

**Springfield Township Board of Education
Jobstown, NJ 08041
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

Call to Order: A **Special Meeting** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Reinisch on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

Roll Call of Members:

David Reinisch, President-present	Lisa Giovanelli-arrived at 8:10 p.m.
Michael Ritterman, Vice President-absent	Gregory Madia-present
Joseph M. Bucs-present	Dennis Schmieder-present
Christopher Corbo-arrived at 7:40 p.m.	James Specca-present
Andrew B. Eaton-present	

Others present:

Edith Conroy, Christina Moskal

Public Notice:

As per the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, notice of this special meeting of the Springfield Township Board of Education to be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:30 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:

1. Mr. Pantano made comments regarding the agenda format. As a professional program manager, Mr. Bucs' alternate should be given consideration.

Topics: Referendum Discussion

1. REFERENDUM

a. Approval – Selection of Board Representative

Resolved, that the Board of Education, utilizing the August 19, 2014 ROD Grant Round 4 presentation with any agreed upon alterations and/or amendments, select a Board Representative to contact Mr. Garrison to request that he reconsiders resigning from the position of Architect of Record for the District.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Giovanelli

**Roll Call Vote: Yes-Bucs/Corbo/Giovanelli/Madia/Reinisch/Schmieder
No- Eaton/Specca**

Approval: 6-2 (Ritterman-Absent)

b. Approval – Architect RFP

Resolved, that the Board of Education begin the RFP process for a new architect as soon as possible.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Specca

**Roll Call Vote: Yes-Bucs/Corbo/Eaton/Madia/Reinisch/Schmieder/Specca
No- Giovanelli**

Approval: 7-1 (Ritterman-Absent)

c. Approval – Air Conditioning - Second Question on Referendum

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve air conditioning as a separate question on the referendum.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Bucs

**Roll Call Vote: Yes-Bucs/Corbo/Eaton/Madia/Reinisch
No- Giovanelli/Schmieder/Specca**

Approval: 5-3 (Ritterman-Absent)

d. Approval – Remove the 1964 Wing Windows from Referendum

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the removal of the 1964 wing windows from the referendum.

Motion: Schmieder

Second: Corbo

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

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e. Approval – Slate Roof Replacement in Referendum

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the slate roof replacement as proposed in the current presentation.

Motion: Madia

Second: Schmieder

**Roll Call Vote: Yes-Corbo/Giovanelli/Madia/Reinisch/Schmieder/Specca
No- Bucs/Eaton**

Approval: 6-2 (Ritterman-Absent)

f. Approval – Architect Reconsideration of Resignation

Resolved, that the Board of Education memorialize that they would like Mr. Garrison to reconsider resigning and are all in support of Mr. Garrison, his professionalism, integrity, and the quality of his work.

Motion: Corbo

Second: Specca

**Roll Call Vote: Yes-Corbo/Giovanelli/Schmieder/Specca
No- Bucs/Eaton/Reinisch**

Abstain - Madia

Approval: 4-3-1 (Ritterman-Absent)

g. Approval – Appoint Lisa Giovanelli as Board Liaison

Resolved, that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Lisa Giovanelli as the liaison to contact Mr. Garrison.

Motion: Schmieder

Second: Madia

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

Public Comment #2:

1. Mr. Pantano commented on the FAQ from the architect and the long-range facilities plan. Mr. Pantano asked several specific questions regarding the proposal. Mr. Pantano thanked Mr. Schmieder for the air conditioning presentation.
2. Mr. Hale said that Mr. Schmieder's presentation sold him on the air conditioning. Mr. Hale commended the board for coming up with a sellable project under these circumstances.
3. Mr. Lippincott commented on his surprise that the architect has resigned, the air conditioning, and the slate roof.

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2. PERSONNEL

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, I move that the following personnel action(s) be approved:

a. Approval – Appointment of Preschool Teacher – 2014-2015

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the emergent appointment of Jillian Bencivengo as a Preschool teacher, with a start date of October 6, 2014, at an annual salary of \$51,280 prorated (BA-Step 1) under the direct supervision of the Chief School Administrator, pending successful completion of the proper criminal background check.

Motion: Bucs

Second: Giovanelli

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Time: 10:30 p.m.

Purpose: Personnel

Motion: Specca

Second: Madia

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

Motion to return to Regular Session: Time: 10:40 p.m.

Motion: Specca

Second: Giovanelli

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

Motion to adjourn: _____ Time: 10:41 p.m.

Motion: Giovanelli

Second: Corbo

Approval: 8-0 (Ritterman-Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Moskal
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary