

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 6, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

VISION STATEMENT

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences – empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

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, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 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 January 4, 2021 and revised on December 3, 2021. The public comment format for this meeting is as follows – attendees wishing to comment during the public sessions will state their name and address. The President of the Board of Education will recognize the attendee at the appropriate time. All of the Board's Policies and Regulations related to public participation in board meetings shall remain in effect, including, but not limited to, the presiding officer's ability to limit each statement made by a participant to a 3-minute duration.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian.

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian

Absent: Mr. Scott Silverstein

Also Present:

Mrs. Rachel Goldberg, Superintendent

Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Erica Scudero, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Mrs. Dana Kelly, Director of Human Resources

Mrs. Daniela Riccardi, Director of Technology

Mrs. Janelle Edwards-Stewart, Board Attorney

2. CLOSED SESSION (6:34 PM)

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, “I move 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 subjects concerning matters protected by Attorney/Client privilege which are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting and which are 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.

Closed Conference Items

1. Matters protected by Attorney/Client privilege

3. RECOVENE TO REGULAR MEETING (7:35 PM)

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Munoz, approval to reconvene to the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. NJSBA

- i. School Board Member Mandated Training. Those that still need to complete online, you have until December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ii. NJSBA and NJASA – announce the launch of the Online University Hub on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Virtual Workshop 21 – OnDemand viewing has been extended to December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. 3R's: Roles, Responsibilities and Resources, virtual program, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
- v. School Board Notes – November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

b. GSCS

- i. News and Notes – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. The Best of the Buzz – November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>.

6. MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to approve the following minutes:  
Regular Meeting - November 15, 2021

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian

Absent: Mr. Scott Silverstein

MOTION CARRIED

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Turnbull, to accept and approve the Superintendent's Report as presented –

1. Student/Staff Recognitions

- i. Congratulations to Thelma Sandmeier & James Caldwell both have been recognized by US News and World Report "Best Elementary Schools" in the State of New Jersey.
- ii. JDHS Junior Colin Riley named "Junior of the Year" by Milesplit NJ. In the last race on November 27<sup>th</sup> he earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team all Northeast

Regional after he placed 14<sup>th</sup> in a competitive race against the very best runners from 11 states.

- iii. Congratulations to the cast and crew of “Play On”.
- 2. Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center
  - i. 8 of the 12 classrooms had their floors completed and moving furniture back into those classrooms.
  - ii. Offices in the media center have been recarpeted.
  - iii. Reminaing four classrooms should be completed by middle of this week.
  - iv. The temporary boiler has been installed and running very well.
  - v. Look forward to announcing our transition of the remaining St. James students back into Walton.
  - vi. Gym floor is going to take longer and may not be accessible right away.
- 3. Covid 19 Updates
  - i. 59 Positive Cases of Covid-19 Reported: 8 Staff, 51 Students.
  - ii. All cases were related to outside of school transmission.
- 4. 2021-2022 Community Updates
  - i. We are hosting a Vaccine Clinic – tomorrow 5PM-8PM, appointments are appricated but not needed and walkins will be accepted. All doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be available including first doses for adults and for children ages 5 to 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> doses for both groups and boosters for those eligible for boosters in addition they will have flu shots.
  - ii. Tomorrow night in addition we will be sending this notice out that Union Board of County Commissioners is hosting a virtual town hall with pediatric experts to answer questions about vaccines for children.
- 5. District Holiday Greeting Card Winners Presentation

EDWARD V. WALTON SCHOOL

Emily Sanchez, Art Teacher

PK – Kim Lael

PK – Sophia Pintado

Kindergarten – Emerson Dempsey

Kindergarten – Lucinda Chin

Grade 1 – Andi Taylor

Grade 1 – Frankie Friedman

Grade 2 – Antonia Sosa

Grade 2 – Felicity Siderman

JAMES CALDWELL SCHOOL

Kim Noto, Art Teacher

Grade 3 – Paavi Lahoti

Grade 4 – Elena Weigelt

Grade 5 – Lucas DaSilva

THELMA L. SANDMEIER SCHOOL

Kim Noto, Art Teacher

Grade 3 – Amelia Sital-Grzech

Grade 4 – Sofia Kaminski

Grade 5 – Isabella Acquisto

## FLORENCE M. GAUDINEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Chelsea Krinner, Art Teacher*

Grade 6 – Arias Valery

Grade 6 – Valentina Tiziano

Grade 7 – Maya Jaffe

Grade 7 – Carolina Morgado

Grade 8 – David Andrew Punzalan

Grade 8 – Alexis Valladares

## JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

*Mary Tarnacki, Art Teacher*

Grade 11 – Nicholas Ware – Portfolio Studio Art

Grade 11 – Aspyn Lee – Foundations of Studio Art

Grade 12 – Tamia Lawrence – Portfolio Studio Art

6. HIB Report (The Board will go into closed session at the end of the meeting if specific clarification is needed.)
7. Building Usage Request
8. Fund Raiser Request
9. Fieldtrip Request
10. Contracts PL2015, Chapter 47
11. Bus Evacuation Drills (November 2021)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC SESSION (8:12 PM – 8:22 PM)

The following member of the public had question(s) or comment(s) regarding the Agenda or the Superintendent's Report requesting the BOE to focus on Social, emotional and Education of our students:

- Mrs. Nicole Michalitsianos, Mrs. Heidi Matthews, Mrs. Crystal Remollino, Mr. Josh Zylbershlag, Mrs. Elissa Zylbershlag, Mrs. Trish Fuller, Mrs. Silvia Schedler, Mrs. Jennifer Weberman and Mr. Anderson Blair.

9. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to approve the Board Secretary's Report dated October 31, 2021 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2021 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. LEGAL – OCTOBER 2021

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Munoz, Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e) and after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, I move the Board certify

that to the best of its knowledge as of October 31, 2021 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment all such contracts being subject to future action on account of substantial reductions in State School Aid by virtue of the state of emergency and resulting Statewide Financial dislocation. (Attachment A)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-OFFSITE

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel to participate in offsite Professional Development. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve Special Education request for Related Services/Placements on the attachment. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. TUITION GRANTS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel for following courses as being eligible for Tuition Grant reimbursement and applicable for advancement on the guide. (Attachment D)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Miller, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education affirms the HIB Reports previously presented at the following Board meeting: November 15, 2021

- a. HIB Case # 090-2122-03.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

17. HURRICANE IDA IMPACT

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, approval recognizing the following restoration projects due to Hurricane IDA impact, September 1, 2021, on district facilities –

- a. Walton

- i. Saint James – Monthly lease, etc. - \$14,456.77
- ii. AllRisk, Inc. – Remediation Room 6 - \$38,435.10 (ESCNJ 17/18-34).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. PUBLIC SESSION

The public did not have any questions or comments at this time.

19. NEW BUSINESS

- PTA- FMG this Thursday 7PM, Zoom.
- EVW PTA Winter Extravaganza – Thursday, December 9, 2021 6PM-8:30PM.
- JC-PTA tomorrow night 7:30PM.
- JDHS-PTA Wednesday night.
- Congratulations to Dr. Goldberg on earning her Dissertation.

20. OLD BUSINESS

None to report at this time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Delia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – December 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC
2. Re-organization Meeting – January 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC
3. Regular Meeting – January 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC

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Matthew A. Clarke  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<b>Certificated Staff</b>								
Gibson	Caitlin	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	JDHS	---	\$6,791.00	New	Schedule E	11/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Scheckman	Shari	Mathematics Teacher	FMG	---	---	---	Leave	11/1/2021-12/23/2021
Baker	Erin	Elementary Teacher	JC	---	---	New	Leave	1/17/2022 - 6/30/2022
Matt	Paige	Assistant Play Director/Choreographer	JDHS	---	---	---	Rescind	11/24/2021
Matt	Paige	Spring Musical Director	JDHS	---	\$5,093.00	New	Schedule E	12/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
D'Achille	Anna	Assistant Play Director/Choreographer	JDHS	---	\$4,048.00	New	Replacing P.M.	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
DeNicolo	Anthony	Newspaper Advisor	JDHS	---	\$3,153.50	New	Schedule E/Replacing ERK	12/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
DeNicolo	Anthony	Business Manager - NP	JDHS	---	\$1,188.60	New	Schedule E/Replacing ERK	12/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Cusick	Colleen	TPAC/Subject Area Resource	JDHS	---	\$32.64/hr	New	Annual Max \$3,264.00 -ARP Funds	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Hough	Rachel	TPAC/Subject Area Resource	JDHS	---	\$32.64/hr	New	Annual Max \$3,264.00 -ARP Funds	12/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Tarnacki	Mary	TPAC/Subject Area Resource	JDHS	---	\$32.64/hr	New	Annual Max \$3,264.00 -ARP Funds	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Carlson	Stephanie	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Hofman	Veronice	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Lico	Adelina	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Martinez	Jennifer	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Mortensen	Jennifer	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Randolph	Megan	Home Instruction	District	---	\$43.25/hr	New	---	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Rodriguez	Christina	Teacher	FMG	---	\$984.75	---	one per day/five per week	12/6/2021-12/23/2021

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<b>Substitute/Home instructor/Volunteer</b>								
Leonardis	Amanda	Substitute Aide	District	---	---	Renewal	---	12/7/2021 - 6/30/2022

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<b>Non-Certificated</b>								
Hill	Tiffany	Lunch Aide	TLS	---	---	---	LEAVE	11/30/2021 - TBD
Belmonte	Maria	Instructional Aide	FMG	---	---	---	Resignation	***
Elmblad	Lauren	Chaperone, Event Staff, Crowd Control	JDHS	---	\$30.03/hr.	New		10/6/2021 - 6/30/2022
Ramirez	Veronica	Instructional Aide - Highly Qualified	EVW	---	\$20.01/hr	New	Pending Criminal History Background Clearance	12/7/2021 - 6/30/2022
Mannino	Caitlyn	Instructional Aide - Highly Qualified	TLS	---	\$20.01/hr	New	---	12/7/2021 - 6/30/2022
Febles	Clarissa	Instructional Aide - Highly Qualified	EVW	---	\$20.01/hr	New	Pending Criminal History Background Clearance	12/7/2021 - 6/30/2022
Staff I.D.	# 2223	---	District	---	---	---	Terminated	December 6, 2021
Staff I.D.	# 0172	---	District	---	---	---	Terminated	December 6, 2021

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<b>Before and After School Program/Childcare</b>								
Romero	Kimberlinne	Group Leader	EVW	---	---	---	Resignation	***
Patania	Cheryl	Substitute Group Aide	District	---	\$15.79/hr	New	---	11/18/2021 - 6/30/2022

" A school district or charter school .....may employ....for a period not to exceed 90 days pending review by the school district providing all the following are satisfied:

**Applicant complied with providing list**

**School district has no knowledge or information that the applicant would be required to disclose under the law**

**School district determines special or emergent circumstances exist that justify the temporary employment of this applicant"**

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**\*\*\*Resignation subject to the requirements provided by law**

CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS									
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	Funding	DATE	AMOUNT	BOE APPROVED	Input in PGM
Gigante	Lauren	Walton	PECS Level 1 Training	Online		1/10/2022-1/11/2022	\$ 429.00	12/6/21	Yes
Grobarz	Alyssa	Caldwell	PLTW Teacher Leader Training	Online		12/1/21-12/2/21	\$ 700.00	12/6/21	Yes
Scarpelli	Anthony	Sandmeier	PLTW Teacher Leader Training	Online		12/1/21-12/2/21	\$ 700.00	12/6/21	Yes
Tauscher	Kelley	Caldwell	PLTW Teacher Leader Training	Online		12/1/21-12/2/21	\$ 700.00	12/6/21	Yes



**Special Education Request  
Related Services/OOD Placements**

Attachment ( C )

**1. RELATED SERVICES REQUEST**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Related Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours/days/week</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Student</u>
Somerset County Ed Services Bridgewater NJ	Transportation	\$195.00	per hour	21-22SY	

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<u>School/Placement</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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2021-2022 TUITION  
**December 6, 2021 Brd. Mtg.**

Attachment ( D )

<b>STAFF MEMBER</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Reimbursement</b>	<b>Course Attendance Model</b>	<b>PRESENTED TO BOE</b>
Michael Abbate	Motivation: THE Art and Science of Inspiring Classroom Success EDM 570-N51	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Hybrid Course	12/6/21
Deborah A. Ricardo	The Kinesthetic Classroom 2: Moving Through the Standards EDIN554-952	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Hybrid Course	12/6/21
Deborah A. Ricardo	Differentiated Instruction EDIN570-956	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Hybrid Course	12/6/21
David Campbell	The Kinesthetic Classroom 2: Moving Through the Standards EDIN554-953	3	Credit Only	In Person	12/6/21
David Campbell	Skills for Building the Collaborative Classroom	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Hybrid Course	12/6/21
David Steinman	Teaching Outdoor Team Sports	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Online	12/6/21
Gillian Clark	Public School Administration	3	Credit and Reimbursement	Hybrid Course	12/6/21