

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on June 9, 2025.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

District staff and community members in attendance included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, Brett Yancey, Brian Megert, Joan Bolls, Jeff Michna, Brian Richardson, David Collins, Martie Steigleder, Dustin Reece, Christina San Filippo, Anna Filippo, Lesa Haley, Kimberlee Pelster, Jose da Silva, Brenda Holt, Andy Price, Melissa Stalder, Joan Bolls, Laura Farrelly, Nikki Danner, Patty Morrison, Katie Dawson, Jerami Wood, Amanda Koen, John Andersen, Jody Barnhart, Troy Barnhart, Amber Langworthy Midori Rakestraw, Wyatt Gauche, Mathew Hansen, Brian Watson, Jonathan Gault, John Rakestraw, Toni Rakestraw, and Kim Weston.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 agenda as presented.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Director Kohl, to approve the June 9, 2025 agenda as presented.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the June 9, 2025 agenda as presented: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff– Yes, and Director Light – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Springfield Education Foundation

Executive Director, Christina San Filippo presented an oversized check in the amount of \$80,523.73 to Springfield Public Schools. The donation was funded entirely by community contributions.

- The foundation supported 36 projects across 15 schools, creating over 6,000 new learning opportunities.
- Grants included 27 Innovative Educator awards ranging from \$350 to \$4,000, six Frank Sherman grants for physical education, health, and outdoor education, and three Social Emotional Learning (SEL) grants. The grant cycle runs from December 1st - April 1st, with over 60 applications totaling about \$200,000.
- Recent initiatives included BookFest, held at three elementary schools, provided 2,415 books to 483 students, and included a bilingual book distribution to all first graders.
- The foundation also received three significant grants for the Chinook Native Youth Center's camps, which totaled \$78,000 from various foundations.
- Further details are available on the SEF website.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- The Summer Celebration - June 28, 2025
Adult tickets \$25 and Children's tickets \$10
- Night of 11,000 Stars - October 18, 2025
To be held at the University of Oregon, Ford Alumni Center

San Filippo acknowledged the retirement of Board Chair Justin Martin and welcomed Stephanie Lovdokken as the new SEF board chair.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair De Graff 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 complaint 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.

Springfield High School student Madori Rakestraw, expressed concerns about the new bell schedule for next year, particularly the length of the lunch period and the passing time between classes.

Teacher Mandi K, discussed school staffing and support challenges, particularly when managing student behaviors. Better funding and support was requested.

English teacher Laura Farrelly, expressed concerns over the District's management style and the impact of staff cuts on students and teachers.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. April 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
2. May 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Financial Statement, Resolution #24-25.056 Brett Yancey
4. Personnel Report, Resolution #24-25.057 Dustin Reese
5. 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Dairy, Resolution #24-25.058 Brett Yancey
6. 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Bakery, Resolution #24-25.059 Brett Yancey
7. 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Supplies, Resolution #24-25.060 Brett Yancey
8. 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Produce, Resolution #24-25.061 Brett Yancey
9. Transportation Supplemental Plan, Resolution #24-25.062
Brett Yancey
10. 2024-2025 Budget Appropriation Transfer, Resolution #24-25.063
Brett Yancey
11. OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship, Girls Soccer, Springfield High & Mohawk High, Resolution #24-25.064 David Collins
12. 2025-2026 Board Calendar Schedule, Resolution, #24-25.065 Chair De Graff
13. Superintendent Contract Extension, Res #24-25.070 Chair De Graff

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 9, 2025 as presented.

MOTION: *Director Kohl moved, Director Light seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the Consent Agenda for June 9, 2025: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

- B. Approve 2025-2026 Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Depositories and Contract Review Board, Resolution #24-25.066** Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl inquired of the amount being proposed for insurance coverage.
— Yancey replied \$1 million.

Director Kohl asked what the total property and liability amount was for the current year.
— Yancey replied that for 2024-25 it was \$1,290,058. For 2025-26 it is \$1,499,100.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

C. Approve 2025-2026 Property and Liability Insurance, Worker’s Compensation Insurance, Resolution #24-25.067

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

MOTION: Director Light moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl asked for current levels of coverage.
—Yancey noted that a detailed list will be emailed to all Board members.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution designating District officers, clerks, and agents, including the depositories for District funds as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

D. Approve 2025-2026 Designation of District Legal Counsel and Municipal Auditor, Res #24-25.068

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution designating District agents as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

MOTION: *Director Light moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating District agents as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.*

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

Director Koh questioned the frequency of sourcing these services and on the length of contracts.

— Yancey answered that the last RFP for legal services was issued in 2017, and that legal services are considered personal services under Oregon procurement law.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution designating District agents as listed on the attached documents for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

E. Adopt 2025-2026 Budget, Resolution #24-25.069

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Resolution as presented

MOTION: *Director Kohl moved, Director Light seconded the motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Resolution as presented on the attached sheet.*

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the 2025-2026 Budget Resolution as presented: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

F. Action on Complaint Discussed in Executive Session

Chair De Graff

It is recommended that the Board of Directors take action on a complaint, deciding whether or not to hear the complaint in Executive Session and whether the Board will take action or delegate the authority to do so.

MOTION: *Director Quaas-Annsa moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to decline to hear the complaint that will be discussed in Executive Session and motion to delegate authority to the Board Chair.*

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the motion to decline to hear the complaint discussed in Executive Session and delegate authority to the Board Chair: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Recused, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

Motion passed, 3:0.

Director Light recused himself due to a personal relationship.

6. Reports and Information

A. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

- Recognized the efforts of administrators and high school principals for their coordination of transition activities and graduation ceremonies.
- Praised the high school principals from A3, Gateway, Springfield, and Thurston for their work in preparing students for graduation.
- Acknowledged the facilities team for their behind-the-scenes efforts in making the graduation venues look beautiful.
- Thanked the teachers and staff for their continued efforts throughout the school year.

B. Board Communication and Comments

Chair De Graff

Director De Graff shared personal experiences from volunteering at BookFest and having attended the graduations, expressing appreciation for the community, inspiring speeches and music.

Director Light highlighted the excitement of the Springfield Education Foundation's grant distribution and the creative projects it supports. Light echoed gratitude for the coordination and efforts required for the graduation ceremonies.

Director Kohl expressed appreciation for attending graduation ceremonies and recognizing community transitions.

Director Quaas-Annsa shared her excitement of her son's 8th grade promotion and for being able to attend this year's graduation ceremonies.

7. NEXT MEETINGS

June 23, 2025 - Board Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chair De Graff thanked everyone for attending.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair De Graff adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)