

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on June 9, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Jonathan Light called the Springfield Board of Education Special meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Light led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Director Langworthy 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 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, Taylor Madden, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Miranda Cyr with Register Guard, Lilly St. Angelo with LookOut, Joyce Johnson, Whitney McKinley, George Mendoza, Aaron Bayer, Rob Hess,

2. Adjourned into Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(a)

The board adjourned into executive session ORS 192.660(2)(a), employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, specifically for initial hiring, at 2:52 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session at 4:03 p.m.

3. Action Item

A. Action on Information Discussed in Executive Session

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to authorize the board chair or their designee to negotiate a contract with the preferred candidate for the interim superintendent position.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each board member to indicate if they approve to authorize the board chair or their designee to negotiate a contract with the preferred candidate for the interim superintendent position: Chair Light - Yes, Director Brew - Yes, Director Langworthy - Yes, Director De Graff - Yes, and Director Kohl - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

4. NEXT MEETING:

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Light adjourned the Springfield Board of Education Special Meeting at 4:05 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)