

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

SPCS Administration Building  
765 Main Street  
Springfield, NE 68059

Monday, April 13, 2026 7:00 PM

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

### **I. Americanism/Curriculum Committee Meeting**

The Americanism/Curriculum Committee started at 6:03 p.m. Guenther, Osborn and Kreifels were present. The agenda was approved and Director of Learning Heidi Zierott provided a presentation outlining requirements, curriculum reviews, and compliance practices. Mrs. Zierott provided an update of the work around Strategic Plan #2. The committee meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

### **II. Finance Committee Meeting**

The Finance Committee started at 6:37 p.m. Patera, Fisher and Guenther were present. Finance reports were reviewed by the committee. Discussion of the bills took place. The committee meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

### **III. 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, April 13, 2026, at the SPCS Administration Building. Present: Kyle Fisher, Brenda Guenther, Brett Kreifels, Brian Osborn, Michael Patera, Lee Smith. Absent: none.

### **IV. Notice of Open Meetings Act - Posted**

Notice of the meeting and committee meetings were given in advance thereof that included publication in the Sarpy County Times, on the district website and in five public places. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education, and the agenda was communicated in the advance 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. President Smith informed the board and the public that the Act is located on the west wall of the board room.

## V. Consent Agenda

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

Kyle Fisher: Yea, Brenda Guenther: Yea, Brett Kreifels: Yea, Brian Osborn: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Patera: Yea, Lee Smith: Yea

### V.A. Minutes of the Previous Month's Meetings

### V.B. Treasurer's Report

### V.C. Statement of Activity Fund Accounts

### V.D. Recommendation for Bill Payment

## VI. Items From Patrons

There were no items from patrons.

## VII. Old Business

### VII.A. Consider and Take any action on the Platteview Sr. High School Track Maintenance Coating

Action to approve the track resurfacing proposal as presented. passed with a motion by Kyle Fisher and a second by Brett Kreifels.

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

### VII.B. Option Enrollment and Staffing Update

Superintendent Dr. Saunders updated the Board on the option registration, enrollment numbers, and staffing for the 2026-2027 school year.

### VII.C. Bond Financing and Project Update

Dr. Saunders discussed the bond financing process along with phases for the upcoming construction projects.

## VIII. New Business

### VIII.A. Certified Contract for Kelsie Ruiz for the 2026-2027 School Year

Action to approve the certified contract for Kelsie Ruiz for the 26-27 school year 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. Reports

### IX.A. Americanism and Curriculum Committee Report

Director of Learning Heidi Zierott shared an update on the Americanism/Curriculum committee meeting. State statutes were reviewed to ensure state requirements, standards and assessments were met for all grade levels. The strategic planning Multi-Tier System Support goal for curriculum support was also highlighted.

### IX.B. Preschool Enrollment Update

Special Services Director Jaci Lucas provided information on the Preschool enrollment and placement process for the 2026-2027 school year.

### IX.C. Activities and Athletics Programming Survey

Assistant Principal Josh Siske provided information on a student survey for participation interest in athletics and activities for grades 7–12.

### IX.D. NSBA National Conference Report

The Board shared session highlights from the National School Board Association conference.

### IX.E. Legislative Update

Dr. Saunders updated the Board on the current Legislative session and bills that could impact education.

### IX.F. Attendance Report/Student and Staff Successes

Building administrators shared their current attendance and absenteeism data for the year. Building strategies were shared that include a team approach, incentives, daily motivations and goals.

## X. Advance Planning

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

## XI. Adjourn

Action to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Michael Patera and a second by Brett Kreifels.

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