



**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Virtual Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on July 13, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education Organizational Meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Light led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Light shared aloud 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 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 virtually, included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Board Vice Chair Amber Langworthy Director Bob Brew, and Director Ken Kohl.

District staff and community members identified included Acting Superintendent Shawn Stover, Jonathan Gault and Brian Richardson.

2. ACTION ITEM

A. Declare Board Vacancy, Resolution #26-27.002

Chair Light

Chair Light read aloud relevant data regarding Nicole DeGraff's resignation of the board position 4 of the Springfield Public Schools Board; noting that it was effective immediately.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Langworthy to declare a Board

Vacancy for Position 4, Resolution #26-27.002.

Chair Light called for a vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve the declaration of board vacancy, Position 4: Chair Light - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Director Kohl - Yes.

Motion Passed, 4:0.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Board Vacancy, Timeline, and Process

Brian Richardson

Director of Communications, Brian Richardson presented five proposals and two alternative proposals for the appointment timeline. The board considered multiple outlines and proposed timelines, differing in application periods, interviews timelines, and whether interviews would occur during a special meeting or during a regularly scheduled board meeting.

The application process will open on July 14, 2026, with the goal of filling the seat until June 30, 2027. Per Policy BBE, the appointee must be a legally registered voter and have been a resident within the district for a minimum of one year.

Board members discussed the proposals, onboarding and candidate selection.

The board ultimately favored extending the application window to July 24th, allowing for a thorough review and candidate selection before the retreat.

The board chose Additional/Alternate Proposal 1 - Application period opening on July 14th - noon on July 24th, interviews and candidate selection to take place at the July 27th Special Meeting.

Commented [1]: The packet refers to "Additional Proposal 1". I'm just trying to clarify this for people who will be reviewing the packet.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, seconded by Director Langworthy to approve option alternate A (Additional/Alternate Proposal 1) - Application period opening on July 14th - noon on July 24th, interviews and candidate selection to take place at the July 27th Special Meeting.

Chair Light called for a vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve Alternate Proposal A: Chair Light - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, and Director Kohl - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

The team will ensure a news release is sent to the media and that information will be posted on the district website, as well as on social media. Applications will be submitted to the board as they are received, giving board members more time to review them.

Board members discussed a preferred retreat date, the importance of onboarding coupled with the impact of an August 5th retreat date. The need for clear communication and a balanced timeline to ensure a smooth transition for a new board member was highlighted.

Gratitude was expressed to Interim Superintendent Stover for his guidance and suggestions, and Brian Richardson and his team for their efforts in publicizing and organizing the meeting.

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5. NEXT MEETING:

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

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the virtual Special Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Renay Ryan, LCO)

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