

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on March 2, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Light led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Land Acknowledgement:

Director Kohl 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 Jonathan Light, Board Vice Chair Amber Langworthy, Director Nicole De Graff, and Director Ken Kohl.

District staff and community members identified included Martie Steigleder, Jeff Michna, Jonathan Gault, and Attorney Rebekah Jacobson.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light called for a motion.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff to approve the March 2, 2026, meeting agenda.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed 4:0.

3. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(f)

Chair Light

The board adjourned into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

The board reconvened into regular session at 12:00 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Action on Complaints Discussed in Executive Session

Chair Light

Complaint 1:

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Langworthy to approve the motion for the Board to take no further action related to the complaint discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed, 4:0.

Complaint 2:

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff to approve the motion for the Board to take no further action related to the complaint discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed, 4:0.

Complaint 3:

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff to approve the motion for the Board to take no further action related to the complaint discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed, 4:0.

Complaint 4:

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, seconded by Director Kohl to approve the motion for the Board to delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed, 4:0.

Complaint 5:

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, seconded by Director Kohl to approve the motion for the Board to delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion passed, 3:0, with 1 abstention by Director De Graff.

Complaint 6:

MOTION: Director De Graff moved, seconded by Director Kohl to approve the motion for the Board to delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to complainant based upon the Board's discussion.

Chair Light called for a board vote. Each board member indicated whether they did or did not approve the motion.

Motion unanimously passed, 4:0.

5. NEXT MEETING:

March 9, 2026 - Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all business, Chair Light adjourned the Meeting at 12:06 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)