

Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Call to Order: A **Work Session** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Reinisch on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Roll Call of Members:

David Reinisch, President-present	Lisa Giovanelli-departed at 8:51 p.m.
Michael Ritterman, Vice President-absent	Gregory Madia-present
Joseph M. Bucs-present	Dennis Schmieder-present
Christopher Corbo-present	James Specca-arrived at 6:44 p.m.
Andrew B. Eaton-present	

Others present:

Edith Conroy, Christina Moskal, Mary Ann Friedman

Public Notice:

As per the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, notice of this work session of the Springfield Township Board of Education to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., in the library, in Jobstown, New Jersey. Formal action may be taken.

Sent to: Burlington County Times
Board of Education Members
Springfield Township Clerk

Posted: Springfield Township School
Board of Education Office
Springfield Twp Municipal Building, Jobstown, NJ

Pledge of Allegiance:

The President led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Please be advised, neither School Board Members nor Administration shall engage the audience in dialogue or attempt to respond to a particular comment at that time. However, the appropriate Administrator or Board Representative will issue a reply in a timely manner. If a response is requested, please provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet or contact the Administration separately. Public Comment #1 is reserved for agenda specific comments or statements. Public Comment #2 is for general comments or statements.

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Public Comment #1:

None

- Presentation of Final Strategic Action Plan
- NJASK Results
- Work Session Topics
 1. Common Core
- Preparation of October 14, 2014 Agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mr. Schmieder reported that he attended the recent NJSBA Special Education Task Force update.
2. Mrs. Giovanelli informed the Board that she will be sitting on the NJSBA School Finance Committee.
3. Mr. Reinisch informed the Board that Ms. Moskal will keep the Board President's copy of the Strategic Action Plan binder on file in the BOE office.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Public Comment #2:

1. Mr. Smith read a letter regarding the demeanor of two Board Members at the October 1, 2014 Board Meeting. He informed the Board of a professional development workshop at the Princeton library.
2. Mr. Sobotka asked about standardized testing: how disruptive is the new standardized testing to the curriculum? How many days will be used up? How important is it really if there are other benchmarks?
3. Mrs. Seitz stated that it was her understanding that BOE members voted no to the curriculum. How did they vote and why?
4. Mr. Flynn stated that parents are frustrated about common core and suggested that the Board watch a particular YouTube video. How will teachers teach that one child if they choose to opt out?

Financial Report Lesson #9-CMP and M-1 – Christina Moskal

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Motion to Enter Executive Session: Time: 9:13 p.m.

Purpose: Personnel

Motion: Specca

Second: Madia

Approval: 7-0 (Ritterman-Absent/Giovanelli-Departed 8:51 p.m.)

Motion to return to Regular Session: Time: 9:37 p.m.

Motion: Specca

Second: Bucs

Approval: 7-0 (Ritterman-Absent/Giovanelli-Departed 8:51 p.m.)

Motion to adjourn: _____ Time: 9:38 p.m.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Specca

Approval: 7-0 (Ritterman-Absent/Giovanelli-Departed 8:51 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Moskal
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary