

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER	TIME	7:02 P.M.
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A **Public Budget Hearing** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at **7:02 p.m.** in the Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President lead the Board and the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

	Board of Education Member	Present	Late	Absent	
1	Joseph Bucs	X			1
2	Andrew Eaton, Vice President	X			2
3	Wade Hale	X			3
4	Gregory Madia			X	4
5	Michael Ramalho			X	5
6	Gary Walker	X			6
7	Jason Angello	X			7
8	Ashleigh Murtaugh-Frey	X			8
9	Kristen Lippincott, President	X			9

Others present:

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

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Craig Vaughn, Superintendent presented the FY 2019-2020 Budget. The slide show is attached and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 – SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

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

The Springfield Township BOE welcomes public comment during our public meetings. Public comments will only be permitted during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Each public comment period shall be limited to thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board members present. Statements are limited to two, three minute time periods for a total of six minutes on any one topic.

Public comment is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the Administration and/or Board members may, with approval, choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the Administration separately.

There were many questions from the audience on “Banked Cap”. Mr. Vaughn explained that it is not additional monies that comes from the state but rather the ability to spend over the 2% cap. In the end, the additional expense allowance is passed on to the residents as additional taxes.

Mrs. Jenn Smith asked what is the charge for outside residents to enroll in Springfield School. Mr. Vaughn explained that previously the Rates were \$4000 for Kindergarten and \$4500 for grades 1 – 6.

Mrs. Gonzales suggested that the Sustainability Committee be adjusted so that teachers can be heard.

Mrs. Secouler would like to see the community, board and staff working together on the Committee.

Mrs. Browning stated that if all stakeholders worked together, the Board could not micro-manage.

Public comment was closed at 8:25 pm.

RESOLUTION #19/20-BH-121-101

APPROVING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

***** 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 Public Budget Hearing held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the Media Center at the Springfield School, 2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, N. J.

	Board of Education Member	Mtn	Snd	Yea	Nay	Abn	Abs	Nvt*	
1	Joseph Bucs	1		X					1
2	Andrew Eaton, Vice President			X					2
3	Wade Hale			X					3
4	Gregory Madia						X		4
5	Michael Ramalho						X		5
6	Gary Walker			X					6
7	Jason Angello		2	X					7
8	Ashleigh Murtaugh-Frey			X					8
9	Kristen Lippincott, President			X					9

Legend: Mtn = Motion; Snd = Second; Aye = Aye; Nay = Nay; Abn = Abstain; Abs = Absent; Nvt = Not Voting

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION #19/20-BH-121-101

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2011, C. 202**

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 shall not exceed the district's adjusted tax levy as calculated and that said budget shall be deemed approved once the submission is reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the **2019-2020** school budget on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at which time taxpayers and other interested persons had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has heard and considered any and all public comment regarding the approve the **2019-2020** budget as presented; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy - 9120 PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM, the Board of Education believes all reasonable means should be employed to keep the community served by the school district informed on matters of importance regarding district programs, finances, personnel, policies, and operations. The Board will determine which of its official actions have sufficient community impact and interest to warrant special release; the Board alone will release to the news media information about those matters of importance. In conformance with the provisions of the subject Policy the Board of Education shall release to the public information on the **2019-2020** School District Budget Statement; and

WHEREAS, changes have not been made to the detail of the submitted budget, therefore STATEMENT A is appropriate for designation. The total budget amounts do not change from submission.

State of New Jersey
Department of Education
Division of Finance

**2019-2020 DISTRICT BUDGET
STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Springfield Township COUNTY: Burlington

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

[] STATEMENT A

I certify that the 2019-2020 budget approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools for advertising was adopted as approved after the public hearing.

Craig Vaughn
Chief School Administrator

Arlene Biesiada
Secretary, Board of Education

[X] STATEMENT B

I certify that the 2019-2020 budget was revised either by reallocating resources to other line items or by revising the total amount after the approval for advertising by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools/County Superintendent of Schools and adopted after the public hearing, and all changes are reflected on the attached School District Budget Statement.

Craig Vaughn
Chief School Administrator

Arlene Biesiada
Secretary, Board of Education

I have reviewed the revised 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school budget shall be approved and that the local tax levy amount shall be three million two hundred seventy thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$3,270,666) as follows:

Category	Amount of Revenue
Fund 10/11/12 – Current Fund	\$4,670,614
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Fund	\$127,550
Fund 40 Debt Service Fund	283,919
	\$5,082,083

Category	Amount of Appropriations
Fund 11 - Current Fund	\$4,669,089
Fund 12 - Capital Outlav	\$1,525
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Fund	\$127,550
Fund 40 Debt Service Fund	\$283,919
	\$5,082,083

WHEREAS, the following is a summary of conditions in the School District Budget Statement for the School Year 2019-2020:

1. The Local Tax Levy amount of \$3,270,666 is above the Tax Levy Cap Calculation amount by \$1,128,077.
2. The total adequacy spending of \$3,980,434 is above the District Adequacy Budget of \$2,852,357 by \$1,128,077.
3. The 2018-2019 Local Tax Levy of \$3,262,213 is above the Minimum Tax Levy of \$2,852,357 by \$409,856.
4. The maximum amount for travel in the 2019-2020 budget is \$8,670.
5. The total administrative costs per pupil in the 2019-2020 Annual School District Budget Statement is below or equal to the required limit.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2– SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN	TIME	8:30 P.M.
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Mr. Hale made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Bucs. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Springfield Township
Board of Education

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Arlene Biesiada
Board Secretary

