School District of Springfield Township

Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 20, 2026)

A Regular Board Meeting of the School District of Springfield Township was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, beginning at 6:56 PM at Springfield Township High School Library, 1801 E. Paper Mill Road, Erdenheim, PA 19038.

Board Members Present

Lee Abberley: Present, Jeff Bedard: Absent, Ilene Bell: Present, Gerard Brett: Present, KD Davenport: Present, Neil DiFranco: Present, Sean Jordan: Present, Kate McGranaghan: Present, Michael Needleman: Present. Present: 7, Absent: 2.

Also Present

Dr. MaryJo Yannacone, Superintendent; Dr. Damian Johnston, Assistant Superintendent; Cara A. Green, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; Michele Mintz, Solicitor

1 OPENING ACTIVITIES

1 A. Welcome from Board President

Discussion: Mr. Needleman started the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed all attendees.

1 B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: Mr. Needleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 C. Reading of the Mission Statement

Discussion: Mr. Needleman read the district's mission statement.

1 D. Roll Call

Discussion: Ms. Green called the roll.

1 E. Announcements

Discussion: Mr. Needleman read the broadcasting announcement.

2 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

2 A. EEHSP/SSHSP Report

Discussion: Nicole Willis presented the EEHSP report, thanking the district for including EEHSP in the STMS Grand Opening. She highlighted recent fundraising activities, including the Rita's Dine and Donate event, which raised $1,100, the Erdenheim Book Fair, Family Night, and the Trunk or Treat event attended by over

400 students. Upcoming activities include spirit wear and pizza kit fundraisers, the Ruby Bridges Walk, and SEC's October 30 dance and pretzel sales.

2 B. MPA

Discussion: Dr. Angela Beale-Tawfeeq presented the MPA report, highlighting the organization's first meeting scheduled for October 29, 2026, at the STMS library, the Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Walk on October 24, and the annual Ruby Bridges Walk on November 13, in partnership with EEHSP.

2 C. Student Representative to the Board

Discussion: Student Representative Xavier Moore provided updates on activities and events across the district, including elementary school celebrations, student enrichment programs, and the Middle School Grand Opening. High school highlights included student recognition assemblies, Homecoming preparations, and fall athletic celebrations.

2 D. Academic Affairs Meeting Report

Discussion: KD Davenport presented the Academic Affairs Committee report, highlighting the district's 2025–2026 student academic progress, preliminary testing results, and administrative action plans.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

3 A. Superintendent Report

Discussion: Dr. Yannacone provided the Superintendent's Report, expressing appreciation to the community and staff for their support of the STMS Grand Opening. She also highlighted recent Parent Advisory and Springfield Township Education Foundation meetings, vaccination clinics offered to the community and staff, and STMS's ranking 103 this year.

3 B. Spartan Spotlight

Discussion: Dr. Yannacone introduced the Spartan Spotlight on Growth Mindset, presented by Dr. Johnston and Dr. Lutz. The presentation highlighted the District's growth mindset initiative, staff feedback, student recognition and reflection practices, and family engagement efforts. Discussion included the coordination of Kid Talk meetings with WIN, enhancements to staff onboarding and Instructional Cabinet meetings, and districtwide collaboration supporting various initiatives and events.

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: There were no public comments.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the board minutes from September 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. *The motion carried unanimously.*

6 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the September 2026 Treasurer's Report. *The motion carried unanimously.*

7 HUMAN RESOURCES - PERSONNEL AND HR CONTRACTS

7 A. Personnel

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the following personnel as presented in the attachment. *The motion carried unanimously.*

8 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

8 A. Conferences

8 B. Field Trips

8 C. Overnight Trip - Softball Spring Training

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the High School Girls Softball Team overnight trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, March 19 - March 24, 2027 to Softball Spring Training at The Ripken Experience. The cost of the trip for participating athletes is roughly $1,165 and will be paid by students/families and subsidized as needed by the Softball Booster Club. *The motion carried unanimously.*

9 FINANCE

9 A. BLUUM

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the three-year license renewal with BLUUM for Google Workspace in the amount of $49,329 under PEPPM #531722-001. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion: KD Davenport inquired what this entails. Dr. Yannacone provided a brief overview of the product.

10 POLICY

10 A. Policy 204.1. Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks - New

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the second reading of Policy 204.1. Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks. *The motion carried unanimously.*

10 B. Policy 815.4. Vendor Acceptable Use - New

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves the second reading of Policy 815.4. Vendor Acceptable Use. *The motion carried unanimously.*

11 PROPERTY

11 A. S&G Water Conditioning, Inc.

Recommended Motion(s):

The Board of School Directors approves S&G Water Conditioning, Inc. to replace the STHS water softener for a total of $34,345. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion: Dr. Abberley inquired if this service was replacing an existing one. Ms. Green confirmed it was a replacement.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: There were no public comments.

13 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Discussion: Mr. Needleman announced the future board meetings.

14 FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Discussion: Mr. Needleman announced future committee meetings.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15 A. Closing Statement

15 B. Adjournment

Discussion: Mr. Needleman adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara A. Green
Board Secretary