

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

A Special Emergency Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on January 17, 2024.

Attendance

Board Members attending the meeting via Zoom included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Board Vice Chair Kelly Mason, Director Ken Kohl, and Director Nicole De Graff. Director Emilio Hernandez unable to attend due to technical issues.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson (remote) and Jeff Michna.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Light called the Special Emergency Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Brett Yancey presented the Declaration of Emergency, Springfield Public Schools, Ice Storms of January 12-17, 2024, Resolution #23-24.031

Staff has been assessing District properties in order to offer support to the community, protect the District's assets and return the facilities to a position where education can be resumed.

- Approximately 70% of the schools are without power. Some are running on power from emergency generator backup systems.
- The City of Springfield was given a Water Boil directive due to water system failures.
- Springfield High and Two Rivers-Dos Rios Schools, which have consistently had power, will be used for our SPS families and staff. This will act as a respite, providing heat, power, water, and meals.
- Respite Centers open Thursday January 18th. from 4 p.m - 7 p.m and Friday – Sunday will be open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Meal service times will be 11 a.m - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m - 6 p.m.
- This is being treated as a FEMA claim, allowing the District to participate in various State and or Federal reimbursement programs.
- The initial damage estimate is expected to surpass the District's insurance deductible of \$25,000.

MOTION: Chair Light moved, seconded by Director Kohl, to approve the Declaration of Emergency, Springfield Public Schools, Ice Storms of January 12-17, 2024

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 Declaration of Emergency, Springfield Public Schools, Ice Storms of January 12-17, 2024 as presented: Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff– Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Chair Light – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

Superintendent Hamilton wished to recognize Bret and Terry Rutledge and our Crew that began assessing the facilities, as well as numerous Operations, Facilities and Transportation Staff on site doing everything possible to mitigate the ice storm issues.

3. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

(Minutes recorded/transcribed by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)