

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on September 8, 2025.

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 Light 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, Vice Chair Ken Kohl, Director Nicole De Graff, Director Heather Quaas-Annsa and Director Amber Langworthy.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Melissa Locke, Brian Megert, Mindy LeRoux, Teresa Collins, Whitney McKinley, Angela Lundee, Josh Donaldson, Kristen Noor, Sarah Bosch, Brandi Starck, Carla Smith, Jose da Silva, Brady Cottle, Kari Islam, Shelby Masterson, Robert Morgan, Lesa Haley, Ame Beard, Mikel Harshbarger, Melissa Stalder, Ingrid Nordstrom, Jerami Wood, Kimberlee Pelster, Deana Lancaster, Wendy Harshbarger, Heather Dillon, Andy Price, Katie Dawson, Gail Woodford, Jonathan Gault, Abi Lancaster, Shana Stolarczyk, Catherine Wiebe, Lon Woodford, Marion Malcolm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the September 8, 2025 agenda as presented.

Director Kohl and Director Langworthy requested that Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008, be pulled from the motion for further discussion.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Quaas-Annsa, to approve the September 8, 2025 Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 5.A.4, Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008 to be held for further discussion.

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 September 8, 2025 Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 5.A.4, to be held for further discussion: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, Director Light – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

3. Presentations

A. Introduction of New Administrators (5 minutes)

David Collins

David Collins, Joyce Johnson, and Whitney McKinley introduced three new administrators.

Teresa Collins is the new principal at Elizabeth Page Elementary School

Brady Cottle is the new principal at Mt. Vernon Elementary School

Angela Landy is the new assistant principal at Agnes Stewart Middle School

B. Summer Learning and Engagement Programs (15 minutes)

Melissa Locke

Federal Programs and Grants Coordinator Melissa Locke, highlighted the success of the summer learning programs, which served 1,752 students in grades pre-K through 12, with significant funding from state grants. The programs focused on reading comprehension, community building, and valued partnerships with local organizations.

The success of the Credit Recovery Program was discussed, with 280 students earning 271 credits in July and 59 additional seniors graduating on time. Other programs highlighted were the Strong Start Program and the Native Youth Program.

Director Quaas-Annsa expressed appreciation for the Strong Start Program and shared the positive experience her child had from participating in this program.

Director Langworthy expressed appreciation for the Sparks Program, noting that it had greatly benefited her daughter.

Chair Light, in referencing the City of Springfield's budgetary tensions, asked how the Spark Program was funded.

Melissa Locke replied that funding was provided through the partnership of the Springfield Library and the Springfield Public School District (SPSD). The District pays for half of the artist's fees for the July performances and the library covers the remainder.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Light shared: 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 2:00 p.m. Those who requested an opportunity to speak this evening were notified by the board secretary about their request.

Time permitting, the Board may also hear public comment from individuals who signed up in person at the Administration Office before the meeting.

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.

The Board received one Written Public Comment from Sandoval Van Brunt Salazar and four in person Public Comments, which included Sarah B.- Well-Rounded Education for K-5 Students, Robert Morgan- Running for Board, Ingrid Nordstrom- Curriculum Concerns, and Shana Stolarczyk- Elementary Education. There were several no-shows.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

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| 1. August 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes | |
| 2. Financial Statement, Resolution #25-26.006 | Brett Yancey |
| 3. Personnel Report, Resolution #25-26.007 | Dustin Reese |
| 4. Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008 | Brian Megert |

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for September 8, 2025 with the exception of Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, to be held for further discussion.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Quaas-Annsa to approve the Consent Agenda for September 8, 2025 with the exception of Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, to be held for further discussion.

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 for September 8, 2025 with the exception of Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, to be held for further discussion: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008 as presented.

Chair Light opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Director Kohl raised concerns regarding the availability of evaluations for some facilities and inquired of the status of Bridgeway School's fire marshal approval. He expressed concern about approving contracts without completed evaluations.

Director of Special Programs Brian Megert, replied that Centerpoint's evaluation was complete, although not yet posted on the Lane ESD website. Bridgeway received its approval letter in January, but faced slight delays due to facility issues, an ongoing discussion at ODE about Bridgeway School's categorization, and confusion over the approval process.

Superintendent Todd Hamilton explained the shared responsibility among districts for evaluating facilities to avoid redundancy and stated that the Alternative Education worksheet had been completed and all of the aspects confirmed to be in place.

Director Quaas-Annsa asked if the contract was contingent upon approval.

Dr. Megert assured the Board that the contract would cease if ODE approval was not granted. Any operational activity would immediately cease.

Megert and Hamilton expressed confidence in Bridgeway School's operations and trust in the executive director.

MOTION: Director Light moved, seconded by Director Quaas-Annsa to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008 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 Consent Agenda Item 5.A.4; Alternative Education Programs, Resolution #25-26.008 as presented: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – No, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:1.

B. Approve eRate Wireless Project, Resolution #25-26.009

Jeff Michna

It is recommended that the Board of Directors award the Wireless Infrastructure Upgrades bid to CDWg of Vernon Hills, IL for \$786,570.00, of which \$629,256.00 will be paid for with federal E-rate funds and \$157,314.00 will be paid using the Technology Fund.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, Director De Graff seconded the motion to approve the terms of the Wireless Infrastructure Upgrades bid to CDWg of Vernon Hills, IL for \$786,570.00, of which \$629,256.00 will be paid for with federal E-rate funds and \$157,314.00 will be paid using the Technology Fund.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl inquired about the urgency of the project.

Technology Director Jeff Michna, responded that the current wireless infrastructure is 10 years old and in need of an upgrade in one particular area to avoid hardware failures.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the terms of the Wireless Infrastructure Upgrades bid to CDWg of Vernon Hills, IL for \$786,570.00 of which \$629,256.00 will be paid for with federal E-rate funds and \$157,314.00 will be paid using the Technology Fund: Position 4: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

C. Possible Action OSBA Board of Directors and/or Legislative Policy Committee Nominations Director Quaas-Annsa

It is recommended that the Springfield School Board of Directors hold nominations for the Oregon School Board Association Board of Directors and the Legislative Policy Committee.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, Director Light seconded the motion to nominate Nicole De Graff to serve on the OSBA Board of Directors.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they support the motion to nominate Nicole De Graff to serve on the OSBA Board of Directors: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

6. Discussion

A. Personal Electronic Devices

Superintendent Hamilton & David Collins

Superintendent Hamilton provided an overview of the executive order, requiring school districts to adopt a policy prohibiting student use of personal electronics devices during instructional time by October 31, 2025 and implemented by January 1, 2026. The different levels of restrictions on electronic devices, from most restrictive (locked in a device) to least restrictive (kept in a pocket) were explained. The policy's definition of "personal electronic devices" was defined.

Hamlin Middle School Principal Brandi Starck, discussed the middle school-approach, where cell phones are off and away from 8:15 a.m. to 3:05 p.m., aligning with other schools in the district.

Thurston High School Principal Kimberlee Pelster, discussed the high school-approach, where cell phones are off and away from the first bell to the last bell, with some adjustments for off-campus students.

Starck and Pelster emphasized the importance of setting expectations early and shared some positive feedback received from students and staff about the new policies.

Director of Communications and Community Relations Brian Richardson, outlined the communication strategies used to inform families and staff about the new policies, including newsletters, web pages, and FAQs. Richardson explained that disciplinary actions are not being taken away from administrators and that discipline looks different at various school levels.

Director De Graff asked how staff had been handling the increased student-parent communication due to students not feeling well and requested a report in a few months to see how things are progressing.

Pelster noted that the health room had been busier, but overall, nothing had overwhelmed their ability to support students.

Director Langworthy asked about resources for parents and students regarding technology and screen time, mentioning various organizations that offer helpful materials.

Starck mentioned that the school uses Common Sense Media materials in advisory and technology lessons.

Pelster added that administrators are engaging in focus group conversations with students, parents, and staff to gather feedback, which has been positive, on the new policy.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Whitney McKinley, added that administrators are engaging in focus group conversations with student voice groups and parent organizations, and staff to monitor how things are going. They look forward to gathering that informational data and providing it to the Board at the next meeting.

High School Programs Director Mindy LeRoux, answered questions and discussed various topics covering tech devices, acknowledging that there are some rules that will require further review and adjustments.

Chair Light asked how students leaving campus for lunch are impacted by the policy.

LeRoux explained the policy applies only to on-campus use, and students may use devices off-campus with parental tracking.

B. Future Agenda Items

Chair Light

The meeting focused on consolidating board members' agenda items due to overlap and duplication. Board members were encouraged to review the agenda item list at home and to come prepared with their questions and priorities for the September 22nd work session.

7. Reports and Information

A. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton celebrated the successful start of the school year and highlighted the efforts of the communication team.

B. Board Communication and Comments

Chair Light

Director De Graff shared updates on the SEF fundraiser Night of 11,000 Stars, and grant awards for SPS educators. SEF is holding a raffle for U of O vs. OSU football game tickets, donated by International Paper. She enjoyed visiting the schools and had also volunteering.

Director Light shared that he had regrettably been unable to attend the Block Party.

Director Kohl shared that he too had attended the Block Party, which seems to grow each year.

Director Quaas-Annsa shared her experience at the Block Party, highlighting the community's engagement with the Wildish Theater.

Director Langworthy shared that she had attended the Block Party as well.

8. NEXT MEETINGS

September 22, 2025 - Board Special Meeting at 5:30 PM

October 13, 2025 – Board Business Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)