

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

An Organizational Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on July 1, 2025.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Nicole De Graff called the Springfield Board of Education organizational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Chair De Graff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Vice Chair 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 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 Nicole De Graff, Board Vice Chair Heather Quaas-Annsa, Director Ken Kohl, Director Jonathan Light 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, Craig Annsan, Joan Bolls, Melissa Blomquist, and Josh Donaldson.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Hamilton

A. Amber Langworthy

B. Jonathan Light

C. Heather Quaas-Annsa

Superintendent Hamilton administered the Oath of Office to Amber Langworthy, Jonathan Light and Heather Quaas-Annsa.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair De Graff

A. Board Chair

Chair De Graff called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Director Kohl nominated Heather Quaas-Annsa for Board Chair.
Heather Quaas-Annsa nominated Nicole De Graff for Board Chair.
Director Langworthy nominated Jonathan Light for Board Chair.

Chair De Graff asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Board Chair.
There were no other nominations made.

Chair De Graff closed the nominations. The Board voted in the order of each nomination, with each of the three nominees confirming they would accept their nominations.

MOTION: *Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote in favor of Heather Quaas-Annsa for the position of Board Chair: Chair De Graff – No, Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light - No, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director Langworthy - No.*

Motion failed, 2:3.

MOTION: *Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote in favor of Nicole De Graff for the position of Board Chair: Chair De Graff – Yes, Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light - No, Director Kohl – No, and Director Langworthy - No.*

Motion failed, 2:3.

MOTION: *Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote in favor of Jonathan Light for the position of Board Chair: Chair De Graff – No, Director Quaas-Annsa – No, Director Light - Yes, Director Kohl – No, and Director Langworthy - Yes.*

Motion failed, 2:3.

Superintendent Hamilton advised the Board of the next steps in the voting process. To end the stalemate, a Board member vote was held, with each voicing the name of the individual they would vote for. The individual with a quorum of three wins the vote, in the event this does not occur, the individual nominee with the fewest votes is eliminated and the process is repeated, and so forth.

Chair De Graff again asked the three nominees if they wished to continue in being considered for the position of Board Chair.

Directors Quaas-Annsa, De Graff, and Light each indicated that they wished to continue being considered for the position of Board Chair.

Chair De Graff asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Board Chair.

There were no other nominations made.

MOTION: *Chair De Graff called for a Board vote, with each member to indicate the person they would vote for, for the position of Board Chair: Chair De Graff – Self, Director Quaas-Annsa – Nicole De Graff, Director Light - Self, Director Kohl – Heather Quaas-Annsa, and Director Langworthy - Director Light.*

Jonathan Light - 2 votes, Nicole De Graff - 2 votes, and Heather Quaas-Annsa - 1 vote.

Motion failed. Neither of the nominees had a quorum of three.

MOTION: Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote in favor of Nicole De Graff (or) Jonathan Light for the position of Board Chair: Chair De Graff – *Nicole De Graff (Self)*, Director Quaas-Annsa – *Nicole De Graff*, Director Light - *Director Light (Self)*, Director Kohl – *Jonathon Light*, Director Langworthy - *Jonathan Light*.

Motion passed, 3:2 in favor of Jonathan Light.

Jonathan Light was elected to the position of Board Chair.

Director De Graff passed the gavel to newly elected Board Chair Jonathan Light, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

B. Board Vice Chair

Chair Light called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Director De Graff nominated Nicole De Graff (self) for Vice Chair.

Chair Light nominated Ken Kohl for Vice Chair.

Chair Light asked if there were any other nominations. Having no other nominations, Chair Light closed the nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Chair Light closed the nominations and called for a roll call vote in favor of Nicole De Graff for the position of Vice Chair: Chair Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Kohl – No, Director De Graff - Yes, Chair Light – No, and Director Langworthy – No.

Motion failed, 2:3.

MOTION: Chair Light called for a roll call vote in favor of Ken Kohl for the position of Vice Chair: Vice Chair Quaas-Annsa – Yes , Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff - No, Chair Light – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:1 in favor of Ken Kohl.

Ken Kohl was elected to the position of Board Vice Chair.

5. NEXT MEETINGS:

August 11, 2025 - Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 25, 2025 - Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

(Minutes prepared by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)