

**SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2026**

VISION STATEMENT

Cultivating, compassionate, and extraordinary learner

MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences – empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Time: 10:11 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT- President Meredith Murphy

President's Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on January 5, 2026 and revised on January 23, 2026, March 1, 2026 and March 10, 2026. The public comment format for this meeting is as follows – attendees wishing to comment during the public sessions will state their name and address. The President of the Board of Education will recognize the attendee at the appropriate time. All of the Board's Policies and Regulations related to public participation in board meetings shall remain in effect, including, but not limited to, the presiding officer's ability to limit each statement made by a participant to a 3- minute duration.

B. ROLL CALL

Vice President Tracey Rinaldi
Mrs. Laura Gamarekian
Mr. Luis Henriques- *Absent*
Mrs. Dana Kelly- *Absent*
Mrs. Kristy Rubin- *Absent*

Mrs. Adriana Silva
Mrs. Hilary Turnbull- *Absent*
Mrs. Jennifer Wishna
President Meredith Murphy

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED, That the Springfield Board of Education meeting here by convenes to executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975 chapter 231 for discussion of the following subjects:

1. Student Matters- The Board participated in a HIB hearing.

It is anticipated that the executive session will take approximately 30 minutes; the Board may take action during public session. The Board shall return to public session, following executive session, at approximately 1:30 p.m. The minutes of the executive session shall be released to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

Motion to go into executive session:

Moved: Mrs. Wishna

Seconded: Mrs. Silva

Time: 10:12 AM

Voice Vote: AYE- 5 NAY-0

Motion to return to public session:

Moved: Mrs. Wishna

Seconded: Vice President Rinaldi

Time: 10:58 AM

Voice Vote: AYE- 5 NAY-0

E. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mrs. Wishna

Seconded: Vice President Rinaldi

Time: 10:58 AM

Voice Vote: AYE- 5 NAY-0

Upcoming Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting– March 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the JDHS IMC