



Springfield Public Schools
School Committee
1550 Main Street, 2 FLR
Springfield, MA 01103

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2025

LOCATION

City Hall, 36 Court Street, Room 220,
Springfield, MA

All meetings may be viewed live in real-time at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@schoolcommitteeSPS/streams>

6:00 PM Public Speak Out

6:30 PM Regular Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – ROLL CALL

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Enter into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, Exemption 2, for purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Teachers (Unit A) and Student Assignment Services Unit(s)) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee.

- *Note: Votes may be taken, and the School Committee will reconvene in an open session to resume the agenda.*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Vote to approve the Minutes of the School Committee's Working Session on January 16, 2025.
- B. Vote to approve the Minutes of the School Committee's Regular Meeting on January 23, 2025.
- C. Vote to approve the Minutes of the School Committee's Special Meeting on February 11, 2025.

IV. VOTING ITEMS:

- A. Vote to approve Central High School's overnight field trip request to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL departing February 6, 2026, and returning February 10, 2026.
- B. Vote to approve the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar.

Regular Meeting of the Springfield School Committee

- C. Vote to approve the expenditure of \$220,000.00 from Mass Cultural Council – Creative Project Grants.
- D. Vote to approve the expenditure of \$20,000.00 from the Project Lead Way Grant.
- E. Vote to approve the amended School Building Permit Policy.
- F. Vote to approve the new Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Springfield Public Schools and the Springfield Police Department Regarding Access to School Security Cameras
- G. Vote to approve the dedication of Springfield Central High School’s basketball court after Travis Best.
- H. Vote to approve the following MSBA Location Submissions for FY25:
 - H1. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Alice B. Beal Elementary School located at 285 Tiffany St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #7, for the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
 - H2. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Boland Elementary School located at 2426 Armory St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the roofing system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
 - H3. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13, 2025 prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Brunton Elementary School located at 1801 Parker St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the roofing system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School

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H4. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Dorman Elementary School located at 20 Lydia St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the roofing system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H5. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Kensington Elementary School located at 31 Kensington Avenue, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #7, for the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H6. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Liberty Elementary School located at 962 Carew St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the heating and ventilation system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H7. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Mary Lynch Elementary School located at 315 North Branch Parkway,

Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the heating and ventilation system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H8. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the South End Middle School located at 36 Margaret St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the heating and ventilation system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H9. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Talmadge Elementary School located at 1395 Allen St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the roofing system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H10. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Van Sickle Middle School located at 1170 Carew St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the roofing system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an

application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H11. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Washington Elementary School located at 141 Washington St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #7, Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

H12. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 13 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Springfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 1, 2025 for the Zanetti Elementary School located at 474 Armory St, Springfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and he priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the heating and ventilation system of the school building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Exceptional Learners Data
- B. District Strategic Priority 1: Early Literacy
- C. Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow PSA Project

VI. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Update on Teacher Negotiations

VII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Student and Parent Concerns (Ms. Gresham, Chair)
- B. Buildings and Maintenance Committee (Mr. Gonzalez, Chair)
- C. Legislative and Contracts Committee (Ms. Monroe-Naylor, Chair)
- D. Curriculum and Programs Committee (Ms. Hurst, Chair)
- E. Budget and Finance Committee (Ms. Monroe-Naylor, Chair)

- F. Vocational Education Committee (Mr. Gonzalez, Chair)
- G. Technology Committee (Mr. Collins, Chair)
- H. School Safety Committee (Ms. Gresham, Chair)
- I. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (Ms. Hurst, Chair)

VIII. REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- A. Serenity Martinez, Junior at Springfield Virtual School

IX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Memo and Contracts Report for February 2025.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS