

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, January 7, 2026

2025-2026 – 007

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: CAFETERIA

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon." Pursuant to the provisions of this act, the Springfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof sent to: The Burlington County Times, Springfield Township Clerk, Board of Education members, and posted in the Springfield Township Board of Education Office and Springfield Township Municipal Building.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

4. ELECTION RESULTS

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

The November 4, 2025 election results were as follows:

Jennifer Mancini 1,386

Jenna Rodriguez 33

Nicholas Pasquale 12

5. ADMINISTRATIVE OATH OF OFFICE

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

Mrs. Rodriguez, Dr. Pasquale, and Mrs. Mancini read their required oaths for school board members.

6. ROLL CALL

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent
1	Mr.Dieker	X		
2	Mrs.Drum	X		
3	Mrs.Donahue	X		
4	Mr.Hale	X		
5	Ms.Jeronowitz	X		
6	Mrs.Mancini	X		
7	Dr.Pasquale	X		
8	Mr.Pedana			X
9	Mrs.Rodriguez	X		

	Staff in Attendance	Present	Late	Absent
1	Mr. Vaughn	X		
2	Miss Neroda	X		

7. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary (Presiding)

- a. Board President Mrs. Drum was nominated by Mr. Hale, with a second motion by Ms. Jeronowitz. Mr. Hale closed the nomination.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Y	N	Abn	Abs	Nvt
1	Mr.Dieker			X				
2	Mrs.Drum			X				
3	Mrs.Donahue			X				
4	Mr.Hale	X		X				
5	Ms.Jeronowitz		X	X				
6	Mrs.Mancini			X				
7	Mr.Pasquale			X				
8	Mr.Pedana						X	
9	Mrs.Rodriguez			X				

- Legend: Mtn- Motion; Snd- Second; Y- Yes; N- No; Abn- Abstain; Abs- Absent; Nvt- Not voting

- b. Board Vice President Mr. Hale was nominated by Mrs. Mancini, with a second motion by Ms. Jeronowitz. Mrs. Mancini closed the nomination.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Y	N	Abn	Abs	Nvt
1	Mr.Dieker			X				
2	Mrs.Drum			X				
3	Mrs.Donahue			X				
4	Mr.Hale			X				
5	Ms.Jeronowitz		X	X				
6	Mrs.Mancini	X		X				
7	Mr.Pasquale			X				
8	Mr.Pedana						X	
9	Mrs.Rodriguez			X				

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8. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)

Board President Elect

Before a matter is placed on the agenda, Administration has thoroughly reviewed it. Board Members preview the agenda items five days prior to the meeting and discuss questionable items with the Superintendent. The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public comments will only be permitted during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Each public comment period shall be limited to thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board members present. Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one topic. Public comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration and/or Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the Administration separately.

Mr. Joseph Bucs (Springfield resident) addressed the Board with congratulations to the newly elected members. Mr. Bucs shared that he is the Springfield representative on the Northern Burlington Regional Board of Education and extended his assistance with any matters that may be addressed by that Board.

9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Board President Elect

- a) **RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-101**
ACCEPTING THE NOVEMBER 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS
- b) **RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-102**
ADOPT BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS
- c) **RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-103**
APPROVE ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS
- d) **RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-104**
APPROVE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Y	N	Abn	Abs	Nvt
1	Mr.Dieker			X				
2	Mrs.Drum		X	X				
3	Mrs.Donahue			X				
4	Mr.Hale	X		X				
5	Ms.Jeronowitz			X				
6	Mrs.Mancini			X				
7	Mr.Pasquale			X				
8	Mr.Pedana						X	
9	Mrs.Rodriguez			X				

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10. BOARD FORUM

Board President Elect

UNFINISHED BUSINESS MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS MATTERS

- BOE Committee Assignments
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation
 - Negotiations
 - Curriculum & Technology
 - Policy

Committees will be finalized and discussed at the January 21st meeting.

- BOE Representatives
 - NJ School Boards Association (Representative & Alternate)
 - Burlington County School Boards Association (Representative & Alternate)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)

Board President Elect

12 ADJOURNMENT

Board President Elect

This meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM

Motion: Mrs.Mancini

Second: Mrs. Rodriguez

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-101

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD
ON THE NOVEMBER 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Board reports that the annual school election was held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025** and the final certified results are below reported:

Springfield Township Board of Education

Term	<u>Jennifer Mancini</u>		<u>Personal Choice</u>	<u>Personal Choice</u>	<u>Totals</u>
3 Year	1,386		Jenna Rodriguez 33	Nicholas Pasquale 12	1,527
2 Year					
1 Year					
Totals					1,527

;and

The voter turnout at the polling locations, mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots in the **November 4, 2025** election was **one thousand five hundred twenty-seven (1,527)** ballots cast in Springfield Township.

The Board Secretary has been provided copies of the Springfield Township Return Sheets and the Burlington County Board of Elections Statement of Results for absentee/provisional ballots which confirms the above vote tallies. This Report of the Secretary shall be entered into the minutes of the **January 7, 2026** Reorganization Meeting prior to the administration of the oath of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the above outlined Report has been reviewed and accepted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Board of Education members-elect.

RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-102

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ADHERENCE WITH
THE SCHOOL ETHICS ACT AND CODE OF ETHICS
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:30 AND 6:3 AND N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Board of Education regulations require local boards of education to meet to discuss the ethics laws at a regularly scheduled public meeting; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education must discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics at a regularly scheduled public meeting and annually adopt policies and procedures regarding training in understanding the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, each Board of Education member shall sign an acknowledgment of receipt that she/he has read and become familiar with the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, copies of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30 and 6:3, the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, and the New Jersey School Boards Association training materials were distributed to every Board Member; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics were reviewed and accepted by each member of the Board of Education as evidenced by the executed "Acknowledgment of Receipt" by each member which is kept on file in the Administration Building of the Township of Springfield Board of Education.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-103

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS
FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 2026 - DECEMBER 2026**

WHEREAS, District Policy 0154 requires the Board of Education to annually motion and designate the following at the annual organization meeting:

1. Designate one or more depositories for school funds, N.J.S.A. 18A17-34;
2. Designate those persons authorized to sign school warrants (checks), N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
3. Designate the official newspaper, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-11; 18A:39-3;
4. Designate a second newspaper for the publication of Board meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8;
5. Designate the day, place, and time for regular meetings of the Board;
6. Approve the curriculum for all grades;
7. Readopt existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of the school system.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates WSFS Bank as its depository for all school funds, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates the Board President, Superintendent, and Business Administrator as those persons authorized to sign school warrants, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as official newspapers of record, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates The Burlington County of Times and The Courier-Post as newspapers for the publication of Board meetings, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education designates that regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised), and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education approves current curriculum for all grades, and;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Board of Education readopts all existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operations of the school system, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby certifies that the above annual motions and designations have been approved in accordance with District Policy 0154.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #25/26-ROM-007-104

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act - N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. requires that within seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of a public body, the public body must establish, for public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, regular monthly public meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (except as otherwise noted and/or advertised). Action will be taken at these meetings and closed executive sessions may be conducted. The below calendar of public meetings is proposed for Board of Education approval:

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

<u>Regular Session Meetings</u>
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Wednesday, April 29, 2026*
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Wednesday, December 9, 2026**

*public hearing on the FY26-27 budget / last Wednesday of the month

**second Wednesday of the month

<u>Reorganization Meeting</u>
Wednesday, January 6, 2027

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the above public meeting calendar.