

**SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

December 9, 2024

VISION STATEMENT

Cultivating, compassionate, and extraordinary learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences – empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Time: 7:05 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT- President Meredith Murphy

President's Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on January 3, 2024 and revised on February 16, 2024. The public comment format for this meeting is as follows – attendees wishing to comment during the public sessions will state their name and address. The President of the Board of Education will recognize the attendee at the appropriate time. All of the Board's Policies and Regulations related to public participation in board meetings shall remain in effect, including, but not limited to, the presiding officer's ability to limit each statement made by a participant to a 3- minute duration.

B. ROLL CALL

Vice President Laura Gamarekian

Mrs. Adriana Silva

Mr. Jerry Fernandez- *absent*

Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Mr. Hector Munoz

Mrs. Yelena Zolotarsky- *absent*

Mrs. Kristy Rubin

President Meredith Murphy

Mrs. Paula Saha

C. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED, That the Springfield Board of Education meeting hereby convenes to executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975 chapter 231 for discussion of the following subjects:

1. Student Matters- The Superintendent updated the board on a student matter.

It is anticipated that the executive session will take approximately 30 minutes; the Board may take action during public session. The Board shall return to public session, following executive session, at approximately 7 p.m. The minutes of the executive session shall be released to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

Motion to go into executive session:

Moved: Mrs. Turnbull

Seconded: Mr. Munoz

Time: 6:38 PM

Voice Vote: AYE-7 NAY- 0

Motion to return to public session:

Moved: Mrs. Saha

Seconded: Mrs. Turnbull

Time: 7:05 PM

Voice Vote: AYE- 7 NAY- 0

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. COMMUNICATIONS

- Mrs. Calas read in articles on the following topics: adoption of student cell phone policies, December special elections as well as decisions affecting NJ Schools.
- Mrs. Calas read in the November election results.

F. MINUTES

The Superintendent recommends:

1. To approve the following minutes:
Executive Meeting – November 25, 2024
Regular Meeting – November 25, 2024

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve: Vice President Gamarekian

Seconded: Mrs. Rubin

Voice Vote: AYE- 6 NAY-0 (Abstention- Mrs. Saha)

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Student Representative Report
 2. District Holiday Greeting Card Winners Presentation
 3. Student Safety Data System Reporting Period 2 SY 2023-2024
 4. Student/ Staff Recognitions
 5. Community Updates
 6. HIB Report (The Board will go into closed session at the end of the meeting if specific clarification is needed.)
 7. Building Use Request
 8. Student Teacher Internships
 9. Fundraiser Requests
- Miss Tiger presented the student representative report and discussed some of the happenings at JDHS as well as provided an athletic update.
 - Dr. Goldberg honored the athletes that received All- Team, All- County, All -Conference titles and honorable mention.
 - Dr. Goldberg recognized the NJ Governor's Teacher and Educational Service Professional of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year. Board members expressed their gratitude for their service and leadership.
 - Dr. Goldberg recognized Mrs. Saha, Mr. Munoz and Mrs. Zolotarsky for their years of service.
 - Dr. Goldberg presented the district holiday greeting card winners.
 - Mrs. Scudero presented the Student Safety Data System Reporting Period 2 SY 2023-2024 as well as HIB trainings and programs.

Approval of the Superintendent's Report, as presented

Motion to Approve: Vice President Gamarekian

Seconded: Mr. Munoz

Voice Vote: AYE- 7 NAY-0

H. PUBLIC SESSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

I. BOARD GOVERNANCE, POLICY, AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE- Mrs. Saha

Items 1 through 10

The Superintendent recommends:

1. Staff Retirement

To accept the following retirement:

- a. Stephanie Carlson, English Teacher, JDHS, effective May 1, 2025.

2. Staff Appointment Rescission

To approve the following rescission of staff appointment:

- a. Omar Jennings, Custodian, Itinerant.

3. District Substitutes

To approve additional substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year. NJ Certified Teachers- \$135/day, Sub Certified- \$125/day, Paraprofessionals- \$20/hr., Secretary- \$20/hr., Custodian- \$20/hr., Nurse- \$190/day, Bus Driver- \$25/hr.

TEACHER

Valerie Henriquez* Sub Certified N-12

Madison MacPherson Sub Certified N-12

AIDE

Jenna Campos*

**Pending Criminal History Background Clearance*

4. Leave of Absence Request

To approve the following leave of absence and revised leave of absence requests:

Name	Leave Request	Date From	Dates To	Rate
Renee Mowczan	FMLA	10/14/2024 – 11/25/2024	10/14/2024 – 12/6/2024	Full salary; accumulated sick days
Michelle Blazquez	Maternity Leave	10/14/2024 – 11/27/2024	10/14/2024 – 12/13/2024	Fully Salary; accumulated sick days/ Unpaid
	Maternity Leave – FLA	12/11/2024 – 3/12/2025	12/16/2024 – 3/16/2025	Unpaid
Alexis Rodriguez	Personal Leave	--	12/17/2024 – 2/17/2025	Unpaid

5. Before/ After School/ Child Care Staff

To approve the following staff appointment for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Pay Rate
Tina Ferreira	Substitute Group Leader	\$25.01/hr.
Jenna Campos*	Group Aide	\$16.75/hr

**Pending Criminal History Background Clearance*

6. After School Programs

To approve the following staff for the After School Programs. Teacher Rate: \$54.36

Name	Location	Position	Hrs/Days
Kelly Correia	Walton	Academic Intervention	Up to 20 hours
Amanda Vansco	Walton	Academic Intervention	Up to 20 hours

Account: 11-401-100-100-45-XX

7. Detention/Chaperone Staff 2024-2025

To approve the following Detention/Chaperone JDHS Staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Rate \$31.24.

- Jailyn Fernandez

8. Athletic Event

To approve the following additional athletic event staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Rate: \$31.24:

- Jaclene Santone

9. Athletic Coaches

To approve the following athletic coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:

Position	Name	Rate
Head Golf Coach	David Dougherty	\$3,804.60

Account: 11-402-100-100-46-14

10. Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Incidents

To approve the following harassment/intimidation/bullying incidents:

- 060-2425-02
- 060-2425-03
- 060-2425-04
- 060-2425-05
- 060-2425-06
- 060-2425-07
- 060-2425-08
- 090-2425-02
- 010-2425-01

Approval of Board Governance, Policy, and Communications Items 1 through 10

Motion to Approve: Mrs. Saha

Seconded: Vice President Gamarekian

- Dr. Goldberg commended Mrs. Carlson on her retirement.

Roll Call

Vice President Laura Gamarekian	Yes	Adriana Silva	Yes
Jerry Fernandez	Absent	Hilary Turnbull	Yes
Hector Munoz	Yes	Yelena Zolotarsky	Absent
Kristy Rubin	Yes	President Meredith Murphy	Yes
Paula Saha	Yes		

J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE-

Vice President Gamarekian

Items 11 through 12

The Superintendent recommends:

11. Professional Services

To approve the following professional services:

Vendor	Services	Rate	Term
Jana Casale Lee, Consulting LLC. Summit, NJ	Data Planning, Instruction, Assessment, & Special Education Programming	\$8,800.00	2024-2025 SY

12. Field Trip/ Class Trip

To approve the following out of state field trip destination for 2024-2025 school year

Date of Trip	Destination	School	Purpose of Trip
12/20/24	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex, Staten Island, NY	JDHS Girls/Boys Track	Track Meet
1/22/25	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex, Staten Island, NY	JDHS Girls/Boys Track	Track Meet
2/3/25	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex, Staten Island, NY	JDHS Girls/Boys Track	Track Meet
2/14/25	NYC Armory, New York, NY	JDHS Girls/Boys Track	Track Meet
3/4/25	NYC Armory, New York, NY	JDHS Girls/Boys Track	Track Meet

Approval of the School Administration, Academic Programs, and Athletics Items 11 through 12

Motion to Approve: Vice President Gamarekian

Seconded: Mrs. Turnbull

Roll Call

Vice President Laura Gamarekian	Yes	Adriana Silva	Yes
Jerry Fernandez	Absent	Hilary Turnbull	Yes
Hector Munoz	Yes	Yelena Zolotarsky	Absent
Kristy Rubin	Yes	President Meredith Murphy	Yes
Paula Saha	Yes		

K. FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND SECURITY COMMITTEE- Mrs. Zolotarsky**Items 13 through 17**

The Superintendent recommends:

13. Bills List

To approve the check numbers 056320 through 056416 and wire transfer 889133 through 889137 for the grand total of \$3,376,195.31.

14. Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for the 2024-2025 school year.

Account Number	Account Name	To	From
11-120-100-101-01-09	SUBSTITUTES EVW		\$5,000.00
11-000-219-600-70-11	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$5,000.00	

15. Certificate of Payment

To approve the Certificate of Payment for:

- a. Manor II Electric, Inc., Holmdel, NJ payment#4 in the amount of \$162,416.75 for project number 23.047. (Electrical Upgrades at Jonathan Dayton High School & Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School)

16. Transportation Vehicle Rental

To enter into vehicle rental agreement with Summit Board of Education for Ford Transit Minivan rental at \$60/day for the 2024-2025 School year.

17. Professional Services

To approve the professional services contract with:

- a. LAN Associates, Inc., for additional scope of service for HVAC upgrades in the project scope for the Biology Lab Conversion at Jonathan Dayton High School for an additional cost of \$6,120.00. This project is part of the long range facilities plan and will be capital reserve funded.

Original Agenda Resolution appeared on the October 28, 2024, Regular Public Meeting, resolution no.35

Approval of Finance, Facilities, and Security Items 13 through 17

Motion to Approve: Mrs. Turnbull

Seconded: Mr. Munoz

Roll Call

Vice President Laura Gamarekian	Yes	Adriana Silva	Yes
Jerry Fernandez	Absent	Hilary Turnbull	Yes
Hector Munoz	Yes	Yelena Zolotarsky	Absent
Kristy Rubin	Yes	President Meredith Murphy	Yes
Paula Saha	Yes		

L. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

- Greg Horne, 54 Springbrook Road, discussed a competition that the high school can participate in.
- Dr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Horne for the information.

M. NEW BUSINESS

- President Murphy provided some information regarding the play.
- Mrs. Saha thanked the Board and made reflected on her time sitting on the Board.
- Mr. Munoz updated the board with Union County Ed Service real estate. Mr. Munoz spoke about his time as a board member.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mrs. Saha

Seconded: Mr. Munoz

Time: 8:22 PM

Voice Vote: AYE- 7 NAY-0

Upcoming Meeting

1. Re-Organization Meeting – January 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the JDHS IMC
2. Regular Meeting– January 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the JDHS IMC