

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 3, 2022
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Michelle Calas, Board Secretary.

Mrs. Calas read the following statement:

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 January 4, 2021 and revised on December 23, 2021.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RESULTS OF ELECTION

Mrs. Calas announced the official election results as follows:

Member Board of Election

Three Year Term:

1. Paula Saha – 2,418
 2. Hector Munoz – 2,087
 3. Yelena Zolatarsky – 1,896
 4. Anderson Blair – 1,869
 5. Zunilda Elizabeth Benjamin – 1,790
- Total Registered voters – 12,932; Total Votes cast – 5,870 (45.4%)

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Calas administered the oath of office to elected Board Members, Paula Saha and Hector Munoz.

Mr. Gagliardi noted state criminal history clearance is pending for Mrs. Zolatarsky. She therefore, may not be sworn in but may sit and observe.

5. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Absent: Mrs. Meredith Murphy

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Munoz, nominate Scott Silverstein, for the office of President of the Springfield Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Absent: Mrs. Meredith Murphy

Absentation: Mr. Scott Silverstein

MOTION CARRIED

7. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, nominate Paula Saha for the office of Vice President of the Springfield Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Kristy Rubin,
Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull
Absent: Mrs. Meredith Murphy
Absention: Mrs. Paula Saha

MOTION CARRIED

8. RENEWAL OF BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt existing policy, bylaws and administrative guidelines.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

9. BANK SIGNATURES

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, to authorize changes in bank signature cards for the signatures of President, Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, approval of the Organizational Chart of the Springfield Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Munoz, that effective immediately, Board Meetings be scheduled as per (Attachment Aro).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, to designate the Local Source and/or the Star Ledger as official newspapers of the Board for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint the following firms and attorneys as counsel to the Springfield Board of Education, for the 2022 calendar year:

1. Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr. Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC
Morristown, NJ 07962. (Attachment Bro)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. ARCHITECT OF RECORD

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint DI Group Architecture and Planning, LLC, 136 Brighton Avenue, Deal, NJ as architect of record for the Springfield Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. ENGINEER OF RECORD

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Pennoni Associates, 105 Fieldcrest Avenue, Edison, NJ as engineer of record for the Springfield Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. PURCHASING AGENT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, approval of the resolution to appoint Michelle Calas, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the duly authorized purchasing agent for the Springfield Board of Education, pursuant to 18A:18A. (Attachment Cro)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

17. TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Manuel Vieira as Treasurer of School Monies to the Springfield Board of Education for the calendar year 2022 at a salary of \$6,455.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. AUDITOR

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Cannone and Company, P.A. as auditor to the Springfield Board of Education for the 2021 - 2022 budget year for the fee of \$23,682.00.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

19. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Dana Kelly as Affirmative Action Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. TITLE IX OFFICER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Dana Kelly as Affirmative Title IX Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

21. SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Dana Kelly as School Safety Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. 504/ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Tiffany Boehm as Public 504/ADA Compliance Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

23. CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the appointment of Rachel Goldberg, Superintendent, as the custodian of Public Records for the 2022 calendar year in accordance with the Open Public Records Act.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

24. PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Michelle Calas as P.A.C.O. Officer of the Springfield School District for the 2022 calendar year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

25. MORRIS UNION JOINTURE

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, 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: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

26. UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Hector Munoz as a representative of the Springfield School District to serve on the Union County Educational Services Representative Assembly.

Yeas: Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Absent: Mrs. Meredith Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

27. SUPERINTENDENT & BOE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Dr. Goldberg gave an update on the Covid cases for the district. She provided an update on the Covid isolation/quarantine guidance. The guidance has not changed since December 2021, which currently is 10 days for quarantine for those who test positive for Covid, unless vaccinated individuals are able to test negative on the 5th – 7th day. Dr. Goldberg discussed the impact of employees quarantining, the district staffing levels, and its impact on remaining in-person or going fully virtual. She indicated that the decision to go virtual will be on a per classroom basis.
- Mr. Silverstein emphasized that the administration is working to keep our students and staff safe and that much consideration goes into making these decisions on whether to go virtual and /or stay in person.

- Mr. Silverstein presented Mrs. Gamarekian with a plaque for the time she served as president of the Springfield Board of Education. He commended her for all her efforts, support, and commitment.
- Dr. Goldberg praised Mrs. Gamarekian for all her efforts and verbalized her gratitude.
- Mrs. Gamarekian reflected on her time as president. She thanked Mr. Silverstein and her fellow board members for their wisdom.

28. BOARD MEMBER ETHICS TRAINING

Presented by Vito Gagliardi, Jr. Board Attorney, Porzio, Bromberg and Newman

29. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Silverstein gave the board some reminders, signing receipt of school ethics, and school committees. He indicated that board member shall remain on current committee until new ones are established. Mrs. Calas to provide prior school committees.

30. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – January 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC

Michelle Calas
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

2022

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, scheduled meetings of the Board of Education will be held in the Jonathan Dayton High School IMC, First Floor at 7:00 P.M. for Executive Sessions and 7:30 P.M. for Public Sessions on the following dates:

<u>2022</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>	<u>SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>
	January	24	
	February	07, 28	
	March	14, 28	
	April	25	
	April	25 - Public Hearing (2022-2023 Proposed Budget)	
	May	09, 23	
	June	06	
	July	25	
	August	29	
	September	19	
	October	03, 17	
	November	07, 21	
	December	12	
<u>2023</u>	January	03 - Re-Organization Meeting	
	January	03	

2023 – Tentative Meetings (Dates subject to change - Will be reviewed at the January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting)

January	23
February	06, 27
March	13, 27
April	24
May	08, 22
June	05

Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Springfield, New Jersey
Date: January 3, 2022

Michelle Calas
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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BOARD ATTORNEYS

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., Kerri Wright, & Tom Johnston	Porzio Bromberg & Newman PC	\$210/hour (\$145/hour for paralegals)

**Resolution
Purchasing Agent
January 3, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law gives the Board of Education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Calas possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Springfield Board of Education, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$44,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoint Michelle Calas as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b with specific authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:35-5.2, the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Michelle Calas's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, Michelle Calas, Secretary of the Springfield Board of Education, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Springfield Board of Education, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said governing body held on January 3, 2022.

Michelle Calas
Business Administrator/Board Secretary