

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on March 9, 2026.

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Light called the Springfield Board of Education special meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Light led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. Land Acknowledgement

Director Langworthy 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 honor the heritage and the humanity of all people and to promote unity within our school district.*

#### 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 Acting Superintendent Jodi O'Mara, Dustin Reese, Martie Steigleder, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Kate Hughes, Amberly Trano, Andy Price, Josh Donaldson, Karen Carney, Laura Farrelly, Josh Drozdenko, Jacob Eden, Lucy Rogers, Kirsten Woodward, Katie Ryan, Morgan Rees, Ingrid Nordstrom, Sarah Bosch, Elourdea Estrada, Abraham Constantino, Kimberlee Pelster, Kimberly Weston, Jonathan Gault, Melissa Stalder, Lesa Haley, Aiden Hight, Amelie Rees, Colette Rees, Bob Morgan, Diana Morgan, Kristyl Rogers, John Whisler, Clara Matlock, Jose da Silva, Brody Wassen, Guy Latham, Emily Dodson, Christina Scott, Wendy Simmons, Jill Chadros, Melissa Blomquist, Danes Deglee, Zach Bassett, Bob Brew, Matt Brandt, Devon Lawson, Larry Lewin, Hunter Murphy, and Jane Crass.

### 2. REVIEW PROCESS FOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Chair Light

Board members took turns asking the candidates interview questions, which ranged in a variety of topics. There were 13 candidates. Candidates Kayleen Keller and Krista May did not show.

### **3. INTERVIEW CANDIDATES**

Panel 1. (20 minutes)

- A. Matthew Brandt
- B. Brody Wasson

Panel 2. (30 minutes)

- A. Zach Bessett
- B. Christina Scott
- C. Hunter Murphy

Panel 3. (30 minutes)

- A. Danea deGlee
- B. Guy Latham
- C. Jill Cuadros

Panel 4. (30 minutes)

- A. Robert (Bob) Brew
- B. Emily Dodson
- C. Devon McCourt-Lawson

### **4. DEBRIEF INTERVIEWS**

Board Members

Board members expressed appreciation for the participation of the candidates and noted there were several capable candidates for the position; making it difficult to narrow down those best suited to the position. The board discussed the qualities they were looking for in a candidate, while noting those who stood out during the interviews. After much deliberation by the board, candidates Mathew Brandt, Robert Brew, and Zach Bessett were moved forward in the interview process.

### **5. NEXT MEETINGS:**

April 13, 2026 - Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 27, 2026 - Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Springfield Public School Board Special Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The Board was scheduled to meet later in the evening for the Springfield Public School Board Meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)*