

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on May 26, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education Special Meeting and Executive Session to order at 4:47 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Light led the room in reciting 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, Director Bob Brew, and Director Ken Kohl.

District staff and community members identified included Acting Superintendent Jodi O'Mara, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, and Jeff Michna.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light

Chair Light called for a motion to approve the board meeting agenda.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director De Graff to approve the May 26, 2026, board meeting agenda.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve the May 26, 2026, board meeting agenda: Director Kohl - Yes, Director De Graff - Yes, Director Bob Brew - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Director Light - Yes.

Motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

3. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Light

A. Review of Confidential-Attorney-Client Privileged Information ORS 192.660(2)(f)

The board adjourned into Executive Session at 4:49 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Chair Light

The board reconvened at 5:37 p.m. from executive session into regular session.

A. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

Ken Kohl

Complaint 1.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to take no further action related to complaint 1; discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complainant based upon the board's discussion, in addition any further complaints relating to the underlying complaint will no longer be processed by the board.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director De Graff commented that her view of risk and precedence differed from that of the boards.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve the motion to take no further action related to complaint 1; discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complainant based upon the board's discussion, in addition any further complaints relating to the underlying complaint will no longer be processed by the board: Director Kohl - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director De Graff - No, Director Langworthy - Abstained, and Chair Light - Yes.

Motion passed, 3:1, with 1 abstention.

B. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

Ken Kohl

Complaint 2.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to take no further action related to complaint 2; discussed in executive session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complaint based upon the board's discussion.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director De Graff commented that her view of risk and precedence differed from that of the boards, in addition she announced that she would be resigning from her board position on June 30, 2026.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve the motion to take no further action related to complaint 2; discussed in executive

session and delegate authority to the chair to draft a response to the complainant based upon the board's discussion: Director Kohl - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director De Graff - No, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Chair Light - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:1.

5. NEXT MEETINGS:

May 27, 2026 – Special Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

June 8, 2026 – Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June 9, 2026 – Special Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

June 22, 2026 – Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the Special Meeting and Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)