

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

An Organizational Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on July 6, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education organizational meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Light led the room in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Director Kohl 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 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, Director Ken Kohl, and Director Bob Brew. Director Amber Langworthy attended virtually. Absent: Director Nicole De Graff.

District staff and community members identified included Interim Superintendent Shawn Stover, Brian Megert, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Melissa Stalder, Patty Sandoz, and Kim Weston.

— Director Langworthy virtually entered the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Board Chair

Chair Light

Chair Light called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

NOMINATION: Director Langworthy nominated Jonathon Light for Board Chair, Director Brew seconded the nomination.

Chair Light asked if there were other nominations for the position of Board Chair.

There were no other nominations.

Chair Light closed the nominations and called for a roll call vote in favor of Jonathan Light for the position of Board Chair: Director Light – Yes, Director Langworthy – Yes, Director Kohl - Yes, and Director Brew - Yes.

Nomination approved, 4:0.

Jonathon Light will continue serving as Board Chair.

B. Board Vice Chair

Chair Light called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

NOMINATION: Director Brew nominated Amber Langworthy for Vice Chair, Chair Light seconded the nomination.

Chair Light asked if there were other nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

There were no other nominations.

Chair Light closed the nominations and called for a roll call vote in favor of Amber Langworthy for the position of Vice Chair: Chair Light – Yes, Director Langworthy – Yes, Director Kohl - Yes, and Director Brew - Yes.

Nomination approved, 4:0.

Amber Langworthy will continue serving as Board Vice Chair.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Structural Repairs, Resolution #26-27.001

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution for structural repair services and a corresponding contract to Essex General Construction for a total contract amount of \$3,431,695 plus 7.82% owner's contingency budget (\$268,305). The total projected budget for all sites equals \$3,700,000.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to approve the resolution for structural repair services and a corresponding contract to Essex General Construction for a total contract amount of \$3,431,695 plus 7.82% owner's contingency budget (\$268,305). The total projected budget for all sites equals \$3,700,000.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

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Board Requests:

- Monthly status reports on expenditures and a full accounting of self-performed work.
- Comprehensive summary document to prioritize repairs and suggested funding through internal budgets.

Yancey explained that the pivotal part would be in getting a contractor on board and notified the board that the buildings are uninsured if not repaired; effective immediately. Yancey emphasized the urgency of the repairs, noting that it would be the district's challenge to repair or reconstruct with no insurance coverage.

Interim Superintendent Stover commented that he would work with staff to create an executive summary with projected cost.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution for structural repair services and a corresponding contract to Essex General Construction for a total contract amount of \$3,431,695 plus 7.82% owner's contingency budget (\$268,305). The total projected budget for all sites equals \$3,700,000: Director Light – No, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brew – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 3:1.

B. Consensus of Financing Option for Required Structural Repairs Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve one of the Financing options available, additionally authorizing a resolution that would be brought forward for Board approval.

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Board members discussed rising building costs and loan interests, and early payoff options, while debating various finance options. The discussion concluded with the board leaning towards Option 3, the 10-year option under First American.

Yancey informed the board that he would prepare and bring back the authorizing resolution, as well as a resolution to appropriate the funds.

C. Approve Board Meeting Calendar 2026-27 Chair Light

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve one of the Board calendar meeting options available for 2026-27.

The board discussed meeting schedules, public comment, and adding meetings to allow more time for discussions and work sessions.

Interim Superintendent Stover agrees to prepare a report on the pros and cons of adding meetings and to discuss at the retreat.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to approve Option 1. Status Quo Meeting Calendar available for 2026-27.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve Board calendar meeting Option 1, Status Quo Meeting Calendar available for 2026-27: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brew – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

D. Approve Retreat Date

Chair Light

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve a Board retreat date.

MOTION: Director Light moved, seconded by Director Brew to approve a Board Retreat meeting to be held on August 5, 2026.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the date of August 5, 2026. for a Board Retreat meeting: Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director Brew – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

4. NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2026 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all business, Chair Light adjourned the Organizational meeting at 5:17 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)