

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on May 12, 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 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Director Kohl 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 Nicole De Graff, Vice Chair Heather Quaas-Annsa, Director Ken Kohl, and Director Jonathan Light

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Mike Schlosser, Lesa Haley, Armando Garcia, Dan Hakala, Cayden Finney, Lucy Rodgers, Jody Barnhart, Troy Barnhart, Brandi Starck, Midori Rakestraw, Rochelle, Lucy Rogers, M. Hanson, Jose da Silva, Joan Bolls, Daniel Pestle, Kristie Lundall, Karen Curry, Manny Plascencia, and Amber Langworthy.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the May 12, 2025 agenda as presented.

MOTION: Director Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Director Light, to approve the May 12, 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 May 12, 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. Introduction of the Student Board Representatives

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Cameron Stratton shared:

- The final preparations for Confluence panels are being organized.
- Classes such as “Vibing in the 60s” and “Interactive Exhibits” are preparing for final presentations.
- Students will engage in a community art night during the second Friday Art Walk.
- There were many activities, games and treats during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Gateways High School - Absent

Springfield High School

ASB Vice-President, Midori Rakestraw Shared:

2025-26 President-Lucy Rogers

- The Positive Behavior Inception program was introduced, which recognizes students for demonstrating school values.
- The Acting Ensemble performed “The Fall of the House of Usher” and will be performing the upcoming spring production of “Clue”.
- “A Night at the Opera” themed prom was held May 3rd.
- Music students excelled at the State Solo and Ensemble competition. The Yearbook team finished the 2024-25 yearbook.
- Foreign Language and International Studies took a field trip to the University of Oregon (UofO). Ninth and eleventh-graders took field trips to the college campus. Senior Nights were held for the various school sports teams.

Thurston High School

Representative Rochelle shared:

- Over 150 students are participating in AP testing, while the May 1st Senior meeting provided graduation information.
- The National Honor Society installed small free libraries throughout the community and a Cold Cash skate party was held.
- The Flag Girls took first in District and a scholarship was offered to a student to play flag football in college.
- Highlights were given on upcoming events such as Freshman Movie Night, Prom, MSU Block Party, and End-of-Year Choir Concerts.

Willamette Leadership Academy WLA

Cayden Finney shared:

- A hootenanny was held for those students passing classes and who had no behavior issues or write-ups.
- An award and promotion ceremony was held for those students graduating, while others received promotions to the Leadership Academy.

- A carnival with free activities and games was organized for the students and their families.

Superintendent Hamilton and Board members expressed appreciation to the student representatives for coming before the Board to share their school highlights. It was the final meeting of the year for the students before graduation. Gift bags were provided to them.

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 2:00pm. 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.

There were no in person public comments. There was one written comment.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

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| 1. April 14, 2025 Board and Special Meeting Minutes | |
| 2. April 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes | |
| 3. Financial Statement, Resolution #24-25.052 | Brett Yancey |
| 4. Personnel Report, Resolution #24-25.053 | Dustin Reese |
| 5. Superintendent Evaluation Letter, Resolution #24-25.054 | Chair De Graff |
| 6. Superintendent Contract Extension, Resolution #24-25.055 | Chair De Graff |

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 12, 2025 as presented.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Light seconded the motion to pull items 5A.2, 5A.5 and 5A.6 from the Consent Agenda and approve Items 5A.1, 5A. 3, and 5A.4.

Director Kohl pulled Consent Agenda Item 2, April 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, wishing to suspend until OSBA finalizes the policies.

Director Light pulled Consent Agenda Item 5, The Superintendent Evaluation.

Director Kohl pulled Consent Agenda Item 6, The Superintendent Contract Extension and table it until the June 9th meeting.

Dustin Reese explained the need to extend the superintendent's contract without modifying other terms, due to ongoing bargaining with other employees.

The Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Letter.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Letter.

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 – @@@, Director Light – @@@, Director Kohl – @@@, and Director De Graff – @@@.

The motion passed, 4:0.

6. Discussion

A. Transportation Supplemental Plan

Brett Yancey

Chief Financial Director Brett Yancey presented on the Springfield School District's Transportation Supplemental Plan, focusing on student safety and maximizing state reimbursements.

Topics Presented:

- The Plan updates new or relocated schools and considers safety improvements and hazards assessments.
- Net changes in transportation include 350 students living within walking distance of their school and 519 students potentially receiving district transportation.
- 98 students will lose eligibility due to improved safety conditions, and the Plan includes adjustments based on road safety, traffic volume, and environmental hazards.
- The installation of rapid flashing beacons at various schools was discussed, including Douglas, Mount Vernon, Stewart, Page, Maple, Two Rivers, and London Bridge.
- New sidewalk installations on 31st Street, 42nd Street, Long Avenue, and Hayden Bridge Road were mentioned.
- The new pedestrian crossing on Main Street at 66th Street and the traffic control signal at Thurston Road at 69th Street was highlighted.
- Additional improvements include ADA ramps at Hamilton on Moffat Lane and walking school bus routes on Harlow Road and 48th Street.
- Ongoing sidewalk and fill, and safety beacon projects on Main Street, 31st Street, Empire Parkway, and other locations.
- Data-driven assessment for walk safety zones will be maintained.
- Six students attending the school east of 28th Street will benefit from the improvements at Maple Elementary School.

- Nine students at Yolanda Elementary School will qualify for transportation, due to safety concerns.

The Board discussed the importance of Awareness campaigns and cooperation with local media, as well as communicating with the public potentially through the website, to educate drivers on the proper procedures around school buses and crossings. The possibility of pursuing stop-arm cameras on school buses, as well as seeking the School Board's assistance if needed was discussed. An updated Pedestrian Safety Plan will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for approval.

7. Reports and Information

A. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton shared:

- Updates on recent community gatherings, student initiatives, and Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week.
- Student Voice leaders have identified areas of interest including safety and bullying, classroom engagement, and mental health.
- The upcoming Economic Forecast and its impact on the District's budget.
- District preparations for the end of the school year and the transition to the next year, with a focus on student success.
- The legislative progress and the upcoming economic forecast.
- With the approval of the Budget Committee's budget, the District is working to finalize the financial outlook.
- While managing multiple projects and initiatives, the District is focused on student success and community engagement.

B. Board Communication and Comments

Chair De Graff

Director De Graff shared:

- Updates on the Springfield Education Foundation's (SEF) activities, including the fundraiser Night of 11,000 Stars and the Innovative Educator Grant Awards.
- The foundation has been busy planning events and supporting teachers through various initiatives and is always looking for volunteers.
- The upcoming Blue Fest and the involvement of United Way in donating books for young children.
- Has offered to provide to the Board more information on the Student Voice initiative and its impact on decision-making.

Director Light shared:

- Student success highlights from the District at the State Ensemble Festival.
- The process and importance of the Student Voice initiative.
- Thanked teachers and staff for their efforts and contributions to the District's success.

Director Kohl did not share.

Director Quaas-Annsa did not share.

8. NEXT MEETINGS

June 9, 2025 – Board Business Meeting at 7:00 PM

June 23, 2025 – Board Special Meeting at 5:30 PM

Chair De Graff thanked everyone for attending and gave a reminder of the next Board meeting on June 9th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair De Graff adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)