

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on February 10, 2025.

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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.

#### Attendance

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

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Andy Price, Lesa Haley, Kimberlee Pelster, Amber Langworthy, Greg Crawford, Lonnie Usrey, Alexis DeLuna, Cameron Stratton, Sahara Fisher, Eliana Sanchez, Jonathan Gault, Jody Barnhart, Jose da Silva, Ame Beard, Joan Bolls, Brian Watson, Sefiu Ballam, Heather Gray, Michael Alvarado, and Ivy Barr.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 agenda as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Quaas-Annsa moved, seconded by Director Kohl, to approve the February 10, 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 February 10, 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

##### A3

*Cameron Stratton shared:*

- Personalized learning opportunities were provided through the Internship program. Students learned to build resumes, polish their interview skills, research a chosen profession, and work with a coordinator to contact an organization, and coordinate a month for the student to work with that business. Site visits are conducted by the coordinator to ensure all is well for both the student and the business. The internship will conclude with a public showcase of student experiences.

- J-Term, a month-long class took place during January. Teams of two teachers taught one class all day long. An extensive variety of classes were offered. This offers students the opportunity to fully explore a specific art form or academic field.
- J-Term Influence, a public demonstration giving students an opportunity to practice public speaking and presentation skills.
- A3 collaborates with nutrition services to offer a new morning nutrition break to the students, who may have missed breakfast.

### **Gateways High School**

*Alexis DeLuna shared:*

- Students were encouraged to participate in a Read a Book Challenge, during winter break. Students provided brief descriptions of each book they read and the recommendations were placed in the library to be used as student recommendations for others.
- Leadership has been busy this month, hosting a bag drive, canned food drive, and brainstorming and organizing for these events, as well as for the upcoming prom. The goal of the bag drive was met by collecting 50 bags for donation to the homeless.
- Government classes prepped for the Mock Trial, which took two class periods to complete a month-long trial. The prosecution celebrated, following a guilty verdict by the jury.
- Cosmetology students have been practicing their practicals, which will be their final that counts toward program completion. Christian Arianna was the first graduate student of the Cosmetology Program. After receiving a Cosmetology diploma, a celebration was held.

### **Springfield High School SHS**

*ASB President, Sahara Fisher shared:*

*ASB Vice-President, Midori Rakestraw*

- The 2023-24 school year proudly shows an increase of 73%-78% and marks their highest graduation rate since 2008.
- SHS hosted the 27th annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy. The theme was "Peace Equals Justice." The event included special guest speakers, performances, contests, and entertainment.
- January 21st to the 24th - Y2K Spirit Week. Activities included dress-up days, snacks, a movie night, activities and games, and Cookies and Cram sessions.
- January 27th - First day of Finals and students received their schedules for semester two.
- The Acting Ensemble celebrated sold out performances of their student-led interactive Murder-Mystery Dinner Theater. Tickets were \$15 and included a three course meal.
- SHS Performing Arts will present *Hadestown: Teen-Edition* and adaptation of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. This is an elaborate cross-curricular collaboration involving eight departments from SHS. Gratitude is extended to the Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) and the Anderson family for making the production possible. Performances will be held February 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.
- The Equestrian Team earned top placements across various events. The next competition will be held February 28th - March 2nd at the Oregon Horse Center.
- SHS Jazz Band performed before a packed audience at Roaring Rapids, participated in the Oregon Jazz Festival alongside other schools, and performed at the Springfield State of the City Address.

- Freshman AVID students will tour the Oregon State University campus on February 24th.
- The DECA Club is creating a school version of the famous TV show, Survivor. SHS school clubs, sports and groups may select a member to compete for a chance to win up to \$300 for their group. Challenges will be recorded for the student's viewing.
- SHS FAFSA Night was held early in January and was a great success in providing assistance to students and parents in filling out funding application forms for their higher education learning path.

### **Thurston High School THS**

*ASB President, Eliana Sanchez shared:*

ASB Vice President, Kennya Liberatore

- Class of 2024 celebrated the highest ever graduation rate of 87%.
- Juniors began their senior planning by meeting with their counselors and choosing classes. Future colt students were welcomed to campus.
- The Pageant contest is raising funds each month for Riverbend's PeaceHealth NICU. Events included will be a dodgeball game, basketball game and an April talent show.
- The coed Stunt and Cheer Team won the National Sideline Division, JAMZ Nationals in Las Vegas. The team will compete at State next week.
- Advisory Design students from 5 Powers and ASB Leadership provided updates to the advisory period, in hope of increasing the time available to access Academic Support and connect with teachers.
- Club meeting attendance has been high. New groups are forming, such as Magic the Gathering and a Jewish Student Union.
- A semester-two Attendance Challenge to reach 95% began. 9th grade was leading with the highest average attendance, of just above 90%.
- Incoming Parent Night - February 13th.

### **Willamette Leadership Academy WLA**

Cayden Finney was not present to provide an update.

- A ceremony was held for students who achieved the fifth rank and were promoted to sergeant.
- The end of the second-quarter term was marked by an encouraging speech from the principal and acknowledgment of a handful of students who graduated early.
- A small graduation ceremony was held on January 31st for six cadets.
- January 31st - School Dance. The theme was Glow in the Dark.

### **B. Classified Employees Appreciation Proclamation**

Vice Chair Heather Quaas-Annsa read aloud the proclamation, signed by each of the school board members in recognition of Classified Employee Appreciation Week.

#### **Classified Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation, March 3-7, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country and world; and

**WHEREAS**, classified employees are the backbone of our public education system; and

**WHEREAS**, classified employees work directly with students, educators, parents,

volunteers, business partners and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, classified employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of buildings and property, and the safe transportation, healthy nutrition and direct instruction of students; and

**WHEREAS**, our community depends upon and trusts classified employees to serve students; and

**WHEREAS**, classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture students throughout their school years.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Springfield Board of Education proclaims March 3 thru 7, 2025, to be Classified Employee Appreciation Week; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Springfield Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join in this observance, recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

**DATED** this 10th day of February 2025.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chair Quaas-Annsa 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 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 request(s) received to publicly speak.  
There were no written statement(s) received.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. January 13, 2025, Business Meeting Minutes
2. Financial Statement, Resolution #24-25.035
3. Personnel Report, Resolution #24-25.036

Brett Yancey  
Dustin Reese

Chair De Graff asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 10, 2025 as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Kohl moved, Director Quaas-Annsa 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: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

**Motion passed, 4:0.**

### B. Approve 2025-2027 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year One, Resolution #24-25.037

Superintendent Hamilton

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Lane ESD 2025-27 Local Service Plan – Year One and request Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2025-26 (year one) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.

**MOTION:** Director Kohl moved, Director Light seconded the motion to approve the Lane ESD 2025-27 Local Service Plan – Year One and request Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2025-26 (year one) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

There was no further discussion.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve Lane ESD 2025-27 Local Service Plan – Year One and requests Lane ESD to provide the services described during the 2025-26 (year one) fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Mason – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

**Motion passed, 4:0.**

### **C. Adopt Policy Updates, A/B & K/L**

Superintendent Hamilton

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the revised policies in Sections A/B (Board Governance and Operations) and K/L (District-Community Relations) as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Kohl moved, Director Quaas-Annsa seconded the motion to adopt the revised policies in Sections A/B (Board Governance and Operations) and K/L (District-Community Relations) as presented.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

There was no further discussion.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve to adopt the revised policies in Sections A/B (Board Governance and Operations) and K/L (District-Community Relations) as presented.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

**Motion passed, 4:0.**

### **D. Approve Out of State Travel, Springfield High School, Band/Choir** David Collins

It is recommended the Board approve Springfield High School Band/Choir/Mariachi/Theater/Orchestra class's request to travel to Anaheim, California to perform at Disneyland. Dates of travel will be May 23-27, 2025.

**MOTION:** Director Light moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to approve Springfield High School Band/Choir/Mariachi/Theater/Orchestra class's request to travel to Anaheim, California to perform at Disneyland. Dates of travel will be May 23-27, 2025.

Chair De Graff asked if there was any discussion.

Director Light commented that this trip will be a behind-the-scenes look to see how the illusions are created. The educational workshops are taught by Los Angeles area professionals and will provide the students the opportunity to talk with those connected in the entertainment, music and arts community in L.A.

Chair De Graff called for a roll call vote. Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they approve Springfield High School Band/Choir/Mariachi/Theater/Orchestra class's request to travel to Anaheim, California to perform at Disneyland. Dates of travel will be May 23-27, 2025: Director Quaas-Annsa – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Yes.

**Motion passed, 4:0.**

### **E. Board Appointment**

Chair De Graff

Chair De Graff shared a few reminders about using parliamentary procedures for nominations.

Chair De Graff asked if there were any more nominations. There were none. Chair De Graff instructed the Board to vote in the order the nominations were made.

**BOARD VOTE:**

Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they vote for Amber Langworthy to serve until June 30, 2025 as Board Position 5 on the Springfield Public School Board or if they chose to abstain from the vote: Director Quaas-Annsa – Abstain, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Abstain, and Director De Graff – Yes.

**Vote: 2 for, 1 abstained.**

Chair De Graff asked each Board member to indicate if they vote for Heather Gray to serve until June 30, 2025 as Board Position 5 on the Springfield Public School Board or if they chose to abstain from the vote. Director Quaas-Annsa – Abstain, Director Light – Abstain, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director De Graff – Abstain.

**Vote: 1 for, 2 abstained.**

**VOTE: There was no majority achieved for either nominee and no additional nominations were made.**

The Board moved on to the next agenda item.

**6. Discussion**

**A. Instructional Materials Adoption**

Whitney McKinley

McKinley provided a brief overview of the State’s process and the District ‘s process for selecting high-quality instructional materials. McKinley expressed appreciation for the dedicated teachers, administrators, and content specialists who have been part of the adoption teams. They work diligently to review, learn the materials, rubrics and listen to the recommendations, as well as locate strengths and gaps.

The Adoption Cycle

- The State adoption cycle includes a request for a waiver for high school science, which is due now. The team is prepared to make a recommendation for high school science.
- The team is looking at K12 health for use in classrooms this fall.
- Oregon has a limited source of materials to choose from because of additional legislative criteria included in the selection process. This limits which publishers and programs meet the state’s criteria. The programs chosen for recommendation meet the legislative criteria and rigor of the high-quality instructional materials list.
- The selection of the Great Body Shop to be used for K-8 health and Live Love to be used for high school health. Their alignment with state standards and flexibility for teachers was emphasized.
- Lane ESD conducted a full-independent adoption of Patterns, because multiple districts were interested in learning whether or not the program would meet the criteria. The Patterns program far surpassed the State and District’s criteria.
- The adoption of the Patterns program for high school science, meets Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

## The Patterns Program

- Is a phenomenon-based program, student centered, fully aligned within the NGSS and three-dimensional learning, equity focused and accessible for all learners.
- Has a strong emphasis on data analysis and scientific reasoning and easy implementation and teacher support.
- The Patterns program, after having been compared with other state-approved materials, has been unanimously recommended by the District's science teachers.
- Each of the content areas can create lessons that are related directly to our area.
- Community invited to preview and discuss the materials during varied scheduled sessions, which will be advertised on the school district's website.

## 7. Reports and Information

### B. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton

#### *Superintendent Hamilton shared:*

- Updates on federal level changes and their impact on K-12 education.
- The District closely monitors federal updates and will communicate any changes in policies and/or practices.
- Highlighted recent graduation rates, noting significant increases at Thurston, Springfield, and Gateways High Schools.
- The Cosmetology program's first graduate was celebrated, proving the success of non-traditional programs.
- The District's response to inclement weather had the road crews out on the road by 4:00 a.m. to ensure students safely got to school on time or delayed.
- There is a potential weather impact for Thursday's scheduled Budget Committee work session. The Board will be alerted to any meeting changes.
- Reiterated the importance of the District's classified staff, and their impact to the organization.

### C. Board Communication and Comments

Chair De Graff

*Director Kohl* shared that he had visited Gateways and A3 High Schools, where he enjoyed student-led tours of those facilities. Kohl serves on the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) board, however they have not met since September. The next scheduled meeting is this month.

*Director Light* expressed appreciation for the classified staff and their contributions to the District's success.

*Director Quaas-Annsa* acknowledged the informative and inspirational Black History Month resources provided by the District.

*Director De Graff* provided updates on the Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) and the ongoing acceptance of innovative grant applications.

## 8. NEXT MEETINGS

February 13, 2025 – Budget Committee/Board Work Session at 6:00 PM

February 24, 2025 – Work Session at 5:30 PM

Chair De Graff thanked everyone for attending.

Chair De Graff recessed at 7:56 PM.

**9.** The Board will move into **Executive Session** (non-public) pursuant to ORS 192.600(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Chair De Graff called the Executive Session to order at 8:04 PM.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Chair De Graff adjourned the executive session meeting at 8:21 PM

*(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan (LCOG))*