SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
2025-2026 - 126

26-27 Public Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes

TIME: 7:00 PM **LOCATION: CAFETERIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
Christina Drum, Board President

The meeting was called to order at: 7:01PM

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT
Christina Drum, Board President

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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
Christina Drum, Board President

4. ROLL CALL
Brielle Neroda, Board Secretary

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

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

5. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS
Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

- Public Hearing on the FY2026-27 School District Budget

6. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)
Christina Drum, Board President

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.

The following community members spoke in regards to their concerns with the proposed FY26-27 budget, 7% tax levy increase, and impact on the school district. A full audio transcript is available on the district website.

- **Brandy Laramie**
- **Michelle Revy**
- **Suzy Myles**
- **Colleen Marra**
- **Ruth Thomson**
- **Tim Walker**
- **Kyle Flanagan**
- **Jeff Dunn**
- **Sara Brodowski**
- **Tracy Seitz**
- **Alicia VanHorn**
- **Heather McHugh**
- **Nicole Perotti**
- **Kate Humble**
- **Joseph Bucs**
- **Sarah Mattos**
- **Andrew Eaton**

The Board President closed public comment and motioned to recess at 8:50 PM.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:09 PM.

7. FINANCE & BUDGET
Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

a) RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-101
APPROVE THE FY 2026-2027 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND SUBMISSION OF THE TO THE BURLINGTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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

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

Following the motion to approve Resolution 101, the Board discussed budget options at a 9% tax levy increase and an 11% tax levy increase. The Board President called the meeting to recess at 9:31 PM and directed the Superintendent, Business Administrator, and members of the Finance Committee to come back with budget scenarios and corresponding financials at a 9% tax levy increase and an 11% tax levy increase.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:22 PM.

The Superintendent presented revised budgets as requested and discussed the tax levy and staffing impact of each.

A motion was made to adopt the revised budget representing a 9% tax levy increase.

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

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8. PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS
Craig Vaughn, Superintendent

a) RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-102
APPROVE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS - ALIGNED POSITIONS

b) RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-103
APPROVE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS - NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS

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

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES)
Christina Drum, Board President

The following community members spoke in regards to the adopted budget and their concerns regarding its impact. A full audio transcript is available on the district website.

- **Michelle Revy**
- **Sarah Mattos**

10. ADJOURNMENT
Christina Drum, Board President

Motion: Ms.Jernowitz
Second: Dr.Pasquale

This meeting was adjourned at: 10:39pm

FINANCE & BUDGET

May 6, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-101

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FY 2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET STATEMENT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2001, C. 202 AND AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET BY THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:22-7

WHEREAS, the Springfield Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 18, 2026, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 29, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised on the legal section of the Springfield Township School District's website on May 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held on May 6, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the tentative budget as follows:

Budget Line	A/C Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
6500	MD Salaries	$141,522	$101,477	-$40,045	Reduction in Force
9260	Special Ed. Home Instruction	$500	-$0	-$500	Reduced Hours
11000	Basic Skills Salaries	$200	$0	-$200	Reduced Hours
17020	Co-Curr. Activities	$3,000	$0	-$3,000	Reduced Field Trip
29080	Tuition CSSSD	$55,878	$26,878	-$29,000	Reduced Expenditure
43000	Salary of Supervisor of Inst.	$103,710	$95,264	-$8,446	Reduced Hours
43580	Media Supplies	$5,000	$2,500	-$2,500	Reduced Exps
45040	Legal Fees	$5,000	$2,500	-$2,500	Reduced Exps
52340	Contract Serv. Transportation	$50,000	$25,000	-$25,000	Reduced Exps
71020	Board Share FICA	$57,172	$73,698	+$16,526	Reduced Exps

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in consideration of the above, the Springfield Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following Final Budget for the FY 2027 School Year:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	$ 4,929,077	$ 4,002,785
Total Special Revenue Fund	$ 145,000	**n/a**
Total Debt Service Fund	$ 287,469	$ $287,409
Totals	$ 5,361,546	$ 4,290,194

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds $4,002,785 for the ensuing FY2027 School Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations for FY 2027 School Year include a $45,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to include in the budget an adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of $153,132, principally to pay for additional increases in benefit premiums for the FY2027 School Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget include an adjustment for banked cap in the amount of $103,954 for the FY2027 School Year, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b) for the purpose of maintaining a thorough and efficient education in the district. As statutorily required, the district affirms that it (a) has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority in the budget year; (b) such stated need/purpose will be completed by June 30, 2027; (c) and such stated need/purpose cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a long period of time.

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PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS

May 6, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-102

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RENEWAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATED & NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR WHICH TERM IS UNDERSTOOD TO RUN FROM JULY 1, 2026 to JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3 provides that teaching staff members may be employed and their salaries fixed and determined, under contracts, by a board of education for the period from July 1 of the year in which such board shall organize to the succeeding June 30, notwithstanding that the fiscal year of the district or of the municipally in which it is located is the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the below listed individuals shall be offered contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

RENEWAL: TENURED CERTIFICATED TEACHING STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT
Angelastro, Amy	Teacher	FT
Bifulco, Bobbi Jo	Teacher	FT
Browning, Cathryn	LDTC	FT
Carmadella, Heather	Teacher	FT
Carter, Patricia	Teacher	FT
DeMinco, Jamie	Teacher	FT
Donoghue, Haley	Teacher	FT
Faulkes, Casey	Teacher	FT
Grimm, Jacqueline	Teacher	FT
Linton, Kelly	Teacher	FT
Luyber, Jonathan	Teacher	FT
McDonald, Amanda	Teacher	FT
Ricciani, JoAnn	Nurse	FT
Rinaldi, Christina	Teacher	FT
Roats, Theresa	Teacher	FT
Schweitzer, Rebecca	Social Worker	FT
Shook, Dawn	Teacher	FT
Traino, Ashley	Teacher	FT
Warshany, Amber	Teacher	FT

RENEWAL: NON-TENURED CERTIFICATED TEACHING STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT
Alvarado, Monica	Teacher	PT (.6)
Foreman, Deanna	Teacher	FT
Janney, Colette	Teacher	FT
McCarthy, Mikayla	Teacher	FT
Owens, Amanda	Teacher	FT
Schreiber, Sara	Teacher	FT
Smith, Riley	Teacher	FT
Yostpille, Shay	Speech Therapist	FT

RENEWAL: NON-CERTIFICATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT
Adams, Deborah	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Ahmad, Saira	Instructional Assistant	PT .357 (2.5 hours per day)
Capra, Annette	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Capra, Brielle	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Cassidy, Amy	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Fennessy, Evi	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Gonzalez, Margaret	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Gripp, Carolyn	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Hill, Janice	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)
Pollack, Kristin	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours per day)

RENEWAL, GUIDE PLACEMENT & SALARY:
NON-CERTIFICATED, NON-TENURED CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT
Fenessy, Patrick	Maintenance Worker	FT
Swangler, Chelsea	Custodian	FT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to notify the individuals above mentioned by May 15 and that contracts shall be offered and executed for each approved individual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all contract amounts as listed in the Appendix to Resolution #25/26-SM-126-102 shall be duly posted to the district website.

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-103

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR NON-ALIGNED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR WHICH TERM IS UNDERSTOOD TO RUN FROM JULY 1, 2026 to JUNE 30, 2027

***WHEREAS*,** the below listed individuals shall be offered contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

RENEWAL OF NON-ALIGNED PERSONNEL

Name	Position	FT / PT
Carney, Matthew	Educational Facilities Manager	FT
Cervino, Corinne	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Principal	PT (.9)
Neroda, Brielle	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	FT
Vrettos, Nikolas	Business Administrator	PT
Vrettos, Lisa	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator for Payroll & Accounts	FT
Vaughn, Craig	Chief School Administrator	FT
Zaidi, Mahe	Supervisor of Curriculum	PT (.9)

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May 6, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX FOR

RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-102

STEP PLACEMENT & SALARY: TENURED CERTIFICATED TEACHING STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT	Step 26/27	Salary 26/27
Angelastro, Amy	Teacher	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
Bifulco, Bobbi Jo	Teacher	FT	BA +27 Step 15	$81,277
Browning, Cathryn	LDTC	FT	MA Step 19	$98,602
Carmadella, Heather	Teacher	FT	MA Step 18	$93,077
Carter, Patricia	Teacher	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
DeMinco, Jamie	Teacher	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
Donoghue, Haley	Teacher	FT	BA Step 7	$64,542
Faulkes, Casey	Teacher	FT	BA Step 8	$65,827
Grimm, Jacqueline	Teacher	FT	BA Step 8	$65,827
Linton, Kelly	Teacher	FT	BA Step 19	$96,877
Luyber, Jonathan	Teacher	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
McDonald, Amanda	Teacher	FT	BA Step 8	$65,827
Ricciani, JoAnn	Nurse	FT	BA Step 19	$96,877
Rinaldi, Christina	Teacher	FT	BA Step 6	$63,542
Roats, Theresa	Teacher	FT	MA Step 13	$77,027
Schweitzer, Rebecca	Social Worker	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
Shook, Dawn	Teacher	FT	BA +27 Step 11-12	$74,027
Traino, Ashley	Teacher	FT	MA Step 19	$101,077
Warshany, Amber	Teacher	FT	BA Step 8	$65,827

STEP PLACEMENT & SALARY: NON-TENURED CERTIFICATED TEACHING STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT	Step 26/27	Salary 26/27
Alvarado, Monica	Teacher	PT (.6)	BA Step 4	$36,925
Foreman, Deanna	Teacher	FT	MA Step 3	$65,042
Janney, Colette	Teacher	PT (.572)	BA Step 3	$60,842
McCarthy, Makayla	Teacher	FT	BA Step 4	$61,542
Owens, Amanda	Teacher	FT	BA Step 3	$60,842
Schreiber, Sara	Teacher	PT (.572)	BA Step 5	$62,542
Smith, Riley	Teacher	FT	BA Step 5	$62,542
Yostpille, Shay	Speech Therapist	FT	MA Step 2	$64,542

GUIDE PLACEMENT & SALARY: NON-CERTIFICATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT	Step 26/27	Salary 26/27
Adams, Deborah	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 3	$17,614
Ahmad, Saira	Instructional Assistant	PT .357 (2.5 hours)	Step 3	$8,936
Capra, Annette	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 8	$19,880
Capra, Brielle	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 8	$19,880
Cassidy, Amy	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 7	$19,212
Fennessy, Evi	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 6*	$19,895
Gonzalez, Margaret	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 7	$19,212
Gripp, Carolyn	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 3	$17,614
Hill, Janice	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 5	$18,212
Pollack, Kristin	Instructional Assistant	PT .7037 (4.75 hours)	Step 8	$19,880

**denotes $1200 professional development (college credit) stipend*

GUIDE PLACEMENT & SALARY:
NON-CERTIFICATED, NON-TENURED CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE STAFF

Name	Position	FT/PT	Step 26/27	Salary 26/27
Fenessy, Patrick	Maintenance Worker	FT	Step 8	$47,038
Swangler, Chelsea	Custodian	FT	Step 8	$41,834

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX FOR

RESOLUTION #25/26-SM-126-103

RENEWAL OF NON-ALIGNED PERSONNEL

Name	Position	FT / PT	Salary 26/27
Carney, Matthew	Educational Facilities Manager	FT	$70,550
Cervino, Corinne	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Principal	PT (.9)	$30,500
Neroda, Brielle	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	FT	$56,276
Vrettos, Nikolas	Business Administrator	PT	$25,000
Vrettos, Lisa	Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator for Payroll & Accounts	FT	$50,647
Vaughn, Craig	Chief School Administrator	FT	$154,500
Zaidi, Mahe	Supervisor of Curriculum	PT (.9)	$76,014

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