

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

2024-2025 – 007

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

TIME: 7:00 PM LOCATION: CAFETERIA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.” Pursuant to the provisions of this act, the Springfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof sent to: The Burlington County Times, Springfield Township Clerk, Board of Education members, and posted in the Springfield Township Board of Education Office and Springfield Township Municipal Building.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

4. ELECTION RESULTS

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

5. ADMINISTRATIVE OATH OF OFFICE

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

6. ROLL CALL

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

Present: Mr. Roberson, Ms. Mancini, Ms. Donahue, Mr. Dieker, Mr. Hale, Mr. Pedana, Ms. Jeronowitz, Ms. Drum

Absent: Ms. Rincon

7. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Casey DeJoseph, Board Secretary (Presiding)

a. Board President

Mrs. DeJoseph opened the floor to nominations for the office of President

Ms. Drum nominated Ms. Mancini; Ms. Donahue nominated Mr. Roberson

Roll Call vote (in order of nominations) for Ms. Mancini for President:

Roberson - No

Hale - Yes

Mancini - Yes

Pedana - Yes

Jeronowitz - Yes

Rincon - Absent

Donahue - No

Drum - Yes

Dieker - Yes

Motion Carries; 6 Yes - 2 No - 1 Absent

Mrs. DeJoseph congratulated Ms. Mancini. Ms. Mancini presided over the remainder of the meeting.

b. Board Vice President

Ms. Mancini opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice - President

Mr. Dieker nominated Ms. Drum, seeing no other nominations a roll call vote was conducted:

Roberson - Yes

Hale - Yes

Mancini - Yes

Pedana - Yes

Jeronowitz - Yes

Rincon - Absent

Donahue - Yes

Drum - Yes

Dieker - Yes

Motion Carries, all in favor 8-0

8. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)

Board President Mancini

Before a matter is placed on the agenda, Administration has thoroughly reviewed it. Board Members preview the agenda items five days prior to the meeting and discuss questionable items with the Superintendent. The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public comments will only be permitted during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Each public comment period shall be limited to thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board members present. Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one topic. Public comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration and/or Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the Administration separately.

None.

9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Board President Mancini

a) RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-101

ACCEPTING THE NOVEMBER 2023 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

b) RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-102

ADOPT BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

c) RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-103

APPROVE ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

d) RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-104

APPROVE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Motion Hale, Second Donahue to accept, adopt, and/or approve resolutions ending in 101-104; roll call vote:

Roberson - Yes

Hale - Yes

Pedana - Yes

Jeronowitz - Yes

Rincon - Absent

Donahue - Yes

Drum - Yes

Dieker - Yes

Mancini - Yes

Motion Carries, all in favor 8-0

10. BOARD FORUM

Board President Mancini

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATTERS - None

NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

- BOE Committee Assignments
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation
 - Negotiations
 - Curriculum & Technology
 - Policy
- BOE Representatives
 - NJ School Boards Association (Representative & Alternate)
 - Burlington County School Boards Association (Representative & Alternate)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)

Board President Mancini

None.

12 ADJOURNMENT (7:32 p.m.)

Board President Mancini

Motion to adjourn Donahue, Second Dieker, motion carries, all in favor 8-0

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-101

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD
ON THE NOVEMBER 2024 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Board reports that the annual school election was held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** and the final certified results are below reported:

Springfield Township Board of Education

Term	Christian Dieker	Personal Choice	Personal Choice	Totals
3 Year	1,564	Dawn Jeronowitz - 46	Lawrence Pedana. - 31	1,641
	Christian Dieker			
2 Year				
	Jessica Donahue			
1 Year				

Totals 1,641

;and

The voter turnout at the polling locations, mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots in the **November 5, 2024** election was **two thousand twenty-five (2,025)** ballots cast in Springfield Township.

The Board Secretary has been provided copies of the Springfield Township Return Sheets and the Burlington County Board of Elections Statement of Results for absentee/provisional ballots which confirms the above vote tallies. This Report of the Secretary shall be entered into the minutes of the **January 7, 2025** Reorganization Meeting prior to the administration of the oath of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above outlined Report has been reviewed and accepted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Board of Education members-elect.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-102

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ADHERENCE WITH THE SCHOOL ETHICS ACT AND CODE OF ETHICS PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:30 AND 6:3 AND N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Board of Education regulations require local boards of education to meet to discuss the ethics laws at a regularly scheduled public meeting; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education must discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics at a regularly scheduled public meeting and annually adopt policies and procedures regarding training in understanding the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education member shall sign an acknowledgment of receipt that she/he has read and become familiar with the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, copies of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30 and 6:3, the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, and the New Jersey School Boards Association training materials were distributed to every Board Member; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics were reviewed and accepted by each member of the Board of Education as evidenced by the executed "Acknowledgment of Receipt" by each member which is kept on file in the Administration Building of the Township of Springfield Board of Education.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-103

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 2025 - DECEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, District Policy 0154 requires the Board of Education to annually motion and designate the following at the annual organization meeting:

1. Designate one or more depositories for school funds, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34; 2. Designate those persons authorized to sign school warrants (checks), N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
3. Designate the official newspaper, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-11; 18A:39-3;
4. Designate a second newspaper for the publication of Board meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8;
5. Designate the day, place, and time for regular meetings of the Board;
6. Approve the curriculum for all grades;
7. Readopt existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of

the school system.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates WSFS Bank as its depository for all school funds, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates the Board President, Superintendent, and Business Administrator as those persons authorized to sign school warrants, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as official newspapers of record, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as newspapers for the publication of Board meetings, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates that regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 14 (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised), and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education approves current curriculum for all grades, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education readopts all existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of the school system, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby certifies that the above annual motions and designations have been approved in accordance with District Policy 0154.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #24/25-ROM-007-104

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act - N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. requires that within seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of a public body, the public body must establish, for public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised). Action will be taken at these meetings and closed executive sessions may be conducted. The below calendar of public meetings is proposed for Board of Education approval:

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Regular Session Meetings
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Wednesday, April 30, 2025*
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

*public hearing on the FY25-26 budget

Reorganization Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2026

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the above public meeting calendar.