

**Springfield Township Board of Education
 Jobstown, NJ 08041
 Wednesday, April 25, 2018
 Agenda – Public Budget Hearing - 115**

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| CALL TO ORDER | TIME: | 7:01 P.M. |
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A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Springfield Elementary School **Media Center**.

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| PUBLIC NOTICE |
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“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.” Pursuant to the provisions of this act, the Springfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof sent to: The Burlington County Times, Springfield Township Clerk, Board of Education members, and posted in the Springfield Township Board of Education Office and Springfield Township Municipal Building.

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| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
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The President led the Board and the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF |
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| | Board of Education Member | Present | Late | Absent | |
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| 1 | Joseph Bucs | X | | | 1 |
| 2 | Kristen Lippincott, Vice President | X | | | 2 |
| 3 | Andrew Eaton | X | | | 3 |
| 4 | Gregory Madia | | 7:59 pm | | 4 |
| 5 | Michael Ramalho | X | | | 5 |
| 6 | Gary Walker | X | | | 6 |
| 7 | Jennifer Webb | X | | | 7 |
| 8 | Eric Eaton | X | | | 8 |
| 9 | Wade Hale, President | X | | | 9 |

Others present:

- Craig Vaughn, Chief School Administrator
- Casey DeJoseph, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Joe Knewasser, Interim Facilities Manager
- Kim Hannigan, Interim Supervisor of Curriculum

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| SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS |
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33 Mrs. DeJoseph and Mr. Vaughn provided an overview of the 2018-19 budget to the public. A copy of the
34 presentation is included at the end of these minutes as “Appendix A.”
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36 Questions from the public regarding the presentation:

37 Mr. Batchler asked what the break-even number would be for enrollment. He asked if there was a
38 number that would best suit the school. He also asked if the Board of Education had a relationship with
39 the town counsel across the street and whether or not that relationship would provide an opportunity for
40 input on building which would potentially help with our school’s enrollment issues.

41 Mr. Vaughn responded that 250 students would be a great number for Springfield, it would be a number
42 that would solve the class size debate.

43 Mr. Batchler continued to ask about other opportunities outside of development that would bring
44 additional students to the school.

45 Mr. Vaughn responded that unfortunately the School Choice Program is closed right now, but in the event
46 that applications open up again, his hope is to expand our gardening program and possibly develop a
47 junior agricultural program that would tie in to Northern Burlington’s agriculture program.

48 Mrs. Browning asked about the development timeline for the community’s Habitat for Humanity
49 properties. She stated that there are 8 homes which have the potential to bring in additional children to
50 the school.

51 Mr. Hale responded to the timeline question stating that it would depend upon how fast Habitat for
52 Humanity is able to get the homes inhabited. He also stated that Burlington County’s website should
53 have additional information about the Habitat for Humanity program and properties.

54 Mr. Andrew Eaton stated that he used to think the same way, referring to Mr. Batchler’s previous
55 statements. He then expressed concerns over what the taxes would be on the Habitat for Humanity
56 homes; he stated that while they are a great way to increase enrollment numbers, the houses aren’t able
57 to support the costs. He also stated that opening up development to one builder is problematic and opens
58 the door to other issues, which attorneys in the state are all over.

59 Mr. Batchler asked if the district would look into perimeter towns and what the options were for picking up
60 a few out of district students from neighboring towns.

61 Mr. Pantano stated that relative to Habitat for Humanity, that housing satisfies the township’s Affordable
62 Housing Act requirements. He also stated that he is noticing a more frequent rate of turnover in the town.
63 There is a home near his that just sold and there appear to be three additional preschoolers. He also
64 stated Mr. Smith’s interest in becoming a magnet school would be a preferable option over engineering
65 zoning.

66 Mrs. Linton asked whether or not more businesses in the township would help bring in more tax dollars
67 and increase the town’s ratables.

68 Mr. Bucs responded, in short, yes, it would help overall.

69 Mr. Eaton stated that the businesses would only represent a small portion of the ratables, essentially 50
70 cents on the dollar would go towards ratables.

71 Mr. Walker asked about the cost per pupil in surrounding areas as compared to Springfield. He would like
72 to look at the last ten years and stated that it seems as if Springfield is being punished for maintaining the
73 small town atmosphere. He noted that district has only seen an increase of 600 residents since 1980,
74 whereas neighboring towns such as Chesterfield have seen increases near 6,000. He asked if there was
75 anything else we can do to keep the school the way it is without adding development, and hopes to
76 discuss what our options are going forward.

77 Mr. Bucs stated that if you look back to ten years ago the school was at its max with approximately 300+
78 kids. He noted that the town wasn’t turning over back then but it’s starting to turn over now. He noted that
79 it is difficult to forecast the population and believes that the town has the housing capacity to
80 accommodate 300+ kids. We’ve been able to reduce staff through attrition in an attempt to not affect

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81 anyone’s livelihood. He noted that Mr. Vaughn has worked hard to create a schedule that keeps class
82 size intact.
83 Mr. Hale stated that the discussion over state aid funding is taking place at the state house and we won’t
84 know until we know whether or not our aid will stay the same or change.
85 Mr. Ramalho stated that he was happy to see the focus on budgeting appropriately.
86 Mrs. Browning stated that many developments have begun to turnover. She stated that she is aware of a
87 few homes in her development as well as a few of her friend’s homes are on the market.
88 Mr. Andrew Eaton referenced the situation in Chesterfield and stated that they are in the position they are
89 because they failed to make hard decisions. He stated that he moved to Springfield because he liked it
90 here, not because he wanted to change it.
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PUBLIC COMMENT #1 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

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94 *Before a matter is placed on the agenda, Administration has thoroughly reviewed it. Board*
95 *Members preview the agenda items five days prior to the meeting and discuss questionable items with*
96 *the Superintendent.*

97 *The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public*
98 *comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration and/or*
99 *Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods.*
100 *If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the*
101 *Administration separately.*

102 *Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one*
103 *topic. Public Comment #1 is reserved for agenda specific comments or statements and shall not exceed*
104 *thirty (30) minutes. Public Comment #2 is for general comments or statements.*

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107 Sandi Secouler, STEA President commented that the budget presentation listed clubs and referenced Mr.
108 Vaughn’s comment stating that the costs for club stipends was included in the budget, however, they
109 were pending ongoing negotiations. Mrs. Secouler clarified that it is not the teacher’s decision to not do
110 these things, they have been discussed and did agree to them, but an agreement has not been finalized.

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112 Mr. Andrew Eaton stated that the stipends were an item that the Negotiations Committee has agreed to,
113 and they are funded in the budget, pending a settled collective bargaining agreement.
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MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2018-19 SCHOOL BUDGET

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #17/18-BH-115-248

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL BUDGET
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2011, C. 202**

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124 **WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 provide that a district’s general fund tax levy
125 shall not exceed the district’s adjusted tax levy as calculated and that said budget shall be deemed
126 approved once the submission is reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of
127 Schools; and

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129 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the **2018-2019** school budget on
130 **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** at which time taxpayers and other interested persons had the opportunity to
131 be heard; and

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133 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has heard and considered any and all public comment regarding
134 the approve the **2018-2018** budget as presented; and

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136 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Policy – 9120 PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM, the Board of Education
137 believes all reasonable means should be employed to keep the community served by the school district
138 informed on matters of importance regarding district programs, finances, personnel, policies, and
139 operations. The Board will determine which of its official actions have sufficient community impact and
140 interest to warrant special release; the Board alone will release to the news media information about
141 those matters of importance. In conformance with the provisions of the subject Policy the Board of
142 Education shall release to the public information on the **2018-2019** School District Budget Statement; and

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144 **WHEREAS**, changes have been made to the detail of the submitted budget in the area of staffing for
145 the Director of Curriculum and Instruction as well as increased funding for occupational and physical
146 therapy therefore STATEMENT B is appropriate for designation. The total budget amounts do not
147 change from submission.

State of New Jersey
Department of Education
Division of Finance

2018-2019 DISTRICT BUDGET
STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

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156 DISTRICT: Springfield Township COUNTY: Burlington

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158 After the hearing and adoption of the budget, the district will send this budget statement certification to the
159 Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools. Sign the statement
160 pertinent to your district.

[X] STATEMENT A

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164 I certify that the **2018-2019** budget approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County
165 Superintendent of Schools for advertising was adopted as approved after the public hearing.

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170 Craig Vaughn
171 Chief School Administrator

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170 Casey DeJoseph
171 Secretary, Board of Education

[] STATEMENT B

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174 I certify that the **2018-2019** budget was revised either by reallocating resources to other line items or by
175 revising the total amount after the approval for advertising by the Executive County Superintendent of
176 Schools/County Superintendent of Schools and adopted after the public hearing, and all changes are
177 reflected on the attached School District Budget Statement.

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 Craig Vaughn
 Chief School Administrator

 Casey DeJoseph
 Secretary, Board of Education

I have reviewed the revised **2018-2019** budget adopted after the public hearing and have determined that the budget is approved.

 Executive County Superintendent/County Superintendent Date

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springfield Board of Education, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the **2018-2019** school budget shall be approved and that the local tax levy amount shall be **three million two hundred sixty two thousand two hundred thirteen dollars (\$3,262,213)** as follows:

| Category | Amount of Revenue |
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| Fund 10/11/12 – Current Fund | \$4,780,886 |
| Fund 20 – Special Revenue Fund | \$101,945 |
| Fund 40 Debt Service Fund | \$288,569 |
| | \$5,171,400 |

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| Category | Amount of Appropriations |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fund 11 – Current Fund | \$4,779,511 |
| Fund 12 – Capital Outlay | \$1,375 |
| Fund 20 – Special Revenue Fund | \$101,945 |
| Fund 40 Debt Service Fund | \$288,569 |
| | \$5,171,400 |

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***** **CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY** *****

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Education, by the vote below indicated, at the **Work Session Meeting** held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** in the **Media Center** at the Springfield School, 2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, New Jersey.

| | Board of Education Member | Mtn | Snd | Yea | Nay | Abn | Abs | Nvt* | |
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| 1 | Joseph Bucs | | | X | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | Kristen Lippincott, Vice President | X | | X | | | | | 2 |
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| 7 | Jennifer Webb | | | X | | | | | 7 |
| 8 | Eric Eaton | | | X | | | | | 8 |
| 9 | Wade Hale, President | | | X | | | | | 9 |

Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting
 Not Voting due to Conflict. Quorum = 5

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 214 Mr. Ramalho asked what we can do to communicate or interface with the folks across the street; Mr. Hale
 215 replied there was nothing formal at this time.
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PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

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 218 None.
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| MOTION TO ADJOURN | TIME: | 8:01 P.M. |
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 223 ******* CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY *******
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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
 BOARD OF EDUCATION

 Casey DeJoseph
 Secretary to the Board

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