

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST 10, 2020

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 Friday, August 10, 2020 at 7:08 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 August 7, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Marc Miller.

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

Absent: Mr. Anthony Delia

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

2. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Moved by Mr. Silverdtein, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, to accept and approve the Superintendent’s Report as presented –

- 1. 2020-2021 Reopening Plan presentation

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC SESSION (8:13 PM – 10:58 PM)

The following member of the public had questions or coments regarding School Reopening Plan, Superinetnedns Report and School Government, item 1:

Jessica Weingart	Michael Dy	Elizabeth Acquisto	Paige Silberfein
Erica Dubois	Jed Winer	Jessica Alves	Lisa Alves
Julie Engel	Laura Schaedl	Jessica Edlemstein	Jennifer Rosa
Jennifer Engelbart	Jeromy Bailer	Michael Mirabella	Erin Cook
Suyanne Saia	Stacy Sargis	Kim Holloway	Chantelle Steirman
Barry Klein	Vanessa Canfield	Videya Murthy	Dana Franza
Rahel Gossa	Jennifer Barbato	Arron Afflitto	Lauren Levine
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4. Go Past 11:00 PM

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Delia, the Board moved to go past 11:00 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

5. 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Munoz, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, moved approval authorizing the Springfield Board of Education to submit its 2020-2021 Reopening Plan to the NJ Department of Education, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make changes or revisions to the proposed 2020-2021 Reopening Plan if so recommended by the Union County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Policy Suspension of 1st and 2nd Reading

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, moved approval of the following resolution –

Whereas the Board has determined it is necessary to temporarily suspend its policy requiring a first and second reading of policies in order to immediately implement certain policies and policy revisions to comply with Department of Education directives in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, until further action of the Board, the Board herein suspends its policy requiring a first and second reading and permits the implementation of new and revised policies with one reading.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

7. PUBLIC SESSION (11:07 PM)

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Munoz, to adjourn the special meeting at 11:11 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – August 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS
2. Regular Meeting – September 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary