effective Dates
Darina Lukacova	Custodian	12/14/21 - 6/30/22

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to approve the above captioned unpaid leave of absence during the dates as listed.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-120
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE THREE-YEAR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES PLAN FOR 2021-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to the regulatory requirements for Bilingual Education in New Jersey's Bilingual Education Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.6), every three years school districts must submit a plan describing their district's program for English language learners (ELLs); and,

WHEREAS, the plan is an opportunity for educators to review the academic needs of their ELLs and the type of language assistance program and academic environment that would best address those needs; and,

WHEREAS, ELLs are held to the same rigorous, standards-based curricula and high-stake assessments as their English proficient peers as they are acquiring the English language and becoming acculturated to American schools; and,

WHEREAS, in developing the program plan, school districts are encouraged to keep in mind the challenges students face with cultural changes and acquiring a new language, and design programs that provide the language, foundational and grade-level skills that students need to make a successful transition to classes with their English-proficient peers; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 school year is the beginning of a new three-year cycle ending in the spring of 2024 and the New Jersey Department of Education has established a deadline of January 31, 2022 for the submission of each district's three-year plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the district's three-year English Language Services Plan for 2021-2024 is hereby approved for submission to the Department of Education.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.

Table with 10 columns: Board of Education Member, Mtn, Snd, Yea, Nay, Abn, Abs, Nvt*, and a final column with numbers 1-9. Rows list members like Mr. Hale, Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, etc., with 'X' marks indicating their votes.

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

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-121

RESOLUTION APPROVING BOARD OF EDUCATION 2021/2022 POLICY, BYLAWS AND REGULATION REVISIONS UPON FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

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 adopted on second reading by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Education present and voting or may be further revised until consensus is reached; and

WHEREAS, when certain policies indicate that "*the Board of Education shall*" provide or make otherwise available a condition of the policy, it is recognized that in these situations the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to execute the function(s) therein; and,

WHEREAS, the following is the **first** reading for introduction of the policies & regulations, which include:

File Code	Name	Status	Alert #
R 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	Revised	225
R 8600	Student Transportation	Revised	218

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the policies and/or amendments included in the said policies and regulation listed above, are hereby approved upon **first reading and introduction**.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-122

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BOARD OF EDUCATION 2021/2022
POLICY, BYLAWS AND REGULATION REVISIONS
UPON SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

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 adopted on second reading by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Education present and voting or may be further revised until consensus is reached; and

WHEREAS, when certain policies indicate that "*the Board of Education shall*" provide or make otherwise available a condition of the policy, it is recognized that in these situations the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to execute the function(s) therein; and,

WHEREAS, the following is the **second** reading for adoption of the policies & regulations, which include:

File Code	Name	Status	Alert #
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students	Revised	224
P 0164	Conduct of Board Meeting	Revised	NA
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	New	225
P 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	Revised	225
P 8600	Student Transportation	Revised	224

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the policies and/or amendments included in the said policies and regulation listed above, are hereby approved upon **second reading and adoption**.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14**.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-123

**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 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers	No longer required by ESSA
P 1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act	FFCRA has expired

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 to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President	X		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-124

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT OF
NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CERTIFIED BOARD MEMBER STATUS**

WHEREAS, Joseph Bucs has successfully completed the course requirements of the New Jersey School Boards Association's (NJSBA) Board Member Academy and has earned the title of Certified Board Member (CBM), and

WHEREAS, the CBM title is the second level of the NJSBA Board Member Academy certification program, with areas of study designed to give members a firm foundation in the essential governance skills needed to carry out their responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the NJSBA recognized Joseph Bucs at the Burlington County School Board Association meeting on December 16, 2021, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Springfield Township Board of Education to express their congratulations and best wishes to Joseph Bucs for achieving this honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BET IT RESOLVED, that congratulations and best wishes from the members of the Board of Education are hereby expressed to Joseph Bucs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Joseph Bucs.

ADOPTED by the Springfield Township Board of Education on December 21, 2021

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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1	Mr. Hale, Board Member			X					1
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3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
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5	Mr. Roberson, Board Member		X	X					5
6	Mrs. Wainwright, Board Member			X					6
7	Mr. Walker, Board Member						X		7
8	Mr. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-126

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PARENTAL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, on September 29th, 2021, the National School Board Association (NSBA) sent a letter to President Joe Biden requesting that all federal law enforcement agencies be mobilized to treat as domestic terrorists parents and other members of the public questioning certain local school board policies; and

WHEREAS, documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act evidenced that the letter was sent to President Biden by NSBA President Viola Garcia without review and consent of either the NSBA Board of Directors or its Executive Committee, with members of the Executive Committee expressing deep concerns about the procedural lapse and content, explicitly noting that the letter “used terms that were extreme, and asked for action by the Federal Government that many of us would not request”; and

WHEREAS, on September 30th, 2021, President Joe Biden’s Education Secretary Miguel Cardona asserted that parents shouldn’t be the “Primary Stakeholder” in their children’s education, during his testimony before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2021, the New Jersey School Boards Association sent an email to its membership advising, “NJSBA does not endorse the NSBA letter, nor does it reflect the beliefs and policies of NJSBA”; and

WHEREAS, parents, as Primary Stakeholders in their children’s lives and education have an absolute right to understand, contribute, and object to school district policies; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restore the balance of respect and power between parents and the government for the benefit of children by recognizing parents as the chief stakeholders of children’s futures; and,

WHEREAS, Springfield Township School District policy “0131 – Bylaws and Policies” states, “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, Springfield Township School District policy “9200 – Cooperation Between Parents and School” states, “The Board of Education recognizes the vital role of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the welfare and education of their children and the pivotal role they serve in shaping character and values.” ; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Township School District policy “9240 – Rights of Parents” states, “The Board of Education recognizes that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of each child are ultimately responsible for the care and custody of that child”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Board of Education affirms that parents are the Primary Stakeholders and primary political participants in their children's lives and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Board of Education objects to the action taken by NSBA President Garcia as well as the resulting actions of the Biden Administration and Attorney General Garland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary forward copies of this resolution to Chesterfield Township BOE, Mansfield Township BOE, North Hanover Township BOE, Northern Burlington Regional BOE, Springfield Township Council, New Jersey School Boards Association, and the National School Boards Association.

ADOPTED by the Springfield Township Board of Education on December 21, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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7	Mr. Walker, Board Member						X		7
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FACILITIES, SECURITY, & TRANSPORTATION

Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #21/22-RM-355-127

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT MONTHLY FIRE AND SCHOOL SECURITY DRILLS
HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 requires that school administrators shall organize and conduct at least one fire drill and one school security drill each month within the schools hours, including any summer months during which the school is open for instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, all teachers of all schools, whether occupying buildings of one or more stories, shall keep all doors and exits of their respective rooms and buildings unlocked during the school hours, except during an emergency lockdown or an emergency lockdown drill; and

WHEREAS, during the academic year, schools are required to hold a minimum of two of each of the following security drills: Active Shooter; Evacuation (non-fire); Bomb Threat; and Lockdown; and

WHEREAS, districts are required to annually submit the “Security Drill Statement of Assurance: provided by the Department of Education to their county office of education by June 30 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the “Security Drill Record Form” provided by the Department of Education shall be completed by all schools and retained at the district level. The following information is required:

1. Date and time;
2. Type (specify what was drilled);
3. Duration;
4. Weather conditions;
5. Participants (i.e. students, staff, faculty, law enforcement, fire);
6. Brief description of what occurred and procedures followed; and,

WHEREAS, the following is a summary table of the fire and school security drills recently conducted in the School District during the month of **NOVEMBER 2021**:

Date / Time	November 10, 2021 / 9:30 AM	November 16, 2021 / 1:51 PM
Type of Drill	Fire Drill	Code “E”
Duration of Drill	3:41	4:09
Weather Conditions	Sunny 70’s	Sunny 50’s
Participants	Staff/Students	Staff/Students
Drill Supervisor	C. Vaughn	C. Vaughn

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 monthly fire and school security drills have been conducted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted to approve the minutes as present and/ with noted corrections by the Springfield Township Board of Education by the vote below indicated at the **Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 in Room 14.**

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4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		X	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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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BOARD FORUM

Joseph Bucs, Board President

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - Quarantine Policy

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Internet Vulnerability

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Pantano, seconded by Mr. Roberson to enter Executive Session at 7:59pm. The motion was carried by voice vote. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mr. Hale to adjourn Closed Executive Session at 8:42pm.

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

Joseph Bucs, Board President

Mr. Cutsforth asked the board to reconsider the policy on close contact quarantine and masking. Mrs. Webb informed the board that she is waiting on a response to her email regarding grade 5 class size, room capacity, and boards' authority to set a class size cap. Mrs. Webb also expressed her disappointment that the board did not address mask wearing with the public attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Bucs, Board President

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

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Mr. Hale, Board Member	X		X					1
2	Mrs. Murtaugh-Frey, Board Member						X		2
3	Ms. O'Brien, Board Member						X		3
4	Mr. Pantano, Board Vice President		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. Bucs, Board President			X					8
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Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting



Appendix A- [Letter from Parent RE: Grade Five Class Size](#)

Appendix B- [Letter from Parent RE: Quarantine Policy](#)

Appendix C- [Update on District Goals](#)