

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting and Executive Session of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on September 2, 2025.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education organizational meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

- A. Chair Light led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Director Kohl 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 prevent the erasure of Native culture, heritage, and people and to ensure a quality contemporary education for future generations.

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, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Martie Steigleder, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna and Jonathan Gault.

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

Chair Light

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 2:32 p.m.

3. Action Items

- A. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

Chair Light

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, seconded by Director Light to retain an outside investigator to investigate the complaint reviewed in Executive Session.

Chair light asked if there were any further questions or comments.
There were none.

Chair Light asked for a roll call vote to indicate if they approve the Board to retain an outside investigator to investigate the complaint reviewed in Executive Session: Director Ken Kohl - Yes, Director De Graff - Yes, Director Quaas-Annsa - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Director Light - Yes.

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 2:34 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)