

Big Spring School District

Newville, Pennsylvania

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024



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1. Opening Meeting: Call to Order/Pledge - President John Wardle

The Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, and Lisa Shade.

Absent: Robert Over

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Donna Minnich, Board Minutes; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; and Darin Baughman, Technology Support.

President Wardle welcomed the 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, led by Middle School Choral Director Mrs. Lori Shover, to perform the National Anthem for Music in Our Schools Month.

2. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports – High School students Zaida Moore, Katelyn Lay and Laylah Chestnut described the efforts to raise money and the activities planned for the upcoming Mini-Thon.

3. Reading of Correspondence – Nothing Offered

4. Recognition of Visitors – 82 visitors signed in for the meeting.

5. Public Comment Period

Michael Deihl offered a prayer of encouragement for the students, staff, administration and the School Board.

Mike Byers offered feedback and concern for a general lack of trust mentioned at recent Board meetings that teachers, counselors and administrators don't have the best interest of students in mind and a hold has been placed on third party programming with discussions of changing the parental consent process.

5. Public Comment Period (continued)

Charlotte McDonald offered comments of support for the Operation Lost Sheep Committee and explained the biblical parable of the shepherd caring enough to look for and find the lost sheep.

Lawrence Flynn offered comments of support for School Board Directors and stated they are qualified to make decisions because on the hundreds of votes they received when they were elected to serve on the Board.

Arlene Reinford offered comments of support for the Board and said they deserve to make decisions on who and what comes into the schools by a majority vote of the full board and said the majority of the community believes in them.

Kendra Shaffer offered positive comments on *Matilda*, the recent school musical and said it was a packed house with great performances.

Darrin Shoff offered comments of concern for the Operation Lost Sheep Committee and said his family chose a different education path for his children and shared his objection to them being called lost sheep.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the [Committee of the Whole](#) and [Board Meeting](#) Minutes for February 20, 2024 as presented?

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

7. Financial Reports

7.a. Payment of Bills and Budgetary Transactions

General Fund

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Procurement Card | \$ | 30,932.62 |
| Checks/ACH/Wires | \$ | 7,438,425.91 |
| Special Revenue | \$ | 1,461.89 |
| Capital Projects Reserve Fund | \$ | 42,777.69 |
| ESCO Fund | \$ | - |
| Cafeteria Fund | \$ | 155,153.72 |
| Student Activities | \$ | 28,787.47 |
| Total | \$ | 7,697,539.30 |

Motion to approve the [Payment of Bills](#) and [Budgetary Transactions](#) as presented?

7.a. Payment of Bills and Budgetary Transactions (continued)

Motion to approve the payment of bills by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mr. D. Fisher said he noticed transactions involving the general fund showing Big Spring School District paying Big Spring School District and Mr. Statler explained this is showing money transferred between funds or student activities being charged for food services.

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

7.b. Treasurer's Fund Report

[General Fund Report](#)

[Special Revenue Report](#)

[Capital Project Report](#)

[ESCO Fund Report](#)

[Cafeteria Fund Report](#)

[Student Activities Fund Report](#)

[Investment Report](#)

[Earned Interest and Bank Fees YTD](#)

Treasurer's Fund Reports are noted.

7.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 expenses 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.

The Year-To-Date General Fund and Tax Reports are noted.

8. Old Business – Nothing Offered

9. New Business Personnel Items - Actions Items

Unless there is an objection, we will combine all New Business Personnel Action Items listed under #9 into one motion.

9.a. Recommended Approval of Seasonal Laborer

Tim Drawbaugh, Director of Maintenance Services, recommends a seasonal laborer:

- Jesse Deutsch to serve as a Summer 2024 Seasonal Laborer

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

9.b. Recommended Approval of Resignations

Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, received the following staff resignation:

- Mary Beidel provided a letter of resignation from the position of Administrative Assistant at Newville Elementary School effective March 11, 2024 for the purpose of retirement.
- Cheryl Nealy provided a letter of resignation from the position of Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Mount Rock Elementary School effective June 6, 2024 for the purpose of retirement.
- Luke Nerone provided a letter of resignation from the extra-duty position of Co-Advisor for National Junior Honor Society effective May 31, 2024.
- Brent Stroh provided a letter of resignation from the position of Elementary Physical Education Teacher effective June, 2024 for the purpose of retirement.

Mr. Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Services, received the following athletic resignation:

- Jaclyn Nickel provided a letter of resignation from the position of High School Assistant Track Coach.

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

9.c. Recommended Approval of Athletic Staff and Extra-Duty Staff

Mr. Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Students Activities, recommends the following athletic staff:

- Christina Gruver for the position of Middle School Head Volleyball Coach.
- Grant Long for the position of High School Assistant Track Coach.

Mr. Jason Shover, High School Principal, recommends the following extra-duty staff:

- Megan Anderson for the position of High School Junior Class Advisor replacing Michelle Bear who has resigned.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the athletic and extra-duty staff as presented.

9.d. Recommended Approval of Leave Without Pay

Section 6.09 of the contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District provides "The Board may grant leave without pay to an employee who requests prior approval for such leave." Superintendent Dr. Nicholas Guarente received requests for leave without pay from the following employees:

9.d. Recommended Approval of Leave Without Pay (continued)

- Allison Baer, Mount Rock Elementary Administrative Assistant, requesting leave without pay for March 13 and 14, 2024.
- Laura Grove, Middle School Art Teacher, requesting leave without pay April 12 - 24, 2024.
- Courtney Rickabaugh, High School English Teacher, requesting leave without pay on March 6, 2024 for a half day and all day March 8, 2024.
- Julie Thumma, Middle School Science Teacher, requesting leave without pay on April 9, 2024.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the leave without pay requests as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded Mr. Myers to combine and approve all items in New Business Personnel Action Items 9 (a) through 9 (d) as outlined and recommended above.

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10. New Business - Actions Items

10.a. Recommended Approval of Student Travel

High School Principal, Jason Shover, is requesting permission for two high school students and advisor to travel and participate in the following competition:

- Technology Student Association State Conference and Competition at Seven Springs Resort in Seven Springs, PA - April 17 - 19, 2024.

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

Motion by Mr. Cornman was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.b. Recommended Approval of the CrossSafe Contract

In Spring of 2022, the District conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find a vendor to provide crossing guard services for the School District. Nationwide search was conducted to find potential vendors, the District sent out RFP's and advertised. Only CrossSafe returned a proposal. After a thorough analysis and determining the needs of the District, the District moved forward with a CrossSafe Contract for the 2022-2023 school year. A determining factor of the analysis was the training and support CrossSafe would provide to the crossing guards. The training and support help to ensure the District would maximize the safety of our students, staff, and residents that travel on Mount Rock Road. The new contract is for three years.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve a three-year contract with CrossSafe.

10.b. Recommended Approval of the CrossSafe Contract (continued)

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.c. Recommended Approval of Fundraisers

Mr. Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, is recommending approval of the following 2023-2024 fundraisers:

- Dawg Pound to host a Sunset at the Stadium event and fundraiser on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Bulldog Stadium. This event will offer free and paid activities provided by high school clubs and Dawg Pound with a small fee charged for admission.
- On-field banner advertisements to benefit the Baseball Program.
- [E-mail campaign](#) to benefit the Baseball Program.
- Summer Youth [Camp](#) to benefit the Baseball Program.
- Jersey Sale to benefit the Baseball Program.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Dawg Pound school event and fundraisers as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.d. Recommended Approval of the Proposed CAIU 2024-2025 General Operating Budget - Resolution 240318-01

A summary of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit General Operating [Budget](#) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year has been reviewed by administration. The budget represents no change in District contribution from the 2023-2024 budget.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Capital Area Intermediate Unit's [Resolution](#) for the 2024-2025 General Operating Budget as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.e. Recommended Approval of Life Insurance, AD&D, and LTD provider

The District requested quotes for life insurance, AD&D, and LTD services. The lowest price came back from Madison National Life. The new rate will take effect on July 1, 2024. The rates are locked for the next three years.

Additionally, the District will start offering voluntary life insurance through Madison, starting with the next open enrollment period - November 2024.

| Type | Current (FY24) | Madison (FY25) |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Life | 0.102 | 0.100 |
| AD&D | 0.020 | 0.020 |
| LTD | 0.374 | 0.340 |

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Madison National Life insurance to provide voluntary life, the District provided life insurance, AD&D, and LTD.

Motion by Mr. Cornman was seconded Mrs. Shade

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.f. Recommended Approval of Utilization Requests

- Matt Bixler, on behalf of Big Spring Hurricane Softball, is requesting use of the Oak Flat and Mount Rock Softball Fields March 5 through November 2, 2024. Because some of the dates involve Sundays, Board action is necessary.
- Christie Katora, on behalf of Big Spring Aquatics Club, is requesting use of the high school pool and balcony for a Fitter and Faster Swimming Clinic on April 6 from 8 am until 4:30 pm and April 7, 2024 from 1:00 to 7:30 pm. Because the dates involve a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Mr. Cornman announced an abstention from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Voting Yes: Boothe, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 7-0

10.g. Recommend Approval of Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties

[Domestic Violence](#) Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties offers [resources](#) and support to the Big Spring School District with educational prevention programs.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties as presented.

Motion to approve the recommendation by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. K. Fisher

Mrs. Boothe offered comments of concern for a questionnaire referenced in the parent letters and the public link not working properly and suggested the recommendation be tabled.

Mr. Cornman made a motion to table the recommendation by administration which was seconded by Mrs. Boothe.

Voting Yes to table the motion: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Shade, and Wardle

Voting No: Myers

Motion Carried. 7-1

10.h. Recommended Approval of PA-EETP Agreement

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, has reviewed the 2024 [PA-EETP](#) Annual Agreement between EduLink Inc. and the Big Spring School District to provide an electronic teacher evaluation portal to manage and comply with the required teacher evaluation process.

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.i. Recommended Approval of the Capital Projects Fund Payment

The following invoice is for payment within the Capital Project Fund:

- Custom Cut Flooring - Oak Flat Front Office - [2075](#) - 02/29/2024 - \$30,000

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.j. Recommended Approval of the ESCO Fund Payment

The following invoice is for payment within the ESCO Fund:

- McClure - ESCO Phase II - [Application # 2](#) - 02/15/2024 - \$53,324.00

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the invoice to be paid from the ESCO Fund.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mr. Statler clarified this work has not yet been done but approval is required now in order to complete the bond.

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.k. Recommended Approval of YWCA

The [YWCA](#) Carlisle and Cumberland County offers [resources](#) and support to the Big Spring School District with educational prevention programs.

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

Motion to approve by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mrs. Boothe offered comments of concern for missing lessons referenced in the agreement and said this should be done with parents opting to participate and a letter to parents was not included with the agenda.

Mrs. Shade stated the partnership agreement makes no mention of parent consent and said she would like to see the parent notification letter including consent.

Mr. Cornman asked if the Board could approve the lesson that has been provided with a contingency to approve the other lessons by a certain date provided there is a consent letter. Dr. Guarente confirmed the Board could approve the first lesson and he would provide the next lesson for review by the Board.

Mr. Cornman made a motion to amend the original motion to approve lesson 1 with a contingency for approval of other lessons provided a parent consent letter to opt in is worked out. Mrs. Boothe seconded the motion to amend the original motion.

Mrs. Boothe made a motion and said in light of public concern of a previously amended motion, the Board should table the approval of the amended motion which was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher.

10.k. Recommended Approval of YWCA (continued)

Mr. Cornman asked if tabling the motion would delay services and Dr. Guarente said nothing would be able to happen until there is Board approval and explained current Board policy is passive consent (parents must request a student be excused from participation) and changing to active consent (requiring parents to give permission for a student to participate) would require a policy review and change. Dr. Guarente said if the Board wants to make that policy change, a first reading of the policy could be provided April 8 with adoption April 22, 2024.

Dr. Guarente and the Board continued to discuss approval options of the administration's recommendation to approve the YWCA services.

Voting Yes to table the original and amended motion: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Shade, and Wardle

Voting No: Myers

Motion Carried. 7-1

10.l. Recommended Approval of Fundraisers

Mrs. Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal, recommends the following 2023-2024 fundraisers:

- [R&K Subs](#) Fundraiser during the month of April to benefit National Junior Honor Society.
- [Spring Spirit Wear fundraiser](#) to benefit Student Council March 20 - April 3, 2024.
- Stall Day Coin Collection to benefit Student Council.

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.m. Request to Apply for a Grant

Mrs. Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal, received a request from the following teacher to apply for a grant:

- Rebecca Whigham, Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher is requesting permission to apply for the [Walmart Spark Good Local Grant](#)

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Whigham's request to apply for and participate in the grant as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

10.n. Operation Lost Sheep

Julie Boothe recommends the Board appoint a chairperson of the [Operation Lost Sheep](#) Committee.

Julie Bothe recommends President John Wardle appoint 2 interested Board committee members to the Lost Sheep Committee.

Julie Bothe recommends community members Patricia Johnson, Kendra Shaffer and Kathy Livengood be appointed to the Lost Sheep committee based on their [letters of interest](#).

Motion by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. Cornman to appoint Julie Boothe chairperson of the committee, Seth Cornman and Lisa Shade members of the committee, and community members Patricia Johnson, Kendra Shaffer and Kathy Livengood as members of the Operation Lost Sheep Committee with the first meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Commons.

Mr. Myers asked if the Board should consider changing the name of the committee based on parent and community reaction and Mrs. Boothe stated a desire for the name to stay the same and read a story about lost sheep in an effort to explain the intentions of the committee.

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle
Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

11. New Business - Information Item

11.a. Training Reminder

School Board Directors are required to complete training programs pursuant to Act 55 of 2017.

Both New and Advanced School Director Training events are being offered by PSBA through May. Please see [the PSBA website](#) for details on dates and times.

School Board Directors are reminded to provide a copy of their completed training certificates to Mrs. Minnich for our audit records.

11.b. Closeout of Real Estate Tax Collection

Barbara Kuhns has closed out the 2023 Real Estate Taxes. The [summary](#) of the collections is attached. The collection rate of 96.38% is higher than the 5-year average of 96%.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Totals | \$29,804,588.59 |
| Tax Levy | \$30,925,408.85 |
| Collection % | 96.38% |
| Average | \$3,183.91 |
| Total # of bills | 9,917 |

11.c. New Story Student Enrollment

New Story, LLC is a private licensed school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that provides educational services to children with special education requirements. Dr. Abigail Leonard, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the student enrollment form for a Big Spring student enrolling with New Story during the 2023-2024 school year.

11.d. Community First Responders Day

Trooper Wenrich on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Police has been granted permission to utilize the grounds at Oak Flat Elementary School on Saturday, June 1, 2024 for Community First Responders Day from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

11.e. Long-Term Substitutes through ESS the District's Substitute Agency

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, recommends the following candidate to serve as a long-term substitute teacher during the 2023-2024 school term:

- Jennifer Cordell to serve as a long-term substitute Special Education Teacher at the High School covering Michelle Bear's position until the hired teacher can start in the position.
- Delores Shank to serve as a long-term substitute Business Teacher at the High School during Alexa Maier's leave of absence.

11.f. Leave Requests

Frank Landis, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence to begin Tuesday, March 19, 2024 through approximately Tuesday, April 16, 2024 with a return date of Wednesday, April 17, 2024. According to Family and Medical Leave Policy 335 administrative, professional and support employees may request leaves of absence for specific family and medical issues in compliance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

Kacey O'Donnell, Speech and Language Clinician, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year through approximately Tuesday, October 15, 2024 with a return date of Wednesday, October 16, 2024. According to Section 6.07 of the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the District, a professional employee may request up to one year of child-rearing leave upon the birth of a child. In addition to the duration of the leave period, the request meets all provisions for a child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

Kaetlyn Yeager, ESL Teacher, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year through approximately Friday, September 20, 2024 with a return date of Monday, September 23, 2024. According to Section 6.07 of the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the District, a professional employee may request up to one year of child-rearing leave upon the birth of a child. In addition to the duration of the leave period, the request meets all provisions for a child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

11.g. Recognition of Gift/Donation

The Big Spring School District received a donation of supplies from DHL Supply Chain, Centerville Road, Newville which was accepted by Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, to be used in the best interest of the District's educational program.

11.h. Middle School Earth Day Expo

Principal Clarissa Nace provides information on a Middle School “Earth Day Expo” planned for Friday, April 12, 2024 with vendors and [FFA](#) activities taking place during the school day.

12. Board Reports

12.a. Athletic Council – Mr. K. Fisher congratulated the boys’ Basketball Team and said they did a good job and said we’re proud of them.

12.b. Building and Property Committee – Nothing Offered

12.c. Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Cornman said the CAIU spoke well for themselves today. [CAIU February All-In](#)

12.d. Cumberland Perry Area CTC - Mr. Wardle said they are working through selecting students for next year and said the building project is close to being ready for bid which is a good thing because the school is busting at the seams with student capacity. He said the programs are doing extremely well and students are also preparing for the NOCTI exams.

12.e. Finance Committee – Nothing Offered

12.f. Future Ready Comp Plan Board Reps – Mr. K. Fisher shared the group met on February 22 for an Introduction Meeting where they reviewed the profile of a graduate and were joined by 2 student participants and discussed statistics and the 2021-22 ThoughtExchange for the hopes and dreams for learning and life. The committee reviewed three goals and chose 2 top goals of interest.

12.g. South Central Trust – Nothing Offered

12.h. Tax Collection Committee – Mr. D. Fisher said the comparison report for February was in Board packets.

12.i. Wellness Committee – Nothing Offered

12.j. Future Board Agenda Items – Nothing Offered

12.k. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas Guarente

Dr. Guarente said the High School FFA had 3 major events recently including National FFA Week, a Conservation District Experience, and a strawberry fundraiser pick-up.

Dr. Guarente said the Club Care Dodgeball Tournament hosted 12 teams and raised \$1,000.

Dr. Guarente shared the High School Musical *Matilda* was outstanding and well attended. He said the advisors, students and directors deserve a lot of credit for their efforts.

Dr. Guarente said upcoming events at the High School include *Noah* Family Movie Night with games and activities and a Community Easter Egg Hunt and activities in the High School Commons.

Dr. Guarente congratulated the Middle School Boys' Basketball Team which has been undefeated 2 years in a row.

Dr. Guarente shared 8th grader Blake Gutshall wrestled for a third place finish in the PJW state heavyweight title.

Dr. Guarente congratulated Charles Turnbaugh and Finn Tyree who were Geography Bee Champions.

Dr. Guarente said on March 7 the Middle School hosted Scheduling Night and on March 12 eighth graders visited Cumberland Perry Area CTC.

13. Meeting Closing

13.a. Business from the Floor/Board Member Comment

Mr. D. Fisher said *Matilda* musical performances displayed talent that blew his mind.

Mr. Cornman said to quell some budget concerns, he has been working with Barb Gleim and they are on top of it. He said the consent process is to give every parent an opportunity to review and decide what they want for their kids. He said the dodgeball tournament was wonderful and the kids had a blast.

Mr. Myers said he had an opportunity to visit Genius hour at Oak Flat, which is a nice event to take in. He thanked the administration for all the extra work they have been putting in and said they deserve a lot of credit for that. He said tomorrow he will be working with Mr. Duffy to update the Bulldog Foundation website.

13.a. Business from the Floor/Board Member Comment (continued)

Mr. Myers said he is not against the Lost Sheep Committee but said he was offended by the mention that many people want to leave Big Spring. He said his experience talking to people has been how much they appreciate what is being offered and what has been provided to a whole bunch of people in this district.

Mrs. Shade thanked Dr. Guarente for all the extra time he has extended the Board this week.

Mr. Wardle said we are a community who wants to do what is best for students, taxpayers, and families. He said there has been some conversation on various topics which bring to light concerns we have as individuals but said the final goal is to work together. He said we support those students and families who have made the decision to do something different and said he respects their decisions. He thanked everyone for coming and sharing their voice and thoughts and said those who did not speak he knows are listening, watching, and also want what is best.

13.b. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Booth was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **8:50 pm, March 18, 2024**

Next scheduled meeting is **April 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm**

