

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on August 10, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Director Brew read 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 attending the meeting included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Director Ken Kohl, Director Matthew Brandt, Director Bob Brew, and Director Amber Langworthy.

District staff and community members identified included Interim Superintendent Shawn Stover, Brian Megert, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Kristen Noor, Carla Smith, Brandon Ferguson, Ingrid Nordstrom, Melissa Blomquist, James Mann, Amber Mitchell, Josh Donaldson, Emily Timoshevsky, Loretta Halter, J.T. Osgood, Kimberly Weston, and Krystal Sundstrom.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the August 10, 2026, agenda as presented.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brandt, to approve the August 10, 2026, agenda as presented.

Motion was incomplete.

Director Kohl requested to remove Consent Agenda 4. A.1. Financial Statement.

Director Langworthy requested to remove Consent Agenda 4. A.2. Personnel Report.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brandt, to approve the August 10, 2026, agenda as amended.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the August 10, 2026, agenda as amended: Director Brew – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt– Yes, Director Light – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. The board provides three ways for community members to share public comment: written public comment, in person oral public comment and virtual public comment. Written public comment is received via email. Public comment received via email for this evening has been reviewed by the Board and has also been posted on the District's website. The deadline for submitting a request for oral public comment was today 2:00pm. Those who requested an opportunity to speak this evening were notified by the board secretary about their request.

Time permitting, the board may also hear public comment from individuals who signed up in person at the Administration Office before the meeting.

We encourage groups with a common purpose to designate a spokesperson. If your comments will be covered by a group spokesperson, please indicate so when your name is called. I want to remind those members of the public who have indicated a desire to make comments that our policy provides for a limitation of three (3) minutes per person.

The Board will not hear comments regarding any school personnel, whether named or implied. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in Board policy KL, which requires that complaints be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. This procedure must be followed before there is any Board involvement with such issues. A compliment involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, their supervisor and the Board.

Speakers are reminded that their public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

James Mann - Thurston Football Program

Loretta Halter - Hopes for the District

Ingrid Nordstrom - K-5 Curriculum

Nicole De Graff – Stakeholder Survey (Unable to speak virtually-technical difficulties)

Emily Timosheveskiy - Collaborate with Parents

Krystal Sundstrom - Dual Immersion

Brandon Ferguson - SEA Progress

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

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| 1. Financial Statement, Resolution #26-27.003 | Brett Yancey |
| 2. Personnel Report, Resolution #26-27.004 | Dustin Reese |
| 3. 2024-25 Oregon English Language Learner Report | Brian Megert |

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for August 10, 2026, specifically Consent Agenda Item 4.A.3.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, specifically item 4.A3.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl mentioned he had expected a report on the discussed item to have been included in their board packet.

Interim Superintendent Stover replied that a detailed report on the discussed item will be presented in a future board meeting.

Chair Light suggested that the report should be written for the public and board members to ensure it effectively serves its purpose.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the Consent Agenda for August 10, 2026, specifically item 4.A.3: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

4.A.1 Financial Statement, Resolution #26-27.003

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Chair Light seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item 4.A.1. Financial Statement.

The board, along with Stover, and Brett Yancey discussed the inclusion of administrative accomplishments and economic trends, maintaining liquid investment positions, meeting cash flow needs, and fluctuating interest rates.

Interim Superintendent Stover, and Brett Yancey discussed salary-related expenditures including contract payments, capital outlay including structural repairs, budget process and fund balance, enrollment projections and population monitoring, mid-year freezes and staff adaption, policy review and updates, and personnel report and exit interviews.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the Consent Agenda Item 4.A.1. Financial Report as presented: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

4.A.2. Personnel Report, Resolution #26-27.004

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item 4.A.2. Personnel Report as presented.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Langworthy asked about exit interviews and surveys for departing employees. Mr. Reese explained that the district sends an exit survey to all departing employees and has used an exit survey, interview, or conversation process since his first year. He did not have the survey response rate available at the time.

The discussion also addressed laid-off employees and the district's recall process. Reese reported that all laid-off employees had been successfully placed and noted that the district is working with SEA on a teacher recall procedure. He stated that specific individual circumstances were involved but could not be discussed in open session.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Personnel Report as presented: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

B. APPROVE OREGON SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (OSEA) CONTRACT, Resolution #26-27.005

Brian Megert

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the new two-year agreement between Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Oregon School Employees Association, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to approve the two-year agreement between Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Oregon School Employees Association, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Board members expressed appreciation and satisfaction with the resolution and the collaborative process.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the two-year agreement between Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Oregon School Employees Association, effective, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028: Director Brew –

Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

C. APPROVE AUTHORIZING FINANCING, Resolution #26-27.006

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution as presented (attached), authorizing the financing for structural repairs in the amount of \$3,700,000; including the designation of authorized representatives and appointment of special counsel.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to approve the resolution as presented (attached), authorizing the financing for structural repairs in the amount of \$3,700,000; including the designation of authorized representatives and appointment of special counsel.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

The board discussed periodic progress reports, including expenditures, a timeline for project completion (a goal of February 2027), necessary re-inspection and certification from the structural engineer, consultant involvement (Carlson Testing and Miller engineering), budget management, total cost and consultant fees, and impact and management of unexpected findings in the budget.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution as presented (attached), authorizing the financing for structural repairs in the amount of \$3,700,000; including the designation of authorized representatives and appointment of special counsel: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

D. ACTIONS ON INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Light

Complaint Number 1.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to recommend the Board of Directors Take No Further Action relating 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 asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approved the motion for the Board to Take No Further Action Relating 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: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

Complaint Number 2.

MOTION: Director Brandt moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to recommend the Board of Directors Retain an Investigator to Investigate the first Complaint Discussed in Executive Session and Delegate Authority of the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to Retain an Investigator.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approved the motion to recommend the Board of Directors Retain an Investigator to Investigate the first Complaint Discussed in Executive Session and Delegate Authority of the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to Retain an Investigator.: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

Complaint Number 3.

MOTION: Director Brandt moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to recommend the Board of Directors Retain an Investigator to Investigate the Complaint Discussed in Executive Session, and Delegate Authority of the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to retain an Investigator.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Kohl declared a conflict of interest.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked the Board to recommend the Board of Directors to Retain an Investigator to Investigate the Complaint Discussed in Executive Session, and Delegate Authority of the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to retain an Investigator: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Abstained, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes..

Motion Carries 4:1, with 1 Conflict of Interest, and 1 Abstention.

Complaint Number 2 – Reconsider

MOTION: Director Brew moved, Director Brandt seconded the motion to recommend the Board of Directors reconsider Complaint Number 2.

Motion Incomplete.

MOTION: Director Brandt moved, seconded by Director Brew to recommend the Board of Directors Retain an Investigator to Investigate the Complaint discussed in Executive Session and Delegate Authority to the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to Retain an Investigator.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Director Langworthy abstained.

Recommend the Board of Directors Retain an Investigator to Investigate the Complaint discussed in Executive Session and Delegate Authority to the Chair to Work with the District's Legal Counsel to Retain an Investigator: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brandt – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Abstained.

Motion passed, 4:0, with 1 Abstention.

5. DISCUSSION

A. School Board Representation - Local Org.

Chair Light

Chair Light discussed the annual assignment of board members to various partner agencies.

Director Kohl will continue as the representative to Lane Council of Governments (LCOG).

Director Brew will remain the representative to the Wildish Theater.

Director Langworthy will continue as the representative to Lane Educational Service District (ESD).

Director Brandt expressed interest in representing the Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) but needed to check his schedule.

6. REPORTS & INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Report, Entry Plan

Interim Superintendent Stover

Interim Superintendent Stover provided a presentation on a "One Year Action Plan", an entry plan for the first 100 days.

The Plan Includes:

- Listening to Stakeholders
- Understanding the Student Experience
- Building Trust
- Transparency and Accountability
- Shadowing Students
- Team Teaching
- Spending Time with Classified Staff to Gain a Comprehensive Understanding of the District.

1. Summer Session Highlights

Interim Superintendent Stover/Board

Interim Superintendent Stover asked for feedback on the summer session highlights.

Directors Brew and Kohl expressed that the high-level presentations were beneficial but missed the opportunity for in-depth discussions.

Chair Light suggested that the two-day format in the past provided more depth and networking opportunities.

Director Brew and Langworthy agreed that the regional format allowed for more focused discussions among local board members and superintendents.

2. OSBA Annual Convention, November 13-14, Portland, OR Chair Light Discussed the upcoming OSBA Annual Conference in Portland at the Marriott, highlighting Friday and Saturday, and mentioning a pre-session on Thursday. The agenda has yet to be released, but the pre-session often includes new board training, which participants may find valuable.

3. Board Comments (Spontaneous Addition to the Agenda)

Director Brandt expressed happiness about being part of the organization and shared positive experiences from the school board retreat. Brandt looks forward to continuing the collaborative work started during the retreat.

Director Kohl felt the retreat was a productive use of time, allowing new members to get familiar with district players and their perspectives.

Director Brew shared that he initially felt uncomfortable with the large group but appreciated the patience of others and found the retreat valuable. While acknowledging Interim Superintendent Stover's contributions, Brew emphasized the need to start planning for a permanent superintendent, highlighting the importance of due diligence in the succession planning process.

Director Langworthy discussed the importance of understanding and following government roles as board members. It was noted that the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) identified the district as out of compliance with state standards for elementary science and social studies. Langworthy requested an update on current measures to ensure science and social studies instruction and progress towards compliance.

Chair Light praised the retreat, noting that while much ground was covered, more work is needed. Light acknowledged the superintendent's and facilitator's efforts in making the retreat successful and mentioned the possibility of a midyear retreat to continue the important work started. The need for housekeeping tasks, including making the elementary curriculum more explicit to parents and students was mentioned. The importance of listening to the community and creating opportunities for input was emphasized. Light suggested exploring student-directed conferences as a strategy to involve students in guiding their educational journey.

7. NEXT MEETING:

August 24, 2026 – Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)