

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 17, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING

The Springfield Board of Education is committed to providing high quality, efficient educational programs through which all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Contents Standards. Every effort is made to ensure that the district's certificated and support personnel are among the best in their fields.

The staff and Board of Education are dedicated to maintaining excellence in the delivery of child-centered educational programs. Very simply stated, in Springfield...SCHOOLS ARE FOR KIDS!

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held via electronic media through zoom on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:36 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 March 5, 2021. The public comment format for this meeting is as follows – attendees wishing to comment during the public sessions will enter their name and address in the Q&A. The President of the Board of Education will recognize the attendee at the appropriate time by allowing the attendee to use audio or audio and video function to ask a question or make a comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Hector Munoz (arrived at 7:06 PM), Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian

Absent: Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Also Present:

Mrs. Rachel Goldberg, Superintendent

Mrs. Dana Kelly, Director of Human Resources

Mrs. Daniela Riccardi, Technology Manager

2. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Saha, approval of the resolution regarding emergency regulations:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs enacted emergency regulations that require public bodies (e.g., municipalities, boards of education, etc.) to meet certain criteria if the public body is holding a remote public meeting during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Board of Education ("Board") is required by the aforementioned regulations to adopt procedures for public comment made during remote meetings during a state of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The Board Secretary shall announce publicly, and shall cause to be entered in the minutes of the meeting, an accurate statement to the effect that either: (1) both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided; or (2) only electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided, and that discussion and effectuation of public business shall be limited to the matters included in *N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.5(g)*;
 2. In the event the Board conducts a remote meeting during a state of emergency, the Board shall allow members of the public to make comments via audio or audio and video. Individuals will be prompted to enter their name and address in the Q&A function, and the Board shall hear the comments in the order received. 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;
 3. If a member of the public becomes disruptive during any portion of the remote public meeting, the Board President shall mute, or direct appropriate staff to mute, the disruptive member of the public. The disruptive individual shall receive a warning that continued disruption may result in the individual being removed from the remote meeting or muted at future remote meetings. Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to, shouting, interruption, or use of profanity. If time permits, the Board may allow the disruptive individual to make a public comment at the conclusion of the public comment portion, but reserves the right to continue muting or remove the disruptive individual if the disruptive behavior persists.
 4. These procedures and requirements for making public comment, along with an explanation of the audio muting function of the electronic communications platform being used, shall be announced by the Board President at the beginning of each remote public meeting during a state of emergency.
3. PUBLIC SESSION (6:36 PM)
The public did not have any questions or comments at this time.
4. Board of Education Retreat/work session
1. Stephen Barkley, PLS3rdLearning
 - a. Presentation, Coaching and Facilitation

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Delia, to adjourn the special meeting at 8:44 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – May 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS
2. Regular Meeting – June 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary