

ORGANIZATION MEETING

The 2008 Organization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School-Instructional Media center-First Floor on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:34 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mr. Matthew A. Clarke, Board Secretary.

Mr. Clarke read the following statement:

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on April 23, 2007.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Clarke administered the oath of office to elected Board Members, Donato Circelli, Andrew Fekete, and Jeff Strumpf.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Donato Circelli, Mr. Anthony Delia, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent
Mrs. Hillary Corburn, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Matthew A. Clarke, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ellyn Atherton, Director, Human Resources

4. RESULTS OF ELECTION

Mr. Clarke announced the official election results as follows:

Member Board of Education

Three Year Term

Donato Circelli 1403

Andrew Fekete 1322

Jeff Strumpf 1349

Amount to be raised by taxation: General Fund \$29,692,363.00

Yes 1139 60.14%

No 755 39.86%

Total Ballots Cast 2048 (21.85% of registered voters)

Total Registered Voters 9371

Elementary School Election Results for a Special Events Day

Walton *Sports Day* won against Crazy Hair Day and Celebrity/Hero Day

Caldwell *Color Quiz* won against Smarter Than a JCS Student, Board Games, and Math Carnival

Sandmeier *Pajama Day with The Bee Movie* won against Sports Day, Crazy Hat Day

5. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to nominate Irwin Sablosky for the office of President of the Springfield Board of Education for 2008-2009.

Yeas: Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mrs. Patricia Venezia

Nays: Mr. Donato Circelli, Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Jeff Strumpf MOTION DENIED

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Circelli, to nominate Anthony Delia for the office of President of the Springfield Board of Education for 2008-2009.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Jeff Strumpf

Nays: Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mrs. Patricia Venezia MOTION CARRIED

7. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Moved by Mr. Fekete, seconded by Mr. Strumpf, to nominate David Hollander for the office of Vice President of the Springfield Board of Education for 2008-2009.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Jeff Strumpf

Nays: Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mrs. Patricia Venezia MOTION CARRIED

8. RENEWAL OF BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to adopt existing policy, bylaws, and administrative guidelines.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

9. ADOPTION OF CURRICULA AND TEXTBOOKS

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to adopt the 2008 - 2009 Curricula and Textbooks for the 2008 - 2009 school year as per attachments A and B.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

10. BANKING DEPOSITORIES

A. Bank Accounts

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, move to designate the following banks as depositories for school district funds, for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

- a. Commerce Bank
 - Payroll Account
 - Payroll Agency Account
 - Regular Account
 - School Lunch Account
 - Internal School Accounts
 - Residential School Account
 - Athletic Account
 - School Activities Account
 - Capital Projects Account
- b. State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

B. PETTY CASH

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Secretary of the Board be directed to establish petty cash funds for the 2008 - 2009 school year as follows, as required by stature:

Superintendent/Administration	\$500.00
Jonathan Dayton High School	300.00
Florence M. Gaudineer School	200.00
Edward V. Walton School	150.00
James Caldwell School	150.00
Thelma L. Sandmeier School	150.00
Buildings and Grounds	150.00
Special Services	100.00
Curriculum Office	100.00
JDHS Athletic Dept.	100.00

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

C. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, to authorize, pursuant to 17:12B-241, Mr. Matthew A. Clarke, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to invest school funds, and order wire transfers if necessary to complete the transaction, in one or more accounts in any insured bank whose principal office is located in New Jersey in any amount up to, but not exceeding, the amounts for which such accounts are insured.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

D. BANK SIGNATURE CARDS

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, to authorize changes in bank signature cards for the signatures of President, Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

11. PURCHASING AGENT

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, approval of the resolution to appoint Matthew A. Clarke, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the duly authorized purchasing agent for the Springfield Board of Education, pursuant to 18A:18A per attachment C.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, that effective immediately, Board Meetings be scheduled as per attachment D.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, to designate the Star Ledger and/or The Observer as official newspapers of the Board for 2008-2009 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mr. Anthony Delia

Nays: Mrs. Patricia Venezia

MOTION CARRIED

14. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. School Attorney

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint the following firms and attorneys as counsel to the Springfield Board of Education, for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment E):

1. Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr. Porzio, Bromberg & Newman

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

B. Architect

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint The Gibson Tarquini Group, 1812 Federal Street, Camden, NJ, as architect of record for the ongoing referendum construction projects to the Springfield Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

C. Treasurer of School Monies

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint Manuel Vieira as Treasurer of School Monies to the Springfield Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year at a salary of \$4,823.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

D. Affirmative Action Officer

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint Ellyn Atherton as Affirmative Action Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

E. Custodian of Public Records

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to approve the appointment of Michael Davino, Superintendent, as the custodian of Public Records for the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with the Open Public Records Act.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

F. 504/ADA Compliance Officer

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint Leslie Vaccarino as Public 504/ADA Compliance Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

G. Morris-Union Jointure Commission Representative

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as the representative of the Springfield School District to serve on the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Board of Education.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

H. School Physicians

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, approval of the appointment of the following as school physicians according to the 2008-2009 rates and fees schedule:

Dr. Stanley C. Parman
Care Station
90 U.S. Highway 22
Springfield, NJ 07081

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

I. Auditor

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint Cannone and Company, P.A. as auditor to the Springfield Board of Education for the 2008-2009 budget year for the fee of \$17,098.00.

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

J. Union County Educational Services Commission Representative

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to appoint Donato Circelli as a representative of the Springfield School District to serve on the Union County Educational Services Representative Assembly.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mr. Fekete, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Springfield, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center-First Floor on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 8:24 P.M.

President's Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on April 23, 2007.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Anthony Delia

Present: Mr. Donato Circelli, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Jeff Fekete, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Anthony Delia

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent
Mrs. Hillary Corburn, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Mrs. Elyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. New Board members please asked to remain after the regular meeting to meet with Mr. Clarke regarding – NJSBA Orientation, JDHS Graduation, etc.
- b. Reminder that the UCSBA Spring Meeting is in May. The Board needs a new representative
- c. Reminder – NJSBA Delegate Assembly meeting is in May. The Board needs a new representative.
- d. Debbie LoSchiavo annual request (individual) for March of Dimes contribution
- e. The Board is invited to the Welcoming Session at JDHS for the AFG (Middle States) kickoff
- f. A letter received from a staff member referred to closed session

4. Minutes

Moved by Miss Duke and seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting	- April 7, 2008
Executive Session	- April 7, 2008

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Davino reviewed the student recognitions:

Union County Outstanding Scholars (Breakfast 5/28/08)

Carissa Clark

Kenneth Glennon

Union County School Boards Student Recognition – Unsung Heros/Heroines)
(Dinner 5/14/08)

Karina Adamskay

JDHS Quiz Bowl

At the Colonia High School quiz bowl tournament on Saturday, 4/12/08) our team placed 3rd out of 40 teams. Team captain, Seth Benzell, was the overall 1st place responder.

Springfield's Clean Communities Day Poster Contest Winners

Edward V. Walton

Adam Gelo

Sadi Lowy

Spencer Gary

James Caldwell

Kevin Wheat

Allison Bratsch

Thelma L. Sandmeier

Wilda Francois

Samzari Sekyi-Williams

Florence M. Gaudineer

Thomas Toussaint

Jonathan Dayton

Dana Ashley Strober

Thanks to the diligence of all art teachers in promoting the contest, there were more participants than ever before. Artwork displayed at the public library until 4/27.

Somerset-Union County Water Conservation Poster Contest ("Water Is Life")

David Kim won third place and was awarded \$30.

Teacher Recognition

Barbara Trueger was awarded a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University.

6. PUBLIC SESSION (8:32 PM)

There were no comments or questions regarding the agenda.

7. **BILL LIST**

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval of computer checks numbered 018966 through 019155 and wire transfer 800030 in the amount of \$2,874,211.89 minus voided check numbers 018845 and 018860 in the amount of \$6,644.14 for a grand total of \$2,867,567.75

Yeas: Mr. Donato Circelli, Mr. Andrew Fekete, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mr. Anthony Delia

Abstention: Miss Linda Duke, Dr. David Hollander, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mrs. Patricia Venezia

MOTION CARRIED

8. **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2008-2009**

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of certificated and non-certificated staff appointments for the 2008 - 2009 school year. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL**

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel travel for Professional Development. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. **SPECIAL SERVICES PLACEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the attached Special Education request for Related Services/Placements for the 2007 - 2008 school year. (Attachment D)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. **UNUSED SNOW DAY**

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval to designate May 27, 2008, schools closed due to not having to utilize the one of two emergency days remaining. If the day is necessary from April 22, 2008 and May 23, 2008, then the day will return to a regular day as describe on the 2007 - 08 school calendar.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. UNUSED SNOW DAY

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval to designate June 20, 2008, schools closed due to not having to utilize the one of two emergency days remaining. If the day is necessary from April 23, 2008 and June 19, 2008, then the day will return to a regular day as describe on the 2007 - 08 school calendar

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. TEACHER MENTORS

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the following personnel as Mentor for the 2007 - 2008 school year

Mentor		Mentee
Josephine Cioffi	-	Maryelin Vasquez

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. STUDENT TEACHER

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to approve the attached list of Student Teachers for the 2008 – 2009 school year. (Attachment E)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. 2nd PUBLIC SESSION (8:36 – 8:55 PM)

The following members of the public had comments regarding the fields and busing:

1. Steve Citron
2. Mrs. Crenshaw

17. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dayton will host their own *Jeopardy Game* on April 24th.
- b. *College Night* is scheduled for April 30th at Dayton
- c. It's Circus time at Walton presented by Before and After Care students on April 25th; the Circus/Carnival will also be at Sandmeier on April 30th and at Caldwell on May 2nd
- d. President welcomed new board members
- e. President will send out committee request this week. Please submit your (3) preferences along with contact information.

18. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Volleyball /Basketball Charity event at Caldwell was a great success and enjoyed by all.

19. CLOSED SESSION (9: 03 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss possible litigation which is not an appropriate subject to be discussed in a public meeting and which is within the exemptions permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this Board and the administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.”

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. CLOSED CONFERENCE ITEMS

1. Potential Litigation

21. RECONVENE (10:00 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, approval to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. 2Nd NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Board members were instructed on e-mail correspondence and the Gatekeeper procedure. Included in this review was how to address the public
- b. New Board members were provided information regarding the agreement/contract with the township regarding upkeep of fields
- c. The Board revisited the transportation issued raised earlier in the evening
- d. A questioned was raised regarding the Pledge of Allegiance at Sandmeier in some classes.

23. ADJOURNMENT (10:35 PM)

Moved by Dr. Hollander, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular May 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS.

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary