

DRAFT COPY SUBJECT TO REVISIONS BY BOARD

**SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Springfield, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

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 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, February 28, 2011 at 7:12 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 April 26, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Mrs. Patricia Venezia

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes, Mr. Steve Wolcott

Absent: Mr. Irwin Sablosky

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent

Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Ellyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources

Ms. Raquel Lord, Board Attorney

2. CLOSED SESSION (7:13 – 7:43 PM)

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Kass 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 Negotiations, and 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.”

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Closed Conference Items

1. Matters protected by Attorney/Client privilege
2. Negotiations

3. RECONVENE

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A final request for NJSBA Delegate Assembly regarding the resolution cutoff date, February 28, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

6. MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, and seconded by Mr. Kass, to approve the following minutes:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Executive Meeting | - February 7, 2011 |
| Regular Meeting | - February 7, 2011 |

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

7. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Vice President, Mrs. Venezia, read a statement on behalf of the Board:

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BOARD

There has been a lot of discussion about our Board of Education's decision not to make payments "in lieu of transportation" to the parents of children who are enrolled in private or parochial schools but otherwise reside in Springfield. That is to say, the law requires us, under certain circumstances, to make payments to parents of students who do not attend our schools in lieu of transporting them, and those payments under State law are currently \$884 per student for the 2010-2011 school year.

As you know, this is a very difficult time for local school districts throughout the State and Springfield is no exception. Indeed, Springfield is one of the school districts which had all of its State aid eliminated last year. This Board believes, following consultation with counsel and our administrators, that it is not clear that a school district receiving no State aid can be required to provide aid in lieu of transportation since there is no aid being passed through our district. Given our efforts to concentrate our resources to provide as much as possible for the staff and students in Springfield, we were looking at all expenses with great scrutiny, but particularly those which require us to spend money on students who are not enrolled in our public schools. In that regard, we advised the Department of Education in June 2010 of our concerns as to being required to make these payments when we are not receiving any State aid. It was not until we received a memo dated February 18, 2011 that we received any response directed to our concerns. In that memo, the Department of Education advised that it believed that local boards of education were obligated to pay aid in lieu of transportation whether they received State aid or not.

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Under these circumstances, we have decided to appeal that determination. One such vehicle to do so is an application to the Council on Local Mandates because this obligation is now an unfunded mandate from the State. While we are not at liberty to discuss all of our legal strategies publicly, what we are doing is taking action we believe to be in the best interests of the Springfield Public Schools, and we will abide by a ruling to be issued in the future. Given that this matter is going to be under litigation, kindly understand that this statement is the only statement this Board is going to make pending a decision by the appropriate authority. What we are doing is not directed at any one person or group, but rather we are serving as stewards of taxpayer money and marshalling that money to do the best we can to operate our school district at the same level which you have all come to expect in our community.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mr. Wolcott, to accept and approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.

Mr. Davino reviewed the following items:

1. Student Recognitions:

Alexa Williams won the high jump at the Group 1 State Track and Field Meet breaking the meet record with her jump of 5'10".

Seniors, Skyler Apicella, Fred Davis, Higho Rocha, Emily Stein, Daniel Torres and Christian Wortman were awarded Certificates of Achievement for participating in the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's 30-second television PSA contest, "Proms and Alcohol Don't Mix"...

- 2. 2011-2012 Tentative Budget Presentation by Matthew Clarke**
- 3. Building Usage Request**
- 4. Fund Raiser Request**
- 5. Fieldtrip Request**

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

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9. FIRST PUBLIC SESSION (8:33 – 10:00 PM)

The following members of the public had questions or concerns regarding the following agenda items:

Board President Report, Superintendent's Report (2011-12 Tentative Budget) and School Government item #8 -

Jeff Rodgers, Mary McElroy, Judith Sandman, Rabbi Akeobabuh, Steven Friedman, Kristen Schacter, Joe Dorney, Debbie Rosenwein

Superintendent's Report (2011-12 Tentative Budget) -
Heather Sandford

10. BILL LIST

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to approve computer checks numbered 026031 through 026205 and wire transfer 800076 in the amount of \$4,237,993.08.

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Steve Wolcott

Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

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11. TRANSFER REPORT

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

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Steve Wolcott
Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

12. HUNTERDON REGIONAL COOPERATIVE SYSTEM

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, to approve participation in the Hunterdon Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative System for the 2010-11 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Steve Wolcott
Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

13. 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval of the attached resolution authorizing the submission to the Union County Executive Superintendent of Schools the tentative 2011-2012 School District Budget of \$35,585,950.00 and authorize the administration to make necessary adjustments and post legal notices as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Steve Wolcott
Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

14. 2010-2011 Appendix E

Moved by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, that the Board of Education approve the attached Appendix E documentation supporting its estimated current year general fund surplus balances. (Attachment B1).

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mr. Andrew Fekete Mr. Brian Kass, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mr. Jeff Strumpf, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mr. Steve Wolcott
Abstention: Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes MOTION CARRIED

15. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

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16. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel travel for Professional Development. (Attachment D)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

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17. SPECIAL SERVICES PLACEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES

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

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. TUITION GRANT

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, 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. NEW CURRICULUM

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the following new curriculum for the 2010 - 2011 school year –

French 4 - High School

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. STUDENT TEACHERS

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia,, to approve the attached list of Student Teachers for the 2010 – 2011 school year. (Attachment G)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

21. OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the following overnight field trip –

- Alternatives Club – East Stroudsburg University, PA (April 14 – April 15, 2011)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

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22. AID IN LIEU RESOLUTION

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to work with the Business Administrator and Board Counsel to challenge the February 18, 2011 memo from the Department of Education regarding payment of aid in lieu of transportation, notwithstanding our absence of state aid, via an application to the Council on Local Mandates and/or a court of competent jurisdiction, as appropriate.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

23. SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT AT WALTON

Moved by Mr. Strumpf, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval the Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project at Edward V. Walton Elementary School for DOE Project # 5000-050-10-1001, SDA Project # 5000-050-10-G0SL and Grant # G5-4547

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

24. SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT AT SANDMEIER

Moved by Mr. Strumpf, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval the Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project at Thelma Sandmeier Elementary School for DOE Project # 5000-090-10-1006, SDA Project # 5000-090-10-G0SQ and Grant # G5-4552.”

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

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25. SECOND PUBLIC SESSION (10:08-10:15 PM)

The following members of the public had questions or concerns regarding the following items:

1. Afterschool security and reports of laptops being stolen:

Linda Hakerson, Dory Hassan

2. How many BOE members have children attending Springfield Public Schools:

Jeff Rodgers

3. My children are in private school, how does someone sign-up to receive a laptop:

Patty Boyle

26. NEW BUSINESS

1. District art work will be on display at the Public Library

2. The PTA at Gaudineer is requesting a representative from the board to attend their meetings.

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27. ADJOURNMENT (10:21 PM)

Moved by Mrs. Shanes, seconded by Mr. Kass, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

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Upcoming Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting – March 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS
2. Regular Meeting – March 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS
3. Special Meeting – March 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the IMC at JDHS
(Public Hearing on 2011-12 Proposed Tentative Budget)

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
JANUARY 2011 (Additional)

Attachment (A)

From Account	To Account	Amount
114021005004614 Prof Serv Athletics	110001005639811 Vo-Tec Regular	\$36,000.00
111901001060010 Salary Other Instruct	110002111000010 Salary Attendance	\$16,200.00

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Springfield Board is required by N.J. 18A:7a-28 to submit an itemized budget to the County Executive Superintendent of Schools on or before February 28, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent must review and may request changes in the itemized budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed 2011-2012 School Budget be tentatively adopted as follows, subject to the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools:

	Budget	Tax Levy
General Fund	\$33,923,856.00	\$32,411,045.00
Special Revenue	\$ 554,619.00	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,107,475.00	\$ 1,107,475.00
Total Budget	\$35,585,950.00	

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. The Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the proposed 2011-2012 School District Budget as presented on the State required forms to the County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval; and
2. The Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to make changes or revisions to the proposed 2011-2012 School District Budget if so recommended by the Union County Superintendent of Schools.

REVIEW OF ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE

Attachment (B1)

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	(A)	(B)	(C)	Attachment (B1)	
Support	Beg. Bal. 1610	1620	1630	1640	End.Bal. 1650
		(1610-1620-1630+1640=1650)			
Data Enter Amounts from Recap	2,043,428	84,093	216,968	0	1,742,367
Sum of Three Lines Must Equal Recap Amount:					
Enter Amount Certified For Taxes		31,775,534			
Enter Additional Amount Appropriated		0			
Enter Amount Certified For Taxes Not Appropriated as (Neg)		0			
Support for lines 1620 and 1630					
Board Resolutions:					
Appropriated Fund Balance (Part of 2011 Proposed Budget)		74,093			
Appropriated Debt Fund Balance (Part of 2011 Proposed Budget)		10,000			
Reserves:					
Capital Reserve		-			
Additional Amount to be budgeted in 2011-12 due to S-1701			216,968.00		
			0.00		
Review for Add'l Surplus Generated - line 1640					
Under Estimated Revenues:					
(Review in Conjunction with Prior Year CAFR schedule J-15)					
Unbudgeted Investment Income on Bonded Projects				0	
Unbudgeted GF Interest on Investments				0	
Unbudgeted Misc. Tuition Revenue				0	
Unbudgeted Transportation Fees				0	
Unencumbered Appropriation Balances:					
Large Amounts with no Justification				0	
Purchase Orders:					
Prior Year Cancelled POs				0	
Old Outstanding PO's no Longer Necessary				0	
Transfer to Food Service:					
Amount of Budgeted Transfer not Needed due to a Large Retained Earnings Bal from the Prior Year				0	
Total amounts must agree with the applicable line on recap, or applicable component of as noted above.		84,093	216,968	0	
		(NOTE 1)	(NOTE 2)	(NOTE 3)	
NOTE 1 - Amount must agree with the additional amount appropriated on line 1620 of recap. If this amount is correct and different from recap adjust recap.					
NOTE 2 - Amount must agree with line 1630 on recap. If this amount is correct and different from recap adjust recap.					
NOTE 3 - Amount must agree with line 1640 on recap. If this amount is correct and different from recap adjust recap.					

**Springfield Public Schools
Personnel**

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<i>Certificated</i>								
Salmon	Gregory	Chaperone/Event staff	JDHS	----	25.13/hr	----	----	9/1/10-6/30/11
Chomko	Karyn	Gay/Straight Alliance co-advis	JDHS	---	\$200.33	----	pro-rated	2/1/11-6/30/11
Krumholz	Drew	Gay/Straight Alliance co-advis	JDHS	---	\$200.33	----	pro-rated	2/1/11-6/30/11
Rooney-Kuhn	Elizabeth	Gay/Straight Alliance co-advis	JDHS	---	\$200.33	----	pro-rated	2/1/11-6/30/11
Rollis	Lauren	TPAC	JDHS	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Salmon	Gregory	TPAC	JDHS	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Compton	Mary	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Cariani	Judy	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Leonard	Helene	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Major	Michelle	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Scheckman	Shari	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Liberto	Mary Kathl	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Gray	Janet	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Schiano	Candice	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Ferrari	Craig	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Schack	Stephanie	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Francois	Angie	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Scotland	David	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Florio	Marie	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
Goerge	Robyn	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11
David	Joseph	TPAC	FMG	*	\$27.32/period	----	up to \$2732.00	1/3/11-6/30/11

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<i>Non-Certificated</i>								
Gelband	Glen	Vol. Asst. Tennis Coach	JDHS	----	----	----	----	3/1/11-6/30/11
Steward	Brian	Custodian	District	Step 1	\$35,954.00	Replacement	replaces L.N.	3/1/11-6/30/11
Steward	Brian	Custodian	District	Night Shift	\$ 1,304.00	----	----	3/1/11-6/30/11
Rolleri	Nancy	Aide	District	----	----	----	retirement	3/1/2011

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Guide/Step	Salary	Replacement/ Renewal/New	Additional Information	Effective Date
<i>Substitute/Home instructor</i>								
Johnson	Lafonda	Substitute Aide	District	---	***	New	---	3/1/11-6/30/11

* In accordance with the Negotiated Contract between the Springfield BOE and the Springfield Education Association (May 17, 2010 - June 30, 2011)

**** Special Salaries, Compensation and Fees 2010 - 2011

**Workshop Requests
2010 - 2011**

Attachment (D)

Lname	Fname	Description	Date	Amount	Location
Atherton	Ellyn	AASA Conference (REVISED)	2/16 - 2/18/2011	1,728.21	Dist.
Clarke	Matthew	NJASBO Annual Conference	6/1 - 6/3/11	500.00	Dist.
Davino	Michael	New Jersey Association Federal Program Administra	3/30-3/31/11	225.00	Dist.
February 28, 2011					

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

Attachment (E)

1. RELATED SERVICES REQUEST

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Related Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours/days/weeks</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Student</u>
Allegro School Cedar Kolls, NJ	1:1 Aide	\$115/day	Per IEP	10 - 11 SY	

2. OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT REQUEST

<u>School/Placement</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
The Calais School Whippany, NJ	0302	7234.00	2009-2010	Tuition Adjustment
The Children's Institute Verona, NJ	1201	470.00	2009-2010	Audit Rebill Charge for 1:1 Aide

**TUITION GRANT RESUBMISSIONS
SPRING 2011**

Substitute(s) Courses for Previously Approved Courses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Substitute Course(s)</u>	<u>Level</u>
Janet Gray	The Gendered Brain	Graduate

2/28/11 BOE Meeting

Student Teachers/Internships 2010-2011 School Year

Student Teacher:	Patrick Smith
College/University:	Kean Univ.
Assigned to:	FMG
Assignment Date:	March 14 ~ May 9, 2011
Cooperating Teachers:	Leonard Gabriel