

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Work Session of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on April 28, 2025.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Nicole De Graff called the Springfield Board of Education special meeting to order at 5:30 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, Vice Chair Heather Quaas-Annsa, Director Ken Kohl, and Director Jonathan Light was excused.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Taylor Madden, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Joyce Johnson, Whitney McKinley, and Jonathan Gault.

3. Discussion

A. Policy Discussions – Policies on Hold

Superintendent Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton began by recognizing the work they started in the fall and the numerous board policies that were adopted. The focus of the meeting was on a set of policies that required deeper review, clarification and/or potential edits of various school policies. Hamilton noted that there were some more complex policies, requiring deeper attention that had been set aside for future meetings. The board diligently reviewed, discussed and made decisions concerning each of the 19 policies.

MOTION: Vice Chair Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Chair De Graff to approve the school policy changes as discussed.

Chair De Graff asked each board member to vote whether they approve the school policy changes as discussed: Director Kohl – Yes, Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Chair De Graff – Yes, and Director Light– Yes.

The motion passed, 3:0.

4. NEXT MEETINGS

May 8, 2025 - Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

May 12, 2025 – Board Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2025 – Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

May 22, 2025 – Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (if necessary)

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair De Graff adjourned the work session at 7:36 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)