

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on March 11, 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 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 and Director Nicole De Graff.

Directors Emilio Hernandez and Ken Kohl were absent.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Whitney McKinley, Ame Beard, Lesa Haley, Carla Smith, Amber Mitchel, Lacey Macdonald, Kari Ishan Skelton, Debbie Carter, Kathryn Hughes, Heather Dillon, Celina Ziolkoski, Maelette Brockmann, L. Sue Wright, Carl Ogan, Moriah Shanahan, Coleen O'Neill, Craig Distefano, Troy Barnhart, Joan Bolls, Colton Petersen, Alexis DeLuna, Brenda Ogan, Danielle Smith, Amberly Trang, Andy Price, Alana Strand, Eliana Sanchez, Sasha Chang, and Kimberlee Pelster.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 agenda as presented.

MOTION: Kelly Mason moved, seconded by Nicole De Graff, to approve the March 11, 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 March 11, 2024 agenda as presented: Director De Graff– Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Chair Light – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of the Student Board Representatives

A3

Maelette (Mae) Brockmann shared:

Cameron Stratton

- The Skills USA Club held successful fundraisers in February. Snacks were made and sold in the student lobby and they plan to make and sell crafts at a local market.
- A3 welcomed Xavier Davis, who discussed a new multicultural club he wished to introduce to the school.
- Seniors are preparing for the end of year with senior photos, cap and gown orders, and finalizing senior projects. Maelette Brockman was voted to be the senior speaker for the 2024 graduation ceremony.
- Spring into Nerds will be held April 12, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the A3 main building. At this event students will sell their work and put their creativity out into the world.

Gateways High School

Alexis DeLuna shared:

Danica Bolt

- At the February school assembly and RISE awards, attendance and GPA awards were awarded to many hardworking students.
- Planning for the May prom began this month.
- Cosmetology held their Open House on February 20th. Many news outlets covered the event. Guest speakers included High School Director Mindy LeRoux, teacher Shirley Arnett, United States Representative Val Hoyle, and students Jay Leel and Amelia Guzman, as well as industry partners Endless Barbering Company and Reflections Salon.
- Cosmetology students have begun working for free on models for practice and will open to the public in April.
- GHS will continue to remember the recent loss of their student and staff member who will be dearly missed. The campus appreciates the help they have received throughout the grieving process, that the school counselors have been continuing to provide.

Springfield High School

ASB President, Colton Petersen shared:

ASB Vice-President, Sahara Fisher

- The sophomore council worked hard to plan their first “Winterfest” dance since before COVID-19. There were 15 students who each volunteered 7 hours of their time in decorating for the event. Over 250 tickets were sold, resulting in a profit of \$1,000, to be saved for next year’s prom. The first non-binary gender couple won court.
- The junior council sold food and refreshments, as a form of fundraising for their prom, to be held March 6th. The theme is “A Night in Hollywood” and will be held at Venue 252 in Eugene.

- Students from the Interact Club volunteered at the Rotary Auction on March 2nd. The funds raised will go to local service projects that will help the school and community.
 - The club also participated in the schoolwide “Clean Up & Beautification” project on March 8th. The locker bays were cleaned. The front chain link fence was decorated to read “Miller Pride”. There are future plans to decorate the remaining fences.
 - On March 9th the club volunteered at the Oregon Battle of the Books event and helped clean up afterwards.
- Sources of Strength had a lock-in on March 1st from 5pm -10pm. 20 students delivered the Gratitude Showers they had been preparing, along with engaging in group activities and storytelling, all of which helps to improve team building skills.
- The Fine Arts Hall:
 - The Pre-Spring Band Concert will be held on March 13th.
 - The Clackamas Jazz Festival will be held on March 14th.
 - The Band Festival will be held March 20th - 21st, in Roseburg and the Willamette Valley.
 - Mariachi Del Sol performed on March 7th and in Florence on March 12th.
 - SHS Theatre held its talent show audition and the “Curious Savage” auditions from February 26th - March 1st.
 - The Talent Show will be held on March 21st.
- Next year the first cohort of students in the AVID program will be seniors. Several SHS staff members visited South Albany High School, known for their successful AVID program. SHS staff observed Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR) and listened to the experiences of twelve AVID students from grades 9-12.
- Students who applied for scholarships are beginning to receive their award letters. Student London Pendleton was presented with the Presidential Scholarship Award, valued at \$10,000 per year and is renewable.

Thurston High School

ASB President, Abigail Warren

ASB Vice President, Eliana Sanchez

shared:

- Forecasting for classes next year continues. Freshmen begin next week. Students learned about the Honors diploma options and of the requirements for those. Student ambassadors met recently for the planning kick-off to Colt Night, where students will prepare showcases for incoming students, peers, and parents.
- A Pep Assembly was held last Thursday, followed by Spirit Week. The “Spring Fling” dance was held last Friday.
- The 5 Powers sponsored “Palestine’s”, a successful tea party event, which was attended by over 100 students
- SHS Campus Sparrow, Sam & his family were invited by the Girls Basketball Team to Senior Night. 524 service hours have been logged for Sam, who received an incredible reception when he was introduced at half-time. The girls had yellow “Play for Sam” t-shirts made up, which they wore during warm-ups
- Leadership participated in a mood booster activity called “Gratitude Rocks”, in which they painted inspirational messages on stones and then hid them around campus for the students to find
- Auditions for the spring musical “Mary Poppins” have ended. More than 50 students are involved in the production

- To raise an overall campus awareness of Colt Cash, a number of teachers volunteered to participate in the “Chair-iot Racing” event, which was voted upon by the students.
- Girls Wrestling took 1st in state for 5A. Boys Wrestling placed 2nd overall. Cheer placed 2nd in state
- Boys Basketball played in the first round of the postseason and finished 6th in 5A Academic All State. Girls Basketball had three Lady Colts recognized as part of the All Midwestern League
- Cabaret placed 1st in Jazz and Kick at the Sheldon competition and placed 8th for 5A Academic All State
- Eight instrumentalists qualified for the statewide competition. Robotic had three teams go to State
- Honor Roll socials began March 1st, occurring weekly in March by grade level
- Events:
 - Colt Night - April 10th from 6pm-8pm
 - 3/13 Orchestra Night
 - 3/14 Band Concert
 - 3/20 Choir Concert

Willamette Leadership Academy WLA

Alana Strand

shared:

- The Q2 Review & Awards ceremony was held this month. Many cadets were specifically recognized for their stellar accomplishments
- The Charlie Company, made up of freshmen, were bestowed the Top Company and Top Matching
- The Bravo Company, made of sophomores, were awarded the Top Academics ribbon for maintaining their lengthy strength of having the most cadets on the honor roll
- The new credit recovery class Horticulture has begun sowing their seeds. They have ordered more soil for the boxes and have also received many donations from parents. The goal is to make salsa, all from the ingredients the cadets grew
- Parent Teacher conferences were held last week. It is a great way that WLA helps to keep families connected with the student’s academic efforts and responsibilities

4. 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.

Colleen O'Neill and Heather Dillon each spoke of:

- Continued health concerns regarding Mount Vernon Elementary School. Tama Rowen is the most recent staff loss due to cancer, however since the school was built there have been six staff members diagnosed with cancer, not including those diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder and those receiving a diagnosis shortly after leaving the building to retire. All of this has occurred during a matter of three years and has included students, as well
- The school district does not test for polychlorinated biphenyls, which are chemicals used in building materials and electrical equipment prior to 1980 and are known to cause cancer and adversely affect the immune system. It was their understanding Mount Vernon Elementary was constructed using refurbished materials
- A group of community members are requesting and begging the school district to conduct various testing of the building and or the soil, in attempts to safeguard the students and staff and to discover the cause of this great increase in cancer and autoimmune diagnosis

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. February 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. February 26, 2024 Board Work Session Minutes
3. Financial Reports Brett Yancey
4. Personnel Report, Resolution #23-24.036 Dustin Reese
5. Adult Meal Price Increase, Resolution #23-24.037 Brett Yancey

MOTION: Vice Chair Mason 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 Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

B. Accept Middle School Science & High School Math Materials Adoption, First Read

Whitney McKinley

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review as a first reading of the *Stile Education, 2023* for basal use in the Middle School Science program.

MOTION: Vice Chair Mason moved, Chair Light seconded the motion to accept the first reading of the *Stile Education, 2023* for basal use in the Middle School Science program.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of accepting the first reading of the *Stile Education, 2023* for basal

use in the Middle School Science program: Director Light – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review as a first reading of the Carnegie Learning High School Math Solution, Finocchi, et al., 2022 for basal use in the High School Math program.

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, Director Light seconded the motion to accept the first reading of the Carnegie Learning High School Math Solution, Finocchi, et al., 2022 for basal use in the High School Math program.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of accepting the first reading of the Carnegie Learning High School Math Solution, Finocchi, et al., 2022 for basal use in the High School Math program: Director Light – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

C. Approve Out of State Travel, Springfield High School, DECA, Resolution #23-24.038

David Collins

It is recommended the Board approve Springfield High School's DECA students' request to travel to Anaheim, CA. to participate in the International DECA Competition. Dates of travel will be April 26 – May 1, 2024.

MOTION: Chair Light moved, Director De Graff seconded the motion to approve the Out of State Travel, Springfield High School, DECA, Resolution #23-24.038.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member if they approve the Springfield High School's DECA students' request to travel to Anaheim, CA. to participate in the International DECA Competition. Dates of travel will be April 26 – May 1, 2024: Director Light – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

7. Reports and Information

A. United Front Update

Brian Richardson

Director of Communications and Community Engagement Brian Richardson provided details on next week's United Front trip to Washington DC. The group along with Superintendent Hamilton and Director Light will travel to Washington DC, to then meet over several days with the congressional delegation, government organizations and student-focused nonprofits, where they will be championing the group's successes and spotlighting any needs or potential policy related issues.

- The group tentatively has meetings scheduled with the Oregon Office of Federal Affairs, USDA to discuss food nutrition, Department of Education After School Alliances and FEMA, as well as representative Hoyle and Senators Wyden and Merkley's office
- There are also pending meetings that may materialize for next week
- During these various meetings, United Front groups will back each other's projects and priorities, presenting a true United front in our nation's capital

- Gratitude will be shared for the federal funding awarded and a handout showcasing the new \$395,000 Cosmetology program will be presented. They will also share appreciation for the pandemic related federal funding, which ends this year and an explanation will be provided on how those funds were leveraged
- The group will continue conversation around dedicated funding needs surrounding unfinished learning and academic enrichment, specifically summer and after school programming

B. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

- Legislature concluded this year's short session and there were several education related bills
- Representative Lively will join the Board at next week's Budget Committee work session, where he will provide updates on what occurred during their short session
- Oregon State Board Association (OSBA) will release a legislative summary later this spring, highlighting those bills and summaries.
- \$30 million of funding for summer learning was passed. Questions around funding allocations remain
- The School District will continue to partner with Team Springfield, Willamalane and the City of Springfield and will continue to have a heavy involvement as part of our community based organizations that wraparound and support the students
- The School District is planning to expand from six to nine elementary programs. Student recruitment will begin after the spring break
- Willamalane opened their 1Pass program last week
- Special thanks to those involved with the Battle of the Books; Joyce Johnson, Donna Roper, and Ashley and Christina. The Battle of the Books winner is a repeat winner from Buena Vista Spanish Immersion

C. Board Communication and Comments

- Board Committee Report

Vice Chair Mason shared the following Wildish Theatre updates:

- A hearing loop will be installed next week, greatly enhancing the experience of visitors who rely upon hearing aids
- A grant of \$17,000, covering nearly half of the project was received from a Wildish partner
- The Springfield Arts and Culture Awards (SACA) will be held on April 20, 2024. Tickets may be purchased on the theater's website

Director De Graff shared the following Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) updates:

- There are many opportunities to volunteer. Director De Graff enjoyed volunteering as a greeter at the Battle of the Books and was impressed with how well the organization was ran

Chair Light shared:

- A Swing Shift Jazz Orchestra concert was held at the Wildish, featuring nationally acclaimed vocalist Clairdee from San Francisco, California. While here, Clairdee was able to visit some of the schools and the children
- Chair Light visited Yolanda Elementary and always enjoys seeing the amazing work of the staff and teachers and witness that high level of expertise

- He attended Gateway's Cosmetology program Open House, noting the turnout was tremendous

8. NEXT MEETINGS

March 21, 2024 – Budget Committee/Board Work Session at 6:00pm

April 8, 2024 - Board Meeting at 7:00pm

April 22, 2024 - Board Work Session at 5:30pm

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

9. The Board will meet in 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

(Minutes recorded / transcribed by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)