

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on January 8, 2024.

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Board Vice Chair Kelly Mason read the following Land Acknowledgement:

*We acknowledge that we are in the traditional homeland of the Kalapuya people, specifically the community that was known as Chifin, the area that we now call Springfield.*

*Kalapuya people, who have lived in this region since "[Time Immemorial](#)", were illegally dispossessed of their land and forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations over several years, but most notably in treaties between 1851 and 1855.*

*The Kalapuya are now members of the [Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde](#) and the [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians](#), and members of the Kalapuya still live, work, study, and thrive in this area, and continue to make important contributions here in Springfield, across the land we now refer to as Oregon, and around the globe.*

*This information is shared out of a responsibility to honor the heritage and the humanity of all people and to promote unity within our school district.*

#### Attendance

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Board Vice Chair Kelly Mason, Director Ken Kohl, Director Nicole De Graff.

Absent: Director Hernandez

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Anne Beard, Whitney McKinley, Jose da Silva, Mindy LaRoux, Joan Bolls, Alexis DeLuna, Colton Petersen, Alana Strand, Sasha Chang, Kim Donaghe, Joyce Johnson-Smith, Kari Isham, Kimberlee Pelster, Rebekah Jacobson, Katie Dawson, Michael Clint, Brian Megert, Jonathan Gault, Lesa Haley, Heather Murray, Taylor Graham, Kristen Neil, Jerame Campbell, Laurie M., Jody Burkhart, Troy B., Adlea Perio, Sahara Fisher, and Natalie Bell.

### 2. School Board Recognition Month Proclamation – Gateways Student, Alexis Deluna

#### School Board Recognition Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, school boards create a vision for what students should know and be able to do;

**WHEREAS**, school boards establish clear standards for student performance;

**WHEREAS**, school boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards;

**WHEREAS**, school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement;

**WHEREAS**, school boards align school district resources to ensure that students meet standards;

**WHEREAS**, school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels;

**WHEREAS**, school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork and shared accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards are committed to continuous education and training on issues related to student achievement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we hereby declare our appreciation to the members of the *Springfield Public Schools Board of Education* and proclaim the month of January to be School Board Recognition Month.

We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

Todd Hamilton  
Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the January 8, 2024 agenda as presented.

**MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff, to approve the January 8, 2024 agenda as presented.**

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the October 9, 2023 agenda as presented: Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff– Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Chair Light – Yes.

***Motion passed, 4:0.***

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Student Board Representative Communication**

**A3** - The School Representatives were unable to attend  
Maelette (Mae) Brockman

Cameron Stratton

### **Gateways High School (GHS)**

**Alexis DeLuna** shared:

Danica Bolt

- Multicultural music was played in the cafeteria during the week of December 4 - 7, 2023. Students decorated hall bulletin boards with a Winter Wonderland theme.
- December 7, 2023 Handel's Ice Cream participated in a school fundraiser. 20% of the profits went towards the SHS campus for various uses.
- Spirit Week was held December 11 -15 2023.
- Cosmetology students had the opportunity to have their portraits taken professionally as a group, as well as individually. Students recorded their first workshop and are getting close to being able to schedule modeling dates.

### **Springfield High School (SHS)**

**ASB President, Colton Petersen** shared:

ASB Vice-President, Sahara Fisher

- Finals week: January 29 - 31, 2024.
- Girls Varsity Basketball competed in the annual Nike Tournament of Champions December 18 - 21 2023 and the Holiday Classic Portland tournament December 28 - 30, 2023. They are currently ranked 4th in the state for 5A.
- Winterfest Spirit Week will begin Tuesday January 16, 2024.
- A Spirit assembly will be held Thursday January 18, 2024 with a staff vs. student volleyball game.
- The Winter Dance will be held Saturday January 20, 2024 in the Commons from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Several SHS campus groups will participate in semester-long cleanup and beautification projects within the month of January.
- SHS will host a MLK celebration in the auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on January 15, 2024, beginning with a march from the Justice Center at 1:00 p.m.

### **Thurston High School (THS)**

**ASB Vice President, Eliana Sanchez** shared:

ASB President, Abigail Warren

- Students and teachers are preparing for Finals Week.
- Upon returning from winter break, students had the opportunity to review the results of the school-wide College and Career Readiness day.
- Spirit Week was held prior to winter break.
- THS Black Student Union will host the, I Have a Dream Bash on January 12, 2024 in the gym during lunch.
- The THS Advisory classes collected over \$3,000 for children in the community.
- Each of the Student and Alliance groups presented to the THS staff regarding the topic of helping students feel safe on campus.
- The Dance team and Band performed in the Springfield Christmas parade. Choir performed their annual before break.
- The Hall of Fame banquet will be held January 20, 2024, honoring the newest alumni.
- The Sadie Hawkins dance will be held on February 10, 2024.

**Willamette Leadership Academy (WLA)** - The School Representative was unable to attend  
**Alana Strand**

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## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Light read the following statement concerning public comment:

*This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. The board provides three ways for community members to share public comment: written public comment, in person oral public comment and virtual public comment. Written public comment is received via email. Public comment received via email for this evening has been reviewed by the Board and has also been posted on the District's website. The deadline for submitting a request for oral public comment was today at 2pm. Those who requested an opportunity to speak this evening were notified by the board secretary about their request.*

*We encourage groups with a common purpose to designate a spokesperson. If your comments will be covered by a group spokesperson, please indicate so when your name is called. I want to remind those members of the public who have indicated a desire to make comments that our policy provides for a limitation of three (3) minutes per person.*

*The Board will not hear comments regarding any school personnel. We ask those speaking to refrain from using names and titles of school personnel. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in Board policy KL, which requires that complaints be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. This procedure must be followed before there is any Board involvement with such issues. A compliment involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, their supervisor and the Board.*

*Speakers are reminded that their public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.*

No request(s) to publicly speak were submitted.

No written statements were submitted.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. December 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
2. December 11, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Financial Statement
4. Personnel Report, Resolution #23-24.029

Brett Yancy  
Dustin Reese

**MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director De Graff seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the Consent Agenda: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

***Motion passed, 4:0.***

**B. Budget Committee Appointments, Resolution #23-24.030**

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors appoint one (1) individual, to representing the District's Diversity and Equity Committee, to serve as a member of the Springfield Budget Committee in the following position, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, completing the current vacant mid-term position:

**Position 3: Heather Quaas-Annsa**

**MOTION: President Light moved, Vice President Mason seconded the motion to approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 3, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, completing the current vacant mid-term position.**

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 3: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

*Motion passed, 4:0.*

It is recommended that the Board of Directors appoint three (3) individuals to serve as members of the Springfield Budget Committee in the following positions, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027:

**Position 1: Elaine Doombos**

**MOTION: Vice President Mason moved, President Light seconded the motion to approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 1, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.**

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 1: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

*Motion passed, 4:0.*

**Position 4: John Svoboda**

**MOTION: President Light moved, Director De Graff seconded the motion to approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 4, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.**

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 4: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

*Motion passed, 4:0.*

### **Position 5: Hollea Puzio**

**MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Vice President Mason seconded the motion to approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 5, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.**

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Budget Committee Appointment for Position 5: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

*Motion passed, 4:0.*

## **7. DISCUSSION**

### **A. 2023-2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year Two** Superintendent Hamilton

Next month Superintendent Tony Scurto will visit to answer questions and provide an overview of the Educational Service District (ESD) and the services they provide. Lane ESD provides support to the 16 districts, at the highest level they serve three areas and provide professional developmental opportunities in multiple areas, including special education initiatives. ESDs receive money to support these services. 90% of the funds flowing to the ESD need to be set aside to support district efforts. In Lane County those funds are put into a pool, as an organization they determine how those funds will be spent to support the students. Springfield receives about \$4.7 million with the majority providing educational support to students in Life Skills and the Lane Skill program. There are about 100 students participating in Lane ESD programs and receive some professional development including a small technology support. Moving forward to next year, the requested services will be similar and the final allocation amount is yet to be determined. Any questions between now and February, please send to Superintendent Hamilton.

## **8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **A. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Hamilton shared:

- Shared appreciation for our schools, which provide wraparound services and support for families, especially during the holidays.
- Food boxes were provided and students hosted clothing drives. The Springfield School District partnered with the Toys for Tots program and hosted a Toys for Tots give-away.
- Governor Kotek visited and met with local representatives and individuals that are part of Connected Lane County.
- Thanked Jose and Kimberlee for their students who participated in the programs.

## B. Board Communication and Comments Board Committee Reports

Chair Light

*Chair Light* shared:

- Gave a shout-out to the Wildish Theater.
- As President of the Swing-Shift Jazz Orchestra and the Wildish, the Orchestra felt honored to perform in the Wildish facility.
- The Martin Luther King celebration will be held on Monday January 15, 2024. The march will begin at 1:00 p.m. from the downtown Justice Center and then onward to Springfield High School.

*Chair De Graff* shared:

- An official meeting was not held in December.
- It is the 30th anniversary and the Educator Grant award deadline of April 1, 2024, which has been extended.
- More information to follow the next meeting.

*Director Kohl* shared:

- Before Christmas he had participated in a LCOG Board of Directors meeting, approving some transportation grants and writing letters of support for other grant applications.
- A Robotics meet will be held at Thurston High School this coming Saturday.

*Director Mason* shared:

- She has been busy working to approve many theater safety and equipment improvements.
- Has enjoyed learning more about the performing arts and serving on the Board.
- The Wildish is very much a hands-on working Board compared to the present Board.
- Feels there are many changes on the horizon for the Wildish.

## 9. NEXT MEETINGS

January 11, 2024, Budget Committee Work Session at 6:00 p.m

January 22, 2024, Work Session at 5:30 p.m.

February 12, 2024, Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

February 15, 2024, Budget Committee Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

**10. THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** (non-public) pursuant to ORS 192.600(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, Recorder/Transcriptionist, LCOG)*