

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on August 25, 2025.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education organizational meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. Chair Light led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Director Quaas-Annsa shared 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 in attendance included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Board Vice Chair Ken Kohl, Director De Graff, Director Quaas-Annsa and Director Amber Langworthy.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Martie Steigleder, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Tiffany Asumendi, Gail Woodford, Lou Woodford, Heather Millehrer-Huerta, Benjamin Bennett, Catherine Wiebe, Tyna Julian, June Fothergill, Katie Stocks, Ginny Cavanau, Scott Chruting, Paul Reppo, Carrie Patterson, Coleen O'Neil, Marion Malcolm, Colin Lyons, Ryan Heslands, Chris Peters, Erin Allman, Heather Dillon, Kim Davenport, Kiana Johnson, Jen Cisco, Jonathan Gault, Linda Burke, Rachel Holbrook, Laurel Fooks, Mike Baker, Ingrid Nordstrom, Karen Carney, Michael Wilson, Mikell Harshbarger, Wendy Harshbarger, Annalisa Morton, Colette Trotter, Tom Schram, Anne Goff, Laura Scruggs, Deanna Jacobson, Stefanie Peters, Kate Hughes, Melissa Blomquist, Kelly Keller, Allison Sharpe, Bob McLoolan, Heather Mills, Kate Aly, Laura Vellines, Teresa Page, Ashley Drago, Zva LaMar, and Morgan Rees.

2. Adjourn into Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(f)

Chair Light

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

3. Action Items

A. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

A parent complaint was addressed by the Board during the Executive Session.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Director Kohl to adopt the Superintendent's decision as the final decision of the written appeal files with the Board and delegate authority to the Board Chair to respond to the complainant.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote to adopt the Superintendent's decision as the final decision of the written appeal files with the Board and delegate authority to the Board Chair to respond to the Complainant: Board Vice Chair Ken Kohl - Yes, Director De Graff - Yes, Director Quaas-Annsa - Yes, Director Amber Langworthy - Yes, and Board Chair Jonathan Light - Yes.

Motion Passed, 5:0.

B. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

Ken Kohl

Director Kohl on behalf of the Board, read aloud a statement emphasizing the importance of addressing complaints impartially and consistently, with the suggestion of retaining an independent investigator to ensure objectivity.

Board members highlighted their commitment to students and in maintaining the Board's integrity. Members expressed their frustrations at having to deal with ongoing violations instead of being able to focus on other important issues.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded to approve the Board to retain an outside investigator to investigate the complaints reviewed in Executive Session.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote to approve the Board of retaining an outside investigator to investigate the complaints reviewed in Executive Session: Board Vice Chair Ken Kohl - Yes, Director De Graff - No, Director Quaas-Annsa - Yes, and Director Amber Langworthy - Yes, and Board Chair Jonathan Light - Abstained.

Motion Passed, 3:1; with 1 abstention

C. Action to Request Legal Opinion on Public Meetings and Public Records Laws

Chair Light

Chair Light discussed the need for legal counsel to clarify public meetings and serial communication laws.

MOTION: Director De Graff moved to not request legal counsel to clarify public meetings and serial communication laws.

The motion lacked a second.

Motion failed, 0:0

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Light to approve the Board to seek legal opinion for public meetings and public records law.

The Board discussed the costs associated with legal counsel, board governance discussions, future training sessions and clarifications of public meeting law and other board governance topics, including a suggestion to involve OSBA for cost-effectiveness.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote to approve the Board to seek legal opinion for public meetings and public records law: Board Vice Chair Ken Kohl - Yes, Director De Graff - No, Director Quaas-Annsa - Yes, and Director Amber Langworthy - Yes, and Board Chair Jonathan Light - Yes.

Motion Passed, 4:1.

4. Discussion

A. Future Agenda Items

Due to time constraints, the Board decided to table this agenda item.

MOTION: Chair Light moved, seconded by Director Kohl to table Agenda Item 4.A, Future Agenda Items for discussion at the September 8, 2025 board meeting.

Motion passed, 5:0.

5. NEXT MEETINGS:

September 8, 2025 - Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
September 22, 2025 - Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Light adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)