

# Big Spring School District

## Newville, Pennsylvania

### Board Meeting Minutes

#### December 5, 2022



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#### **1. Opening of the Annual Re-Organization Meeting:**

The Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring Middle School Auditorium at 8:00 pm with eight (8) hold-over Board of School Directors present: William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, John Wardle, and Donna Webster

Absent: Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Donna Minnich, Board Minutes; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; and Darrin Baughman, Technology Support.

President Swanson led all individuals present in the Pledge to the Flag.

#### **2. Reading of Correspondence – Nothing Offered**

#### **3. Recognition of Visitors - 27 visitors signed-in for the meeting**

#### **4. Public Comment Period**

Pastor Bill Beck offered a prayer of encouragement for the Board members, administration, staff, students, and community.

Charlotte McDonald offered comments about the election of new officers and the importance of leaders with an ear to their constituents.

Cara Rhone offered comments on student transportation.

Aaron Rhone offered comments on student transportation.

Chris Bream offered comments on student transportation.

Joe Martin offered comments on student transportation.

Donald Hoover offered comments on student transportation.

Arlene Reinford offered comments on the change of officers and being a conservative rural community.

Jon Reinford offered comments on the cost of freedom and being thankful for liberties.

Kendra Shaffer offered comments on the superintendent search and the inclusion of stakeholders in the process.

**5. Election of Temporary President:** Mr. William Piper, Board Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted nominations for the Election of a Temporary President.

Nomination by Mr. Deihl for John Wardle to be Temporary President was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Mr. Swanson moved to close the nominations and Mr. Piper called the roll for the vote:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Todd Deihl:      | yes, John Wardle |
| Kenneth Fisher:  | yes, John Wardle |
| Frank Myers:     | yes, John Wardle |
| Robert Over:     | yes, John Wardle |
| William Piper:   | yes, John Wardle |
| Richard Roush:   | absent           |
| William Swanson: | yes, John Wardle |
| John Wardle:     | yes, John Wardle |
| Donna Webster:   | yes, John Wardle |

Motion carried 8-0 for John Wardle to be Temporary President

**6. Election of Officers:** Refer to Sections 402 and 404 of the Public School Code of 1949

**6.a. Election of the President - One Year Appointment**

Nomination by Mr. Deihl for Bill Swanson to be President. Mr. Swanson declined the nomination and nominated John Wardle to be President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Wardle stated the nominations were closed and Mr. Piper called the roll for the vote:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Todd Deihl:      | yes, John Wardle |
| Kenneth Fisher:  | yes, John Wardle |
| Frank Myers:     | yes, John Wardle |
| Robert Over:     | yes, John Wardle |
| William Piper:   | yes, John Wardle |
| Richard Roush:   | absent           |
| William Swanson: | yes, John Wardle |
| John Wardle:     | yes, John Wardle |
| Donna Webster:   | yes, John Wardle |

Motion carried 8-0 for John Wardle to be President

## **6.b. Election of the Vice-President - One Year Appointment**

Nomination by Mr. Swanson for Todd Deihl to be Vice-President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Wardle stated the nominations were closed and Mr. Piper called the roll for the vote:

Todd Deihl:           yes, Todd Deihl  
Kenneth Fisher:    yes, Todd Deihl  
Frank Myers:       yes, Todd Deihl  
Robert Over:       yes, Todd Deihl  
William Piper:      yes, Todd Deihl  
Richard Roush:     absent  
William Swanson:   yes, Todd Deihl  
John Wardle:       yes, Todd Deihl  
Donna Webster:     yes, Todd Deihl

Motion carried 8-0 for Todd Deihl to be Vice-President

## **7. Appointments of Committee Members:**

### **Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislative Chairperson - One Year Appointment**

1. Mrs. Donna Webster

### **Capital Area Intermediate Unit - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. William Swanson

### **Athletic Council - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Todd Deihl
2. Mr. Kenneth Fisher
3. Mr. Frank Myers
4. Mr. John Wardle

### **District Improvement Committee - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Kenneth Fisher
2. Mrs. Donna Webster

### **Meet and Discuss Committee for Classified Employees - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Frank Myers
2. Mr. William Piper

### **Cumberland Perry Area Career Technical Center - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. William Piper
2. Mr. John Wardle

### **Pennsylvania School Boards Association Regional Cabinet Member - One Year Appointment**

1. Mrs. Donna Webster

### **Buildings and Property Committee - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Robert Over
2. Mr. William Piper
3. Mr. Richard Roush
4. Mr. John Wardle

**Appointments of Committee Members (continued):**

**Finance Committee - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Todd Deihl
2. Mr. Frank Myers
3. Mr. Robert Over
4. Mr. William Piper

**South Central Trust Board - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. Todd Deihl

**Tax Collection Committee - One Year Appointment**

1. Mr. William Swanson

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson to approve the Committee appointments.

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson to adjourn the Re-Organization Meeting

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

**8. Beginning of the Regular School Board Meeting with Student/Staff**

**Recognition and Board Reports** - Sherisa Nailor and Lauren Hetrick presented a staff report to the Board.

**9. Approval of Minutes**

Recommended Approval of the [Regular Board Meeting](#) and [Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes](#) for November 14, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

**10. Financial Reports**

**10.a. Payment of Bills**

General Fund

|                               |    |              |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Procurement Card              | \$ | 14,959.98    |
| Checks/ACH/Wires              | \$ | 2,311,349.18 |
| Special Revenue               | \$ | 2,535.50     |
| Capital Projects Reserve Fund | \$ | 200,400.46   |
| Cafeteria Fund                | \$ | -            |
| Student Activities            | \$ | 36,522.60    |
| Total                         | \$ | 2,565,767.72 |

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Deihl

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

**10.b. Treasurer's Fund Report**

|                              |    |               |
|------------------------------|----|---------------|
| General Fund                 | \$ | 34,484,707.40 |
| Capital Project Reserve Fund | \$ | 8,866,985.31  |
| Cafeteria Fund               | \$ | 1,053,213.97  |
| Student Activities           | \$ | 323,458.24    |
| Total                        | \$ | 44,728,364.92 |

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Deihl  
Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster  
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

**10.c. YTD General Fund Report and YTD Taxes**

The administration prepared the YTD General Fund Report and the YTD Taxes for the Board. The General Fund report looks at our revenue and expense for this year against the budget and compares those amounts to last year. The YTD Tax Summary shows the monthly collections and cumulative collections and compares that to the two previous years.

Motion to accept Year-To-Date General Fund and Tax Reports by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Myers  
Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster  
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

**11. Old Business** – Nothing Offered

**12. New Business** – Nothing Offered

**13. New Business Personnel Items - Action Items**

**13.a. Recommended Approval of a Health Room Assistant - Ms. Stacey Sarber**

Dr. Abigail Leonard, Supervisor of Ancillary Services, would like to recommend Ms. Stacey Sarber as a full-time Health Room Assistant. Ms. Sarber will work 180 days at 7 hours per day at the D1 salary rate of the Classified Compensation Plan for the 2022 - 2023 school year beginning January 3, 2023. This hire is subject to the Probationary Period as spelled out in the Classified Compensation Plan.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Health Room Assistant as presented.

**13.b. Staff Resignations**

Dr. Roberts received the following resignations:

- Meghan Bullock presented a letter of resignation from the position of Middle School Special Education Teacher.
- David Kinzler presented a letter of resignation from the position of full-time Custodian at Oak Flat Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective December 1, 2022.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the resignations as presented.

### 13.c. Recommended Approval of Leave Requests

- Anthony Casella, High School Technology Education Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence to begin Tuesday, January 31, 2023 through approximately Tuesday, February 28, 2023 with a return date of Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
- Rebecca Herendeen, High School Biology Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence to begin Monday, November 14, 2022 through approximately Friday, January 13, 2023 with a return date of Monday, January 16, 2023.
- Bethany Pagze, High School English Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence to begin approximately Monday, December 19, 2022 through approximately Friday, February 3, 2023 with a return date of Monday, February 6, 2023.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the leave of absence requests as presented.

### 13.d. Recommended Approval for a Middle School Special Education Teacher

Natalee Piper - Special Education Teacher at Big Spring Middle School effective December 12, 2022 replacing Meghan Bullock who has resigned. The compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree step 1 \$56,627.00 for the 2022-2023 school year, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

**Education:** Shippensburg University - Special Education and Early Childhood Education (Bachelor's Degree)

**Experience:** Shippensburg Area School District - Student Teacher at the Middle School and Nancy Grayson Elementary School

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Natalee Piper to the position of Special Education Teacher at the Middle School.

### 13.e. Recommended Approval of a Mentor Teacher

Based on the provisions of the Teacher Induction Program, each teacher new to a school district or building is assigned a mentor teacher. As per the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Big Spring School District and the Big Spring Education Association, individual mentor teachers receive a stipend:

| Inductee      | Building/Subject | Mentor    |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Natalee Piper | Middle School    | Erin Zinn |

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2022-2023 mentor teacher as presented.

### **13.f. Recommended Approval of Custodial Staff Updates**

Ms. Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, recommends the following Custodial Staff Updates:

- Cody McClure for the position of part-time, second shift Custodian at Mount Rock Elementary School replacing Deb Tubbs who has transferred at an hourly rate of \$15.17 for the 2022-2023 school year beginning employment on December 6, 2022. This new hire is subject to the Probationary Period as spelled out in the Classified Staff Handbook.
- Kathy Young to transfer from full-time Custodian at the High School to full-time, day shift Custodian at Oak Flat Elementary School replacing David Kinzler who retired with no change in placement or hourly wage based on the Classified Staff Handbook.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the custodial staff updates as presented.

### **13.g. Recommended Approval of an Extra Duty Position**

Mr. Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, is recommending the following individual for an Extra Duty position:

- Elizabeth Angelozzi to be a High School Musical Assistant for the 2022-2023 school year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the extra duty position as presented.

Mr. Piper and Mr. Deihl announced an abstention from the vote of item 13 d because of a conflict of interest for a relative.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson to combine all New Business Personnel Items listed under #13 (a) – (g) (except 13 d) into one motion.

Voting yes for items 13 a (excluding 13 d) through 13 g:

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Voting Yes for item 13 d: Swanson, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried 6-0 with 2 abstentions.

## 14. New Business - Action Items

### 14.a. Credit Pay

The professional employee whose name is listed below has successfully completed graduate work and is entitled to the specified amount in accordance with the negotiated contract between the Big Spring Education Association, the Act 93 Agreement, and the Big Spring School District.

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Denise Hocker | \$2,725.00 |
| Matthew Kump  | \$1,650.00 |

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors authorize reimbursement for graduate credits as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

### 14.b. Recommended Approval of Updated Curriculum

Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, is recommending updated curriculum for 2022-2023:

**Elementary:**      [Grade 4 Writing](#) (updated)

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the updated curriculum as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

### 14.c. Recommended Approval of Resolution and Amended Articles of Agreement with CPACTC

The Cumberland Perry Career and Technical Center is proposing Amended Articles of Agreement and Resolution authorizing contributions for the payment of design costs to support a construction/renovation project.

The administration recommends approving the amended Articles of Agreement and Resolution 221205-01 authorizing contributions for the payment of design costs to support a construction/renovation project.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson and Mr. Piper called the roll for the vote:

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Todd Deihl:      | yes    |
| Kenneth Fisher:  | yes    |
| Frank Myers:     | yes    |
| Robert Over:     | yes    |
| William Piper:   | yes    |
| Richard Roush:   | absent |
| William Swanson: | yes    |
| John Wardle:     | yes    |
| Donna Webster:   | yes    |



Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.d. Case B**

The parents of Case B of the 2022-2023 school year waived their right to a formal student discipline hearing before the Board of School Directors. The student will be excluded for 25 days pending completion of the Student Assistance Program which may reduce the 25 day exclusion by 15 days to a 10 day exclusion. During the period of exclusion, the student is not permitted to attend or participate in any school activities nor appear on school property at any time for any reason without direct approval from the high school principal.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors exclude the student in Case B of the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.e. Recommended Approval of South Central Trust Trustees**

The District's health insurance is run through the South Central Trust (SCT). The SCT is made up of nine local school districts. SCT is structured with an Executive Committee and a full board. Each district is required to have four trustees at the full board level, allowing each district to have four votes. Big Spring's trustees are Mrs. Stacey Lehman (HR Representative), Ms. Lauren Hetrick (BSEA Rep), Mike Statler (Business Office Rep), and Assistant Superintendent. In the absence of an Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Deihl, as the Board's SCT rep, will be the fourth representative for Big Spring.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Mr. Todd Deihl, Mrs. Stacey Lehman, Ms. Lauren Hetrick, and Mr. Mike Statler as the District's South Central Trust Trustees for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Swanson was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.f. Recommended Approval of a New Deitch Bus Driver**

Deitch Buses, Inc. has submitted an additional driver for the 2022-2023 school term:

- Traci Crouse

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors acknowledge receipt of the additional driver for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Mr. Swanson was seconded by Mr. Deihl

Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.g. Recommended Approval of Fundraisers**

Mrs. Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal, recommends approval of the following fundraiser:

- [Casa de Jorge Salsa Fundraiser](#) to benefit the middle school choirs beginning December 19 through January 13, 2023.

Mr. Jason Shover, High School Principal, recommends approval of the following fundraiser:

- ILS Salt Dough Ornaments and Magnets Fundraiser to benefit the High School Marketplace distribution of food.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the fundraiser as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.h. Recommended Approval of Capital Project Payments**

The following invoices are for payment within the Capital Project Fund:

- DAO Planetarium - Turbo Tek LLC. #BIGSPRNGMS for \$8,575.00
- E-Rate Wi-Fi and Network Switch Project - IntegraOne #205399 for \$2,615.80

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the invoices to be paid from the Capital Reserve Project Fund.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### **14.i. Recommended Approval of the Wolf Consulting Engineers, LLC Contract**

In the past, the District has used Wolf Consulting Engineers, LLC as both a consultant and project manager for the District's capital projects. This contract would provide engineering services for the next three years.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the service contract with Wolf Consulting Engineers, LLC as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### 14.j. Recommended Approval of Utilization Request

- Katelyn Kline is requesting utilization of the high school pool on January 15, 2023. Because the request involves a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the utilization request as presented.

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson

Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

#### 15. New Business - Information Item

##### 15.a. Big Spring School District Board of School Directors

###### School Board Roster

| Municipality                  | Position       | F Name  | L Name  | Term Expires |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Lower Frankford Township      | Vice-President | Todd    | Deihl   | 2023         |
| Lower Mifflin Township        | Member         | Kenneth | Fisher  | 2025         |
| N & S Newton Township         | Treasurer      | Frank   | Myers   | 2023         |
| Newville Borough              | Member         | Robert  | Over    | 2025         |
| Lower West Pennsboro Township | Secretary      | William | Piper   | 2023         |
| Upper Frankford Township      | Member         | Richard | Roush   | 2023         |
| Upper West Pennsboro Township | President      | William | Swanson | 2023         |
| Penn/Cooke Townships          | Member         | John    | Wardle  | 2025         |
| Upper Mifflin Township        | Member         | Donna   | Webster | 2023         |

##### 15.b. ESS Staff Resignation

Dr. Abigail Leonard, Supervisor of Ancillary Services, received an ESS Staff Resignation:

- Christine Inman has provided a letter of resignation from the position of High School Aide.

#### 16. Discussion Item - Nothing Offered

#### 17. Board Reports

##### 17.a. District Improvement Committee - Meetings: Jan. 19, 2023 and April 20, 2023

Mr. Fisher stated he was really impressed by the excellent presentations by the principals and teachers at the last meeting and wants to see more parent involvement so they can see what is happening here at the District and encouraged more people to get involved because he likes what he sees here.

##### 17.b. Athletic Committee - Meetings: Dec. 7, 2022 Feb. 7, 2023 March 16, 2023 May 17, 2023

Mr. Deihl reminded everyone the next meeting is on Wednesday.

## **Board Reports (continued)**

### **17.c. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center –**

Mr. Piper shared he received a correspondence that Big Spring student Bryce Kelly competed at the annual Pennsylvania College of Technology Horticulture Field Day and won First place for his Sales Presentation and Second place on a group project in Hardscape. Mr. Piper thanked fellow Board members for the affirmative vote for the CPACTC building project.

### **17.d. Buildings and Property Committee - Mr. Over stated the next meeting is January 16**

### **17.e. Finance Committee - Nothing Offered**

### **17.f. South Central Trust – Nothing Offered**

### **17.g. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mr. Swanson stated the next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 15.**

### **17.h. Tax Collection Committee – Nothing Offered**

### **17.i. Future Board Agenda Items – Nothing Offered**

### **17.j. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Roberts said he appreciates all members of the Board and especially their work behind the scenes and appreciates the hours they volunteer to the leadership of this school community.

Dr. Roberts extended congratulations and best of luck to Mr. Wardle in his new role as President of the Board, thanked Mr. Deihl for his continued role as Vice-President, and thanked Mr. Swanson for his leadership on the Board and outstanding job of service as President following the tragic loss of our past Board President. He said Mr. Swanson has done an outstanding job of steadying the ship and leading us forward.

Dr. Roberts stated last week Adam Nobile shared that high school student Jack Patterson was able to represent Big Spring at the National Association of Music Educators All National Concert Band and has now been selected to the All Eastern Band. He said we have had Big Spring students represented at each of these festivals, but we have never had the same student represent us at both. He said Jack is beyond a talented musician and we are excited to have him represent us in Rochester New York in April.

Dr. Roberts said the ESCO Project involves the McClure Company evaluating our systems to help us understand our needs in the near future for HVAC, lighting, or potentially roofing concerns. The McClure Company along with EI Associates will be completing a feasibility study and coupled with the conversations we had with Lauren Stadler from Raymond James this evening will help us define the scope of the project to where we'll have minimal impact to the overall percentage of the budget dedicated to debt service. He said we'll be meeting with McClure Company and EI Associates later this week and provide updates to the Board at the meeting in January.

Dr. Roberts said this is our only meeting in December so he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a very Happy New Year.

Dr. Roberts concluded by extending an invitation to everyone who shared transportation concerns to meet with him briefly after the meeting to have an opportunity to speak directly with him about their concerns.

## 18. Meeting Closing

### 18.a. Business from the Floor/Board Member Comment

Mr. Over said what he heard about busing tonight is concerning to me and I'm not sure what the fix is, but we will work to find one.

Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Swanson for his service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Deihl thanked Mr. Swanson for being a good mentor and said he really appreciates what he's done on the Board and taught him over the years.

Mr. Swanson said he made the decision months ago not to continue to serve as president but wanted to thank his fellow board members and shared that he couldn't have had better people to work with and appreciates the unity of the Board standing together as one. He said there have been difficult times the past few years but he had the privilege of working with 2 of the finest superintendents – Dr. Fry and Dr. Roberts. He said the faculty and administration are tremendous and know how much he thinks of them. He thanked everyone for the phone calls, e-mails, personal notes, and encouragement they've given him and also thanked Mrs. Minnich and Mrs. Donato. He said he's been an officer for 12-15 years and has no regrets.

Mrs. Webster thanked Mr. Swanson for his help and thanked Dr. Roberts for another building tour and the opportunity to see staff at work interacting with our students and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Myers stated he goes back many years with Mr. Swanson as a wrestling coach and said our school District is more than athletics but Mr. Swanson has been one of the most instrumental people to build the wrestling program here. He said he appreciates what Mr. Swanson has done for us as a Board and said nobody agrees all of the time but Mr. Swanson has held the ship together and done a great job. He welcomed Mr. Wardle and said will also do a fine job.

Mr. Piper said Mr. Swanson had big shoes to fill on the Board but did an outstanding job. He thanked Mr. Swanson for what he's done here and for the comments from the staff tonight. He shared a story from a community member about being impressed with Big Spring and said that is a testimony to the tax payers of this district for supporting what's been accomplished here. He said tonight is the start of his 24<sup>th</sup> year on the board and he thanked the community and said it is an honor to sit here and represent them. He also stated Dr. Roberts will address the bus issue and make it better.

Mr. Wardle shared he understands the transportation burden and is listening to the concerns of the parents and wants to make a difference and keep our students safe. He thanked the Board for their trust and the community for their support and said he never dreamed he would be sitting here as Board President. He stated that as we have a change in leadership, he's glad we've prepared Dr. Roberts for service at the CAIU and stated he will make a difference in many lives. He said we must have vision for the future and focus on the values of our profile of a graduate and highlighted the importance of community support. He said we have to hear the issues in order to move forward and welcomed public comment by saying it is your time to be heard. He said the Board will continue to set policy and work together as a community to support all students who we want to be successful. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday season.

**18.b. Comment Future Board Agenda Items - Nothing Offered**

**18.c. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson  
Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Myers, Fisher, Over, Wardle, and Webster  
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **9:20 PM, December 5, 2022.**

Next scheduled meeting: **January 16, 2023**

  

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