

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No.19 Board of Education was held on June 22, 2026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The board reconvened into open session, with Chair Jonathan Light calling the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during an earlier Executive Session and Meeting.

B. Land Acknowledgment

The Land Acknowledgment was read aloud during an earlier Executive Session and Meeting.

Attendance

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Jonathan Light, Director Ken Kohl, Director Bob Brew, and Director Amber Langworthy. Director Nicole De Graff attended virtually.

District staff and community members identified included Acting Superintendent Jodi O'Mara, Shawn Stover, Martie Steigleder, Brian Richardson, Jeff Michna, Kiana Johnson, Bailee Foster, Ingrid Nordstrom, Dan Heistand, Jim Cupples, Marshal Curry, Allyson Hazlehurst, Kimberly Weston, Emily Timoshevsky, Nikki Danner, Jenny Potter, Kari Isham, Marshall Curry, Johanna Tadeo, Aloha Heart, Tom Peck, Giovanni Bazan, R. Palacio, Maetzi Contreras, Yunme Vasquez, Patricia Gutierrez, Anna P. Hall, Sean Stasel, Edgar Sincuir, Aahle Alvarez, Victoria Palacios Cronin, Adamaryz Navarrete, Katherine Hunt, Rocio Abundis, Teresa Leon, Susana Salinas, Saray Lopez Meraz, Janeece Cornejo, John Douglas Cornejo, and Carmela Foster.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the June 22, 2026, agenda as presented.

Director Kohl requested Item 4.A.1 be removed, Item 4.A.2 be deleted, and based on conversation in executive session delete Item 4.H. and add Item 5.H. Discussion on Structural Repair.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to approve the June 22, 2026, Agenda with Item 4.A.1 removed, Item 4.A.2 deleted, and based on conversation in executive session, delete Item 4.H and add Item 5.H. Discussion on Structural Repair.

Director De Graff questioned the inclusion of Public Comment for the meeting, noting that she had not received notice of the change.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote, asking each member if they supported the motion in favor of approving the June 22nd Consent Agenda with Item 4.A.1 removed, Item 4.A.2 deleted, and based on conversation in executive session, delete Item 4.H and add Item 5.H discussion on

Structural Repair: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – No, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion Passed 4:1.

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 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Gladis Lopez, Saray Lopez Meras, Adamarys Navarrete, Tom Peck, Emily Tomoshevsky, Sean Stasel, Anna Pricilla Hall, Jim Cupples, and Marshal Curry discussed topics concerning Dual Immersion.

Ingrid Nordstrom discussed Division 22 - ODE Ruling
Johanis Tadeo discussed Budget Transparency
Giovanni Bazan discussed Dual Immersion and Budget Transparency

No Shows - Brandon Ferguson, Mariana Gaspsar, Susana Salinas, and Nadine Ibrahim

— Board Break, 6:23 p.m. - 6:31 p.m. —

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Approve May 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approve May 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Chair Light asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 22, 2026, as presented.

Director Kohl was confused by the previous meeting minutes and believes the consent agenda should be tabled with some corrections and brought back at another time.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, seconded by Director Kohl to table the Consent Agenda Item listed as an approval May 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair Light called for the vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the motion to table the Consent Agenda Item listed as an approval May 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

B. Appoint Interim Superintendent

Brett Yancey

It is recommended that the Board of Directors appoint John “Shawn” Stover as the Interim Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools for 2026-27.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Langworthy seconded the motion to appoint Shawn Stover as the Interim Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools for 2026-27.

Director Langworthy read aloud a preamble and recommendation for the approval of the appointment of John “Shawn” Stover as Interim Superintendent.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve Shawn Stover as the Interim Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools for 2026-27: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

John “Shawn” Stover was approved as the new Springfield Public Schools Interim Superintendent.

C. Approve Interim Superintendent Contract, Resolution #25-26.070.

Jonathan Light

It is recommended the Board approve the Interim Superintendent Contract Resolution #25-26.070.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Langworthy seconded the motion to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract Resolution #25-26.070.

Chair Light read aloud a preamble and recommendation for the approval of the interim superintendent contract.

Interim Superintendent Shawn Stover shared his thoughts on the importance of stability, transparency, and leadership for the district.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the Interim Superintendent Contract Resolution #25-26.070: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

D. Approve Designating District Clerk for Interim Superintendent, Resolution #25-26.071.

Brett Yancey

It is recommended the Board approve the resolution designating John “Shawn” Stover as Clerk of the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

MOTION: Chair Light moved, Director Kohl seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating John “Shawn” Stover as Clerk of the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the resolution designating John “Shawn” Stover as Clerk of the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

E. Appoint Assistant Superintendent

Jonathan Light

It is recommended that the Board of Directors appoint Dr. Brian Megert as Assistant Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director De Graff seconded the motion to recommend that the Board of Directors appoint Dr. Brian Megert as Assistant Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked each Board member to appoint Dr. Brian Megert as Assistant Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – No, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy – No.

Motion passed, 3:2.

Dr. Brian Megert was appointed as the new Assistant Superintendent.

F. Approve Assistant Superintendent Contract, Resolution #25-26.072

Jonathan Light

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve the Assistant Superintendent Contract Resolution #25-26.072.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Assistant Superintendent Contract Resolution #25-26.072.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked the Board of Directors to approve the Assistant Superintendent Contract, Resolution #25-26.072: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – No, Director Kohl – Yes, Director De Graff – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:1.

G. Approve Board Meeting Calendar 2026-27

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2026-27.

— Director De Graff (virtually) exited the meeting.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, Director Brew seconded the motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2026-27 as presented - MOTION INCOMPLETE

Chair Light asked if there was any discussion.

Board members discussed the two different calendar options, the number of meetings, amending the calendar as needed, scheduling retreats, avoiding confusion between board, special, and work session meetings, and the need to adhere to public meeting laws.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, seconded by Director Kohl to amend and approve the motion to adopt the August 10th meeting, and table the remaining meetings until later.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked the Board to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2026-27 as amended: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

H. Actions on Information Discussed in Executive Session (DELETED) Jonathan Light

The board agreed to delete this agenda item.

I. GLS Community Survey

Jonathan Light

Following board review of the document, it will then be made available through public records request to any interested.

MOTION: Director Brew moved, seconded by Director Kohl - MOTION INCOMPLETE

MOTION: Director Light moved, seconded by Director Kohl to approve the Springfield School Board give direction to Grundmeyer Leadership Services to provide transcriptions of the comments provided in the stakeholder survey, respecting anonymity and confidentiality of the participant.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked the Board to approve the Springfield School Board give direction to Grundmeyer Leadership Services to provide transcriptions of the comments provided in the stakeholder survey, respecting anonymity and confidentiality of the

participants: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

5. Discussion

A. 2026-27 Board Planning Document

Acting Superintendent O'Mara

Acting Superintendent O'Mara introduced and explained the 2026-2027 board planning document, emphasizing its importance for intentional planning. The purpose of the document was explained, including monthly presentations and board events. O'Mara proposed breaking down the document more definitively to designate required versus optional items.

B. Procedures for Meeting Minutes

Acting Superintendent O'Mara

Acting Superintendent O'Mara discussed the procedures for sending out meeting notices and agendas, emphasizing confidentiality. O'Mara reassured that the List Serve is managed carefully, and that any issues should be reported promptly.

C. Family Exit Survey

Bob Brew

Director Brew introduced the Family Action Survey, highlighting the importance of understanding enrollment trends.

Data on enrollment trends were provided, noting a significant reduction in students compared to that of neighboring districts.

Board members emphasized the importance of having data inform decisions and improve programs, and the possibility of reviewing how other districts conduct similar surveys to inform Springfield on their approach.

The board discussed the possibility of using data from Lane ESD to understand where students are transferring to or why and the importance of homeschooling information.

Acting Superintendent O'Mara commented that she was taking notes on thoughts and ideas to share with the newly appointed Interim Superintendent, Shawn Stover.

D. Anti Bullying Policy ACB, GBNA, or JFCF

Bob Brew

Director Brew discussed the lightness of the Policy ACB and the need for a presentation and discussion on the policy practice, highlighting the need for a district-wide behavior plan for parents, students, and staff.

E. Attorney Presence at Board Meetings

Bob Brew

Director Brew proposed having an attorney present at all meetings to provide real-time legal advice, acknowledging the cost but argued it could save the district from lawsuits.

Director Kohl supported the idea and suggested obtaining estimates from local firms.

Director Langworthy noted that it would be helpful to have guidance at times.

Acting Superintendent O'Mara mentioned a local firm that could provide the service and provided an estimate of \$304 per hour.

Chair Light noted that though there would be an expense, areas of public meeting law and serial communication have changed a lot over the years and he would be supportive of looking further into the matter while highlighting the need to be intentional in how they manage the dollars.

F. Retreat

Jonathan Light

Chair Light emphasized the importance of annual retreats to set goals and strategies.

Acting Superintendent O'Mara mentioned reaching out to Stover and the board members, but had not yet heard back from Director De Graff, who rescinded her resignation.

Director Kohl and Brew proposed forming a two-person board planning committee to expedite the process and volunteered to work in that capacity.

Stover mentioned he could work together with staff on taking notes and put together a draft agenda with some options for the board planning committee to review.

Chair Light proposed using the August 6th organizational meeting for retreat planning.

G. Review Division 22 Findings, ODE Complaint

Acting Superintendent O'Mara discussed the complaint process under policy KL, which starts at the district level and can escalate to the board and Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Regarding a complaint filed with the district on November 10, 2023, and with ODE on June 20, 2024. ODE advised the district to conduct an independent adoption of science. O'Mara reported ODE found the district in compliance with instructional materials and physical education requirements. O'Mara explained the correction action plan for instructional materials adoption and the district's progress. The district has a corrective action plan in place and is on track to meet Division 22 standards. No further corrective action is required in the district based on the ODE investigation.

The board also discussed the need for better communication and transparency regarding instructional materials and student performance metrics.

Added:

H. Discussion Structural Repairs

Acting Superintendent O'Mara related the discussion from the June 8th Board meeting where the motion was not approved due to lack of a second, caused by board confusion and miscommunication. The board asked to bring financing options back and that an authorizing resolution be prepared by the district's bond council. The board discussed financing options for structural repairs, with two proposals: the First American proposal offering lower administrative complexity and no immediate budget impact, and the Piper Sandler proposal with lower total interest costs but higher insurance fees. The board requested a reduced \$250,000 contingency and continued monthly reports.

MOTION: Director Kohl moved, seconded by Director Brew to schedule a special meeting for July 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Light called for a roll call vote. Chair Light asked the Board to approve the motion to schedule a special meeting for July 6, 2026, as presented: Director Brew – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Kohl – Yes, and Director Langworthy - Yes.

Motion passed, 4:0.

A special organizational meeting was scheduled for July 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. to address these issues.

6. Reports and Information

A. Superintendent Communication

Acting Superintendent O'Mara

Outgoing Acting Superintendent O'Mara thanked the district staff and community for their support and contributions to the district's progress.

B. Board Communication and Comments

Jonathan Light

Director Light shared that Satin Love Orchestra would be performing June 28th.

Each of the board members expressed their appreciation for all of Jodi O'Mara's hard work and contributions.

8. NEXT MEETING:

July 6, 2026 - Organizational Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

August 10, 2026 - Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Light thanked everyone for attending.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m

(Minutes recorded by Treenay Ryan, LCOG)