

**Springfield Township School  
Jobstown, NJ 08041  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

**Work Session: Closed** (6:30 to 7:15 p.m.): The closed **Work Session** was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Specca to discuss Protection of the Property of the Public and Interests of the Public.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session: Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Purpose: Protection of the Property of the Public and Interests of the Public**

**Motion: Asselin**

**Second: Megariotis**

**Approval: 8-0**

**Motion to return to Regular Session: Time: 7:22 p.m.**

**Motion: Ainsworth**

**Second: Asselin**

**Approval: 9-0**

A **Special Meeting** of the Springfield Township Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7:25 p.m., by Mr. Specca, following a closed work session at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

**Roll Call of Members:**

J. Specca, President - present

J. Megariotis - present

M. Goodwin, Vice President - present

R. Melillo - present

J. Ainsworth - present

M. Payne - present

D. Asselin - present

D. Reinisch - present

W. Klentzeris – absent (*arrived at 6:37 p.m.*)

**Others present:**

Dr. Godett, Mr. Saragnese, Frank Cavallo, Jennifer Edwards, Louis DeLosso, Robert Notley, Ron Ianoale

**Call to Order:**

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, January 6, 2010, at 7:15 p.m., following a closed work session at 6:30 p.m. in the school library, in Jobstown, New Jersey, and any other business that may come before the Board of Education.

**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

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**Pledge of Allegiance:**

The President will lead the Board and the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Discussion**

Referendum Strategy

The Board discussed various options to reconsider its proposed referendum with its professional consultants. The proposal could be presented to the public on March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, or September 28<sup>th</sup>. The District's architect presented several scenarios involving split referendum questions. The architect was instructed to prepare other options that would reduce the overall scale of the project. The Board agreed to act to reserve the tentative election date of March 9<sup>th</sup> with the understanding that they could defer the date if further study of the project is required.

**RESOLUTION**

**Approval – Authorization of March 9, 2010 Special Election**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body, and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries and the legal entity governed by the Board) is authorized to undertake renovations, improvements, and construction of new facilities as well as purchase the associated equipment and furniture necessary to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the School District; and

Whereas, the Board has conducted a thorough study of its facilities and equipment and has compared this information with student enrollment projections and other demographic information as it relates to the School District; and

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Whereas, the Board now wishes to establish a special election date to request that the voters of the School District authorize the issuance of bonds to finance certain capital improvement projects; and

Whereas, as a result of such study, the Board wants to authorize the preparation and submission of a school facilities project to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities, for the approval of several capital projects;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Burlington, New Jersey** as follows:

Section 1. That a special election be conducted on March 9, 2010 for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of school bonds to finance various capital improvements.

Section 2. That the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to notify the Burlington County Clerk, the Burlington County Board of Elections, and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield (the "Township") about such special election so that the following publications can be made:

(i) That the Clerk of the Township is required to advertise a notice to persons wanting a mail-in ballot in a newspaper that circulates in the County of Burlington at least 51 days in advance of the special election, and that the publication of such advertisement in such newspaper will conform with the requirements of **N.J.S.A.** 19:57-7; and

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(ii) That the Burlington County Board of Elections is required to publish the required election notices in accordance with the requirements of ***N.J.S.A.*** 19:12-7(a) and (b).

Section 3. That the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Architect and Bond Counsel to resubmit a school facilities project application to the Department, pursuant to the requirements of ***N.J.A.C.*** 6A:26-3.1 *et seq.*, in order to confirm the preliminary and final eligible costs under the *Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act* so that the Board can conduct a bond referendum on March 9, 2010 to finance various capital improvements.

Section 4. That the Board hereby approves the conceptual schematic drawings of the various capital improvements to be undertaken at the Springfield Elementary School by the referendum and hereby authorizes the submission of such schematic drawings to the Planning Board of the Township for its review and comment, pursuant to ***N.J.S.A.*** 40:55D.

Section 5. That the School District's long range facilities plan is hereby authorized to be amended, if necessary, in order to accommodate the capital improvements being contemplated by the bond referendum.

Section 6. That the Business Administrator/Board Secretary provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Burlington County Clerk, the Burlington County Board of

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Elections, the Clerk of the Township and the Burlington County Manager for the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities, as soon as practical after the adoption of this resolution.

**Motion for Approval: Reinisch**

**Second: Asselin**

**Approval: 7-1-1**

**AYES:** Asselin, Klentzeris, Megariotis, Melillo, Payne, Reinisch,  
Specca

**NAYS:** Goodwin

**ABSTAINED:** Ainsworth

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The public shall be reminded that they should attempt to resolve the problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff. Such matters should only be brought to the Board of Education after all avenues within the administrative chain of command have been exhausted. In addition, items regarding personnel should follow the chain of command and any comments could hold the resident and the Board of Education liable.*

**Public Comment:**

None

**CONTRACT**

**Approval – Professional Services Proposal – The Design Collaborative**

It is recommended that the Springfield Township Board of Education approve the Professional Services Proposal submitted by The Design Collaborative for the preparation of a ROD Grant and Retrofit of the district's on-site Waste Water Treatment Plant: ROD Grant - \$1,200.00 and Retrofit Design - \$16,000.00.

**Motion for Approval: Megariotis**

**Second: Asselin**

**Approval: 9-0**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ainsworth – Yes; Asselin – Yes; Klentzeris – Yes;  
Megariotis – Yes; Melillo – Yes; Payne – Yes; Reinisch – Yes;  
Goodwin – Yes; Specca – Yes

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**Motion to adjourn:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion:** Megariotis

**Approval:** 9-0

**Time:** 9:25 p.m.

**Second:** Asselin

Respectfully submitted,

W. Daniel Saragnese  
SBA/BS