

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on July 27, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Light led 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 Bob Brew, and Director Ken Kohl.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Shawn Stover, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Martie Steigleder, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Maya Brandt, Matt Brandt, Hollea Puzio, Christina Scott, Ingrid Nordstrom, Tracy Lilley, Cody Rosenberg, Ky Fireside, Karen George, and Miranda Cyr.

2. REVIEW PROCESS FOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Chair Light

Chair Light thanked the candidates for applying for Board Position 4 and then provided an outline of the interview process.

Position 4 Interview Process:

- A mid-term vacancy.
- The appointee will serve through June 30, 2027.

- Up for election in May, prior to the completion of the term.
- Nine Applicants were divided into three panels.
- Candidates from each panel were allowed 30 minutes to answer seven questions.

3. INTERVIEW CANDIDATES

Chair Light

Candidate Panel 1:

- A. Matthew Brandt
- B. Hollea Puzio
- C. Justin Bailey - No Show

Candidate Panel 2:

- A. Daniel Stevens - No Show
- B. Michelle Heisler - No Show
- C. Kimberly Buckmaster - No Show

Candidate Panel 3:

- A. Christina Scott
- B. Tracy Lilley
- C. Ky Fireside

Candidates answered various questions that allowed them to discuss their motivations, unique qualities, and possible roles as school board members. The meeting focused on qualifications and motivations of candidates for a school board position.

- The importance of early childhood education, conflict resolution, and community engagement.
- Specific strategies included, regularized public meetings and community forums.
- Success metrics for the short-term appointment included earning trust, contributing positively, and improving budget predictability.

4. DEBRIEF INTERVIEWS

Chair Light

The board discussed the nomination and election process of a new board member and noted an appreciation of diverse perspectives and other board challenges. Interim Superintendent Stover explained the handling of multiple nominations and voting methods.

NOMINATION: Director Kohl nominated Hollea Puzio.... Incomplete nomination

NOMINATION: Director Brew nominated Tracy Lilly..... Incomplete nomination

NOMINATION: Director Langworthy nominated Matthew Brandt.... Incomplete nomination

In agreement with Director Langworthy's testament of Brandt, Chair Light noted that he too had enjoyed watching Brandt's passion in his search for trying to find district solutions.

Board members shared their reasons for the nominations they had made.

With no further nominations made, Chair Light closed the nominations.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Appointment

Chair Light

It is recommended that the Board of Directors vote to select a candidate for Board Position 4, to serve through June 30, 2027.

Three candidates; Hollea Puzio, Matthew Brandt, and Tracy Lilley were nominated for Board Position 4.

Chair Light called for a motion.

MOTION: Chair Light moved, seconded by Director Brew to approve Mathew Brandt for Board Position 4.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve Mathew Brandt for Board Position 4: Director Kohl - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Chair Light - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

B. OATH OF OFFICE

Chair Light

Chair Light administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Brandt.

6. NEXT MEETINGS:

August 5, 2026 - Retreat 9:00 a.m.

August 10, 2026 – Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Light thanked the applicants and the community for their participation, and staff for the additional work involved towards helping the district move forward.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)