School District of Springfield Township

Interim Board Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 6, 2026)

An Interim Board Meeting of the School District of Springfield Township was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, beginning at 7:05 PM at Springfield Township High School Library, 1801 E. Paper Mill Road, Erdenheim, PA 19038.

Board Members Present

Attendance Taken at 7:07 PM. Lee Abberley: Present, Jeff Bedard: Present, Ilene Bell: Present, Gerard Brett: Absent, KD Davenport: Present, Neil DiFranco: Present, Sean Jordan: Present, Kate McGranaghan: Present, Michael Needleman: Present. Present: 8, Absent: 1.

Also Present

Dr. MaryJo Yannacone, Superintendent; Cara A. Green, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Jeff Sultanik, Solicitor

1 OPENING ACTIVITIES

1 A. Welcome from Board President

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

1 B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: Mr. Bedard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 C. Reading of the Mission Statement

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

1 D. Roll Call

1 E. Announcements

Discussion: Mr. Bedard read the broadcasting announcement.

2 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

2 A. Finance Committee Meeting Report

Discussion: Mr. DiFranco provided the Finance Committee Report, highlighting the introduction of new student representatives, the 2026–2027 financial status update, and an overview of the 2027–2028 budget development timeline, including revenue and expenditure projections and key budget milestones.

2 B. Policy Committee Meeting Report

Discussion: Dr. Lee Abberley provided a summary of the September 28, 2026 Policy

Committee meeting, highlighting revisions to existing policies addressing academic standards, student wellness, electronic devices, bullying/cyberbullying, and school safety. The Committee recommended single readings for the revised policies and first readings for two new policies: 204.1, Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks, and 815.4, Vendor Acceptable Use. During Board discussion, it was clarified that Policy 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying, would proceed as a single reading.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

3 A. Superintendent Report

Discussion: Dr. Yannacone provided the Superintendent's Report, highlighting student and staff participation in Community Day, the start of student advisory meetings at STHS and STMS, and student activities at Enfield and Erdenheim. She recognized three STHS National Merit Commended students, thanked the Board for its continued commitment to the STMS Renovation and Addition Project, and announced the October 9, 2026 grand opening. She concluded with a review of Board agenda items.

3 B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

3 C. Guidelines for Public Comments

Discussion: Mr. Needleman reviewed the guidelines for public comments. There were no public comments.

4 HUMAN RESOURCES — PERSONNEL AND HR CONTRACTS

4 A. Personnel

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the following personnel as presented in the attachment. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Neil DiFranco, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4 B. STEA Memorandum of Agreement

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the School District of Springfield Township and the Springfield Township Education Association in reference to inclement weather days in the 2026-

2027 school year. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Lee Abberley, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4 C. STESPA Memorandum of Agreement

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the School District of Springfield Township and the Springfield Township Education Support Personnel Association in reference to inclement weather days in the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Neil DiFranco, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

5 A. Overnight Field Trip - PA State Board Meeting

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the overnight trip for a student and chaperone to attend the Pennsylvania State Board Meeting at Penn Manor High School in Millersville, PA, September 25 - September 26, 2026. There is no cost for participating student or chaperone. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Lee Abberley, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Mr. Bedard inquired how the student was selected. Dr. Yannacone will follow up with the Board.

5 B. Overnight Trip - PA State Thespian Festival

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the Thespian Troupe 1154 overnight

trip to Altoona, PA, December 4 - December 6, 2026 to the Pennsylvania State Thespian Festival. The cost of the trip for participating students is approximately $300.00 and will be paid by students/families and subsidized as needed by the optional fundraising efforts. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Lee Abberley, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Mr. Jordan inquired on the total cost per student.

5 C. Overnight Trip - Boys Baseball Spring Training

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the High School Boys Baseball Team overnight trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, March 20 - March 25, 2027 to Baseball Spring Training at The Ripken Experience. The cost of the trip for participating athletes is approximately $600.00 and will be paid by students/families and subsidized as needed by the Baseball Booster Club. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Lee Abberley, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5 D. Conferences

5 E. Field Trips

6 FINANCE

7 POLICY

Action(s): The Board of School Directors approves the single reading and first reading of policies listed in the agenda. This motion, made by Sean Jordan, and seconded by Neil DiFranco, carried.

Voting Detail: Gerard Brett: Absent, Lee Abberley: Yea, Jeff Bedard: Yea, Ilene Bell: Yea, KD Davenport: Yea, Neil DiFranco: Yea, Sean Jordan: Yea, Kate McGranaghan: Yea, Michael Needleman: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8 PROPERTY

9 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9 A. Guidelines for Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Discussion: Mr. Needleman reviewed the guidelines for public comment. There was no public comment.

10 FUTURE MEETING DATES

10 A. Future Board Meeting Dates

Discussion: Mr. Bedard announced the future Board meetings dates.

10 B. Future Committee Meeting Dates

Discussion: Mr. Bedard announced the future Committee meetings dateboats.

11 ADJOURNMENT

11 A. Closing Statement

Discussion: Mr. Bedard thanked attendees for their participation and wished everyone well until the next meeting.

11 B. Adjournment

Discussion: Mr. Bedard adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara A. Green
Board Secretary