

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST 16, 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 Auditorium First Floor on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:03 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 August 12, 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: Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian

Absent: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, 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. Tiffany Boehm, Director of Student Support Services

Mrs. Daniela Riccardi, Director of Technology

Mr. David Disler, General Counsel-Porzio, Bromberg & Newman

2. CLOSED SESSION (7:04 PM)

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Turnbull, “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 and Superintendent Evaluation 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
2. HIB Hearing
3. RECOVENE TO REGULAR MEETING (7:44 PM)
Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Turnbull, 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. News and Notes – June 19 and August 16th.
 - ii. The Best of the Buzz – July 22nd, 29th and August 5th
- b. Candidate List for the School Board Election –
 - i. Yelena Zolotarsky.
 - ii. Paula Saha.
 - iii. Hector J. Munoz.
 - iv. Anderson E. Blair.
 - v. Zunilda Elizabeth Benjamin.

6. MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - July 19, 2021
Executive Meeting - July 19, 2021

Present: Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian

Absent: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Hector Munoz, Mr. Scott Silverstein

MOTION CARRIED

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to accept and approve the Superintendent’s Report as presented –

1. Student/Staff Recognitions
 - a. 2020-21 Varsity Golf UCC Mountain Division Champions, North 2 Group 1 Sectional Champions
 - b. 2020-21 Girls Spring Track UCC Valley Champions

- c. 2020-21 Boys Spring Track UCC Valley Champions
2. Thank You for Your Service, Mr. William Knorr, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor 13 Years of Service.
3. Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service
4. HIB Report (The Board will go into closed session at the end of the meeting if specific clarification is needed.)
5. Building Usage Request
6. Fund Raiser Request
7. Fieldtrip Request
8. Contracts PL2015, Chapter 47

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC SESSION (9:06 PM – 9:47 PM)

The following member of the public had question(s) or comment(s) regarding the Superintendent's Report on Gifted and Talented, mask requirements/mandates and the District's new Mission and Vision Statement:

- Mr. David Mallow, Mrs. Gabriella Larkin, Mr. Dave Nogaki, Mrs. Dominica Vanesscia, Mrs. Lisa Ellis, Mrs. Danielle Piccolo, Mrs. Chuck Custmato, Mrs. Custmato, Mrs. Adrianna Silva and Mrs. Edyta Soriano.

9. BILLS LIST

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mrs. Saha, approval of check numbers 048673 through 048837 and wire transfers 800201 and 888655 through 888665 for a grand total of \$3,271,214.95.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

10. TRANSFER

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mrs. Saha, the approval of the transfer of funds from and to the following line item accounts as designated. (Attachment A)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mrs. Saha, to approve the Board Secretary's Report dated June 30, 2021 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mrs. Saha, to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2021 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. LEGAL-JUNE 2021

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mrs. Saha, 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 June 30, 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 to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, 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 B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-OFFSITE

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, approval to authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to contract the Springfield Public School District's Multi-Peril Package and Automobile, Excess Umbrella and School Board Legal Liability, Errors and Omissions, Crime, General Liability and coverage with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., agent; and insurance coverage through Utica National Insurance Group for a total amount of \$239,261.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT

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

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

17. STUDENT TEACHERS

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached Student Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment E)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. TUITION GRANT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, 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 F)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

19. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, the Board of Education affirms the HIB Report (010-2021-08) presented at the following Board meeting:

July 19, 2021.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, the Board of Education affirms the HIB Report (050-2021-01) presented at the following Board meeting:

July 19, 2021.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

21. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, the Board of Education affirms the HIB Report (090-2021-01) presented at the following Board meeting:

July 19, 2021.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. REVISED CURRICULUM

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following revised curriculum –

- Advance Ceramics and 3-D Designs - High School
- Advance TV Production - High School
- AP Art and Design - High School
- AP Art History - High School
- AP Music Theory - High School
- Digital Photography - High School
- Drawing and Painting - High School
- Foundations in Crafts - High School
- Foundations in Studio Art - High School
- Introduction to Graphic Design - High School.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

23. 2021-22 TEACHER PRACTICE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Teacher Practice Evaluation Instrument, Charlotte Danielson: The Framework for Teaching (2013 edition).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

24. 2021-22 PRINCIPAL AND ASST. PRINCIPAL EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Principal and

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

25. 2021-22 SUPERVISOR EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, At the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Supervisor Evaluation Instrument, Achieve/Teach New Jersey Supervisor Framework (2015 edition).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

26. 2021-22 MENTORING PLAN

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Mentoring Plan.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

27. 2021-22 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Professional Development Plan.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

28. MEMBERSHIP CJ PRIDE FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve a shared service agreement and membership into CJ Pride for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

29. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, the Board of Education affirms the HIB Report (060-2021-02) presented at the following Board meeting:

July 19, 2021.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

30. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT #2, MICHAEL J. MALPERE CO.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Saha, approval of the Certificate for Payment #2 in the amount of \$78,351.25 to Michael J. Malpere Co., Inc., Cranford, NJ for project number 2021.01. (JCBF P3 - Attachment G)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

31. SOMERSET COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Saha, approval authorizing the Springfield Board of Education to participate in coordinated transportation agreements hosted by the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

32. 1st AND FINAL READING POLICY

Moved by Mrs. Turnbull, seconded by Mrs. Saha, to approve the first and final reading of the following policies and regulation (Attachment H1):

- a. BP 1648 - Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

33. RESCIND POLICY

Moved by Mrs. Turnbull, seconded by Mrs. Saha, to rescind the following policy (Attachment H2):

- a. BP 1648.02 - Remote Learning Options for Families.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

34. PUBLIC SESSION

The following members of the public had questions or concerns regarding COGAT Testing for Grades 3, 4 & 5.

35. NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Goldberg made a statement about our students and the comments from tonight's meeting.

36. OLD BUSINESS

None to report at this time.

37. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:04 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – September 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC
2. Regular Meeting – October 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the JDHS IMC

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary