

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on February 12, 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, Director Ken Kohl 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, Director Ken Kohl, and Director Nicole De Graff. Vice Chair Kelly Mason attended virtually. Director Emilio Hernandez.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Superintendent Scurto, Vanessa Truett, Ame Beard, Whitney McKinley, Jose da Silva, Mindy LaRoux, Andy Price, Joan Bolls, Alexis DeLuna, Alana Strand, Sasha Chang, Greg Proulx, 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, Jody Barnhart, Troy Barnhart, Sahara Fisher, Natalie Bell, Justin Starck, Brandi Starck, Jake Bonnet, Jeff Paquette, Katie Paquette, Brandy Sturgis, Chase Wells, Paul Kasperek, Audra Shelley, Jarod Taylor, Jerame Campbell, Natalie Bell, Cliff Schutte, Macy Taylor, Taylor Madden, and Jeff Paschall.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 agenda as presented.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff, to approve the February 12, 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 February 12, 2024 agenda as presented:
Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff– Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Chair Light – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

3. CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Chair Light

Classified Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation March 4-8, 2024

WHEREAS, the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country and world; and

WHEREAS, classified employees are the backbone of our public education system; and

WHEREAS, classified employees work directly with students, educators, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members; and

WHEREAS, classified employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of buildings and property, and the safe transportation, healthy nutrition and direct instruction of students; and

WHEREAS, our community depends upon and trusts classified employees to serve students; and

WHEREAS, classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture students throughout their school years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Board of Education proclaims March 4 thru 8, 2024, to be Classified Employee Appreciation Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Springfield Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join in this observance, recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

DATED this 12th day of February 2024.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of the Student Board Representatives

A3 - Student Board Representatives were not in attendance

Maelette (Mae) Brockman
Cameron Stratton

Gateways High School, GHS

Danica Bolt

Alexis DeLuna shared:

- Prior to the ice storm they had been preparing for finals. Students returned to classes on January 23rd. They were fortunate to have had the internet and power restored.
- Finals commenced and students ended the semester successfully, with 19 students having met their diploma requirements and 8 meeting their GED requirements
- Cosmetology - Students began their first haircuts and as of late, began learning men's haircuts. Shampoo and blow-out workshops were conducted as well as guest presentations from Salon Services Pro. Gel nails have been the focus, but acrylics will soon be added to possible services and aesthetics. Students have been practicing facials and waxing. The program hosted models and the district filming crew to do interviews and gather footage. Appointment books are beginning to fill up for March
- The Cosmetology Program was glad to host Aidan, an A-3 student, for her internship throughout a week of activities
- The Cosmetology building will begin to host models every Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning March 4, 2024
- The Cosmetology Open House will be held on February 20th, from 9 am - 11 am

Springfield High School, SHS

ASB President, Colton Petersen

ASB Vice-President, Sahara Fisher shared:

- They began their finals upon returning to school. The flexibility of their teachers during finals week made exams less stressful than anticipated.
- Councilors have been ensuring students remain on track for graduation. Night School will begin February 26, 2024.
- The new Spirit Week assembly will feature a student versus staff volleyball game, to be held Wednesday, February 21, 2024.
- The Night of Ice & Snow will take place Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 7 pm - 10 pm
- The Girls Basketball team achieved an impressive second ranking in the league
- Theatre is staging its musical, Urinetown, February 9th, 10th, and 15th - 17th at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door
- The Acting Ensemble presents, Trouble at the Talent Show, on February 29th and March 1st at 7 pm. Pre-sold tickets available. Contact Jill Plumb
- The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) club will attend a state conference in Portland, where they will compete in various business-related competitions
- The College and Career Center hosted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) fun night to aid seniors in completing their FAFSA applications
- 10th and 11th grade Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students will visit OSU on February 29th and in March Portland State. 9th grade AVID students plan on visiting LCC and the U of O this spring

Thurston High School, THS

ASB President, Abigail Warren

ASB Vice President, Eliana Sanchez

Macy Taylor shared:

- The Class of 2024 has achieved an 83% graduation rate and 5 students have graduated early.
- 9th graders will soon have the opportunity to explore THS's 15 Career and Arts Pathways

- 10th and 11th graders will soon focus on choosing courses that grow their area of interest in more than 30 College Now and Advanced Placement (AP) courses to specializing in one of THS's 10 Career Technical Education and 5 Arts Pathways
- THS had their internet restored on February 6th and students are appreciative of this, as well as all the help received in the campus clean up
- SkillsUSA club has reestablished with groups from metals, culinary arts, and video production. THS will compete in an annual competition to show off their career readiness skills
- Events: Valentine's Tea Party, Choir will host Valentine's Fundraiser
- Shakespear's, A Midsummer Night's Dream will be presented on February 15th - 17th and 22nd and 23rd

Willamette Leadership Academy, WLA

Alana Strand shared:

- They have now made it half-way through their school year.
- All Attendance gift cards are randomly selected. Monthly Attendance gift cards of \$15 were handed out to ten cadets with 90% or better attendance. Ten Quarterly gift cards of \$25 were handed out. The Semesterly Awards will soon be held, giving out ten \$50 gift cards to students who maintained 95% or better during semester one.
- The quarterly Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing was held last week. Many students qualified for the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program, but all showed excellent improvement and effort all around
- Five cadets, after being quizzed on their knowledge of WLA's rules and regulations and leadership skills were promoted, ranking up.
- Physical education courses have begun. Volleyball, which is always a student favorite
- The Color Guard team marched onto the Emerald Baseball Field over the summer to present colors during the National Anthem. They met Oregon Senator James Manning Jr., who invited them to the floor of the Senate to present colors. This honor was made a reality. The team is trying to set roots in the community and are incredibly grateful for this amazing opportunity

——- 7:18 p.m Director Hernandez arrived ——

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

Four (4) written statements were received and nine (9) community members present to speak.

District employees and Community Members, all of whom spoke in favor of installing artificial turf, included:

Justin Stark, Jake Bonnet, Katie Paquette, Brandy Sturgis, Chase Wells, Paul Kasperek, Audra Shelley, Jarod Taylor, and Jeff Pascal.

Each speaker listed the many difficulties students, staff and the community have experienced on the current natural grass athletic fields and each shared what the installation of artificial turf on the athletic fields would mean to the students and to themselves.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. January 8, 2024 Work Session Minutes
2. January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
3. January 17, 2024 Special Emergency Meeting Minutes
4. January 29, 2024 Board Work Session Minutes
5. Financial Statement
6. Personnel Report, Resolution #23-24.034

Brett Yancey
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 Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

B. Approve 2023-2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year Two, Resolution #23-24.033

Superintendent Scurto/Superintendent Hamilton

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2023-2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year Two and request the Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2024-25 (year two) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.

Superintendents Hamilton and Scurto and Vanessa Truett, Main Education Service District board member presented on Lane ESD services during 2024-25.

Superintendent Scurto clarified the services of special education, technology, school administration and school improvements were still being offered. Last year was the first year the state pushed out the Integrated Guidance program, which school improvement services are part of. Through various reporting requirements, streams of state funds are used to support community and school endeavors. The goal is to find ways those funds can support student projects and school academic achievements.

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, Director Hernandez seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year Two and requests the Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2024-25 (year two) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.
There was none.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the 2023-2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year Two and requests the Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2024-25 (year two) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

C. Approve Athletic Fields, Resolution #23-24.035

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the purchase and installation of artificial turf field(s) for Springfield High School and Thurston High School from Beynon Sports for a bid amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 (based on 30% construction documents), and authorize the Chief Operations Officer to finalize financing for this project through Municipal Asset Management, Inc. The artificial turf field project will be accomplished through the cooperative statewide purchasing agreement sponsored by Intermountain Education Service District.

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, Director Mason seconded the motion to approve the purchase and installation of artificial turf field(s) for Springfield High School and Thurston High School from Beynon Sports for a bid amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 (based on 30% construction documents), and authorize the Chief Operations Officer to finalize financing for this project through Municipal Asset Management, Inc. The artificial turf field project will be accomplished through the cooperative statewide purchasing agreement sponsored by Intermountain Education Service District.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Hernandez inquired of the timeline.

Yancy answered the design is approaching 50% on the construction documents and if approved, they are looking at breaking ground in May, for a completion in August of 2024. Graduations will still be held at those two sites and construction will not be disruptive to the graduation ceremonies.

Chair Light asked Yancy to speak more on the other things aside from the turf fields that the project covers.

Yancy replied the current resolution is only for the two high schools,

- Topsoil would be added to both Springfield and Thurston High School's stadium fields, due to drainage issues
- Seeding and maintaining those fields at a high level
- Those fields will become available through the District Rental Process
- Installing irrigation wells at 6-8 fields across the district at various schools
- The resolution is for the two high schools and the other at a later time
- The National Guard will assist the District with excavation

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the purchase and installation of artificial turf field(s) for Springfield High School and Thurston High School from Beynon Sports for a bid amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 (based on 30% construction documents), and authorize the Chief Operations Officer to finalize financing for this project through Municipal Asset Management, Inc. The artificial turf field project will be accomplished through the cooperative statewide purchasing agreement sponsored by Intermountain Education Service District: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

8:20 p.m. ————— **BREAK** ————— 8:25 p.m.

7. Discussion

A. Board Retreat

Chair Light

The Board agreed to hold the retreat on a Saturday, with a time frame of 10 am - 3 pm. Tim Hicks will act as a mediator and facilitator.

OSBA states that for boards to be effective they must have a common understanding of where everyone is on the work of the board and the focus of the board. Chair Light admitted there would never be enough time for everything, but retreats are designed to begin the process of gaining the focus of and in bringing the board together, informing future meetings, future topics and topics the board would like to address. Board members had each created a list of topics they were interested in addressing. Chair Light suggested they need a more substantive definition of each of the chosen topics and delve into why some of those topics may seem important to Board members, while others may seem not to.

B. Regular April Board Meeting Date

Chair Light

Chair Light shared that this will be a bookkeeping business meeting. Chair Light and Director De Graff will attend virtually, since they will be in New Orleans attending the NSBA Conference. It was decided that the Regular Board Meeting will not be rescheduled. The Business meeting will be held April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Reports and Information

A. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton shared that he and some members of the Board had been out visiting the schools, which have begun to nicely take shape once again, following the ice storm. The tree cutting services have done an amazing job and will continue working for the next couple of weeks. Hamilton once again, shared his gratitude to all District supporters during the ice storm and weeks following. In conclusion, he reminded everyone of the Cosmetology Program Celebration to be held on February 20, 2024 from 9 am - 11 am.

B. Board Communication and Comments

- **Board Committee Reports**

Chair Light did not have any updates to share.

Director Hernandez shared his appreciation for the Board's patience and support through his health trials and life changes.

Chair De Graff did not have any updates to share.

Director Kohl shared that he appreciated having the opportunity to accompany Superintendent Hamilton in visiting some of the schools and looked forward to doing more of that in the future.

Director Mason did not have any updates to share.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

February 15, 2024 – Budget Committee/Work Session at 6:00 pm

February 24, 2024 – Board Retreat, Time TBD

February 26, 2024 - Work Session at 5:30 pm

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

10. The Board will move 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 9:09 p.m.

(Minutes recorded and transcribed by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)