

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on October 13, 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 Quaas-Annsa 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 prevent the erasure of Native culture, heritage, and people and to ensure a quality contemporary education for future generations.

Attendance

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Director Ken Kohl, Director Heather Quaas-Annsa and Director Amber Langworthy.
Director Nicole De Graff-excused absence

District staff and community members included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Mindy LeRoux, Michael Wargo, Kenny Weigandt, Nicole Nakayama, Joyce Johnson, Kristen Noor, Ame Beard, Keith Manring, Jeff Fuller, Gail Woodford, Kimberlee Pelster, Hunter Murphy, Melissa Stalder, Josh Donaldson, Nikki Danner, Amy Bernatz, Cayden Finney, Anthony Jackson, Dennis Minium, Lucy Rogers, Kristal Rogers, Katie Keeler, Patty Sandy, Jonathan Gault, Lesa Haley, Kari Isham, Bradley Norris, Brandi Starck, Andy Price, Kim Weston, Katie Dawson, Marion Malcolm, Jose da Silva, Lou Woodford, Ingrid Nordstrom, Laura Farrelly, Aiden Hight, Maxwell Edmondson, Mikell & Wendy Harshbarger, Derek & Kim Crawford, Matt Brandt, and Marcia Koenig.

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day, Chair Light read the following statement aloud;

"Today is Indigenous Peoples' Day. It serves as an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples across our region, state, and nation. It also reminds us of the resilience and strength of Native communities and acknowledges the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization.

As part of Springfield Public School's commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful learning environment, we encourage students and staff to engage in meaningful discussions about Indigenous history, culture, and rights.

By recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day, we aim to promote awareness, appreciation, and reconciliation, inspiring our students to become informed and compassionate global citizens who honor and support Indigenous communities - not only today, but in the future.

Together, let us learn, reflect, and celebrate the vibrant heritage of Indigenous peoples.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the October 13, 2025 agenda as presented.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Director Kohl, to approve the October 13, 2025 agenda 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 the October 13, 2025 agenda as presented: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Absent, Director Light – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of Student Board Representatives

Mindy LeRoux

Mindy introduced, and Chair Light thanked this year's Student Board Representatives for their efforts and contributions.

Willamette Leadership Academy - Cayden Finney highlighted campus improvements and community support.

Thurston High School - Hunter Murphy discussed student engagement, club activities, and athletic achievements.

Springfield High School - Lucy Rogers emphasized the school's reading initiative, senior events, and the new electronics policy.

Gateways High School - Aiden Hight reported on cosmetology services and community outreach.

A3 - Bradley Norris detailed community activities, peace celebrations, and environmental projects.

B. Willamalane Programs

Michael Wargo & Kenny Weigandt

Willamalane Parks and Recreation Executive Director Michael Wargo and Deputy Director Kenny Weigandt highlighted the success of the 1PASS, which sold out at 11,000 passes in 2022, up from 1,000 in 2012. The program, valued at \$60, provided free access to 3,500 Springfield students, resulting in 79,940 uses this summer alone. The program included 17 destinations like pools, science centers, museums, and sports facilities, including transportation

provided by LTD. Additionally, the partnership with Springfield Public Schools (SPS) supports year-around programs, including childcare, middle school sports, after-school activities, and fourth-grade swim lessons, which saw a 4% increase in 2023. In addition, the Summer Program Grant funding allowed for 3,500 passes to be distributed for free to Springfield students.

Weigandt explained that the number of 1PASSes sold is limited to maintain high standards and avoid overcrowding popular destinations. Directors Quaas-Annsa and Langworthy shared personal stories about its positive impact on their children. Director Wargo noted that funding comes from multiple sources, including Willamalane's budget, partnerships, grants, and foundation-subsidized scholarships.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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, whether named or implied. 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.

Anthony Jackson spoke on the Service Animal policy and the School Dress code.

Anthonia Ambrusko spoke publicly via ZOOM, on transparency and partnership with families.

Shana Stolarczyk was not present.

Laura Farrelly spoke on transparency and lack of teacher support.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. August 25, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
2. September 2, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
3. September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

4. September 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
5. Financial Statement, Resolution #25-26.010
6. Personnel Report, Resolution #25-26.011

Brett Yancey
Dustin Reese

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for October 13, 2025 as presented.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they support the motion in favor of approving the October 13, 2025 Consent Agenda: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Absent, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

B. Adopt Personal Electronic Devices, Resolution #25-26.012

Superintendent Hamilton & David Collins

It is recommended that the Board of Directors delete the current policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media and adopt policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices as presented.

Mindy LeRoux, Kimberlee Pelster, Brandi Starck, Joyce Johnson, Jeff Fuller, and Nicole Nakayama joined Superintendent Hamilton and David Collins for the electronic device discussion, question, and answer.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to delete the current policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media and adopt policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices as presented.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Superintendent Hamilton said the Springfield policy follows the OSBA template with no modifications, requiring devices to be stored away during the day and including no disciplinary actions. Chair Light asked about consequences for non-compliance, and details of the first and second offense procedures were shared. Collins emphasized maintaining consistency districtwide and using PBIS strategies.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve to delete the current policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media and adopt policy JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices as presented: Position 4: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Absent, Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

C. Lane ESD Transit Dollar Request, Resolution #25-26.013

Superintendent Hamilton

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Lane Education Service District – School District Transit Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Specifically, it is recommended that the Board of Directors request does not exceed 50% of the Transit Dollars pursuant to ORS 334.177.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Light seconded the motion to approve the Lane Education Service District – School District Transit Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Specifically, it is recommended that the Board of Directors request does not exceed 50% of the Transit Dollars pursuant to ORS 334.177.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl inquired about the criteria for determining if funds are needed. Superintendent Hamilton explained the process of transferring unused funds.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Lane Education Service District – School District Transit Request for fiscal Year 2026-2027. Specifically, it is recommended that the Board of Directors request does not exceed 50% of the Transit Dollars pursuant to ORS 334.177: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Absent, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

D. Approve Out of State Travel, Thurston HS Baseball, Resolution #25-26.014

David Collins

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve Thurston High School Baseball Team's request to travel to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the Coach Bob National Invitational tournament. Dates of travel will be March 21-28, 2026.

MOTION: Director Light moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to approve Thurston High School Baseball Team's request to travel to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the Coach Bob National Invitational tournament. Dates of travel will be March 21-28, 2026.

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 approve Thurston High School Baseball Team's request to travel to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the Coach Bob National Invitational tournament. Dates of travel will be March 21-28, 2026: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Absent, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. 2024-25 Division 22 Assurances Report

David Collins

An overview of Division 22 Assurances and their importance in maintaining a standard educational system was presented by David Collins.

- The School Compliance Report Review highlighted two waivers; Assessment of Essential Skills and Essential Skills Assessment for English Language Learners, for the 2027-28 school year.

- The District was compliant in 59 of 61 assurance areas for the 2024-25 school year.
- Non-compliant in Career Education and Comprehensive School Counseling.
- Revisions in the rules for the 2024-25 school year include a requisite for K-12 instructional programs and social-emotional learning programs.
- The District is working with Oregon Department of Education (ODE) specialists to develop a plan with state partners to address these non-compliance areas.

Collins explained that the District’s K–12 career education program was disrupted by the pandemic, and work is underway with state partners to develop a K–8 plan for compliance. He also noted that the science curriculum waiver information was shared previously and will be reissued to the Board. Collins and Hamilton clarified that the waivers are legislative, not district-specific, and confirmed there are no anticipated Division 22 changes, with ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance.

B. Integrated Guidance Report

David Collins

David Collins provided updates on the Integrated Guidance Program. The program began with High School Success and now includes various initiatives targeting specific student populations.

- The Integrated Guidance Program, funded at \$27 million, showed improvements in third-grade reading, ninth-grade On-Track measures, and graduation rates.
- The District provides annual reports to the state and engages with ODE staff to assess performance data and set targets, exceeding Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets.
- Attendance remains a barrier, with efforts focused on site-based implementation and community partnerships.
- The District is focusing on site-based implementation and bridging gaps with community partners to improve attendance.

Director Quaas-Annsa asked if other schools use similar strategies to improve attendance. Collins said each school has its own approach, with Springfield schools focusing on encouragement and opportunities rather than punishment. Director Kohl inquired about growth targets, and Collins explained they are created collaboratively with ODE and may be discussed or negotiated with the team.

C. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton thanked the instruction team for their hard work and congratulated Sally Golden, the Oregon Teacher of the Year. A video is being prepared by the District to support her candidacy for National Teacher of the Year.

- The Regional Gathering will be held tomorrow night at Lane ESD.
- The Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) Gala will be held Saturday October 18th.

D. Board Communication and Comments

Chair Light

Director Langworthy expressed interest in substitute teaching and future plans to visit schools.

Director Quaas-Annsa had no updates to share.

Director Kohl shared updates from a recent Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) meeting and highlighted the challenges faced in finding auditors.

Director Light was pleased to have the student representatives back. Light praised Sally Golden for her outstanding work with students and looks forward to celebrating her achievements.

7. NEXT MEETINGS

October 27, 2025 – Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

November 10, 2025 – Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)