

Board of Education Regular Meeting

SPCS Administration Building
765 Main Street
Springfield, NE 68059

Monday, January 13, 2025 7:00 PM

I. Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee started at 6:30 p.m. Smith, Fisher and Guenther were present. Finance reports were reviewed by the committee. Discussion of the bills took place. The committee meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the Board of Education of Springfield Platteview Community Schools in the County of Sarpy, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2025, at the SPCS Administration Building. Present: Kyle Fisher, Brenda Guenther, Brett Kreifels, Brian Osborn, Michael Patera, Lee Smith. Absent: none.

III. New Board Member Oath of Office

Brett Kreifels and Michael Patera read aloud the Oath of Office as new Board Members.

IV. Notice of Open Meetings Act - Posted

Notice of the meeting and committee meetings were given in advance thereof by posting in at least five public places as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Education of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Statute 84-1407 to 84-1414 require that the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room. Superintendent Dr. Saunders informed the board and the public that the Act is located on the west wall of the board room.

V. Board Reorganization

Board Organization for 2025 was chaired by Superintendent Dr. Saunders.

V.A. Nomination and Election of Board President for 2025

Nominations for Board President were opened. Osborn nominated Smith and was seconded by Kreifels. Fisher nominated Guenther and was seconded by Guenther. Smith was elected Board President by a vote of 4-2.

V.B. Nomination and Election of Vice President for 2025

Nominations for Vice President were opened. Smith nominated Fisher and was seconded by Guenther. There were no other nominations. Fisher was elected Vice President by a vote of 6-0.

V.C. Nomination and Election of Secretary for 2025

Nominations for Secretary were opened. Guenther nominated Guenther and it was seconded by Osborn. There were no other nominations. Guenther was voted secretary by a vote of 6-0.

V.D. Nomination and Election of Treasurer for 2025

Nominations for Treasurer were opened. Guenther nominated Osborn and it was seconded by Kreifels. Osborn nominated Kreifels and it was seconded by Smith. Osborn was elected Treasurer by a vote of 4-2.

V.E. Appoint Standing Committees for 2025

President Smith delegated Vice President Fisher to appoint members to the standing committees for 2025.

V.F. Appoint SPCS Education Foundation Board Members for 2025

Board members appointed Guenther and Kreifels to serve on the SPCS Educational Foundation Board.

V.G. Designate Legal Publication for 2025

Action to identify Sarpy County Times, the Omaha World Herald or any other newspaper which has general circulation within the district as the legal publications for Springfield Platteview Community Schools in 2025 passed with a motion by Brian Osborn and a second by Brenda Guenther.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

V.H. Designate Financial Institution 2025

Action to designate Horizon Bank (Formerly known as SPRINGFIELD STATE BANK) as the official depository and district financial institution in 2025 passed with a motion by Kyle Fisher and a second by Michael Patera.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

V.I. Appoint M.A.B.E. Representative for 2025

Board members appointed Guenther as the M.A.B.E representative for 2025.

V.J. Appoint NASB Government Relations Network (GRN) 2025

Board members appointed Fisher as the NASB Government Relations Network (GRN) for 2025.

V.K. Review Conflict of Interest Policies

Dr. Saunders asked the board to review the conflict of interest policy as presented.

VI. Consent Agenda

Action to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Brenda Guenther and a second by Kyle Fisher.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

VI.A. Minutes of the Previous Month's Meetings

VI.B. Treasurer's Report

VI.C. Statement of Activity Fund Accounts

VI.D. Recommendation for Bill Payment

VII. Items From Patrons

There were no items from patrons on agenda items.

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program Approval

Action to approve the addition of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Programming to PC and PHS as presented passed with a motion by Brian Osborn and a second by Kyle Fisher.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

VIII.B. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar

Action to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented passed with a motion by Brenda Guenther and a second by Michael Patera.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

IX. New Business

X. Reports

X.A. Region and Area Voting Results

Dr. Saunders updated the Board on region and area voting results, including Board member Kyle Fisher being elected as the Region 3 director for the NASB.

X.B. 2025 Legislative Calendar and Bill Introductions

Board member Fisher and Dr. Saunders updated the Board on the 2025 Legislative calendar and new bill introductions pertaining to education.

X.C. Student and Staff Successes

Building principals shared with the Board student and staff successes for the month.

XI. Advance Planning

Board members reviewed their upcoming schedule of meetings, trainings, and conventions. Significant school calendar items were also discussed.

XII. Adjourn

Action to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. passed with a motion by Brian Osborn and a second by Brett Kreifels.

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Yea, Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea