

Big Spring School District

Newville, Pennsylvania

Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025



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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 7:35 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Lisa Shade, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, and Frank Myers.

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Cristy Lentz, Business Manager; Thomas King, Solicitor; Donna Minnich, Board Minutes; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; and Darin Baughman, Technology Support.

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

2. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports

Newville Elementary Teachers Heather Keller and Dani Teter shared a School and Staff Update with the Board.

3. Reading of Correspondence – Nothing Offered

4. Recognition of Visitors - 56 visitors signed in for the meeting

5. Public Comment Period

Lara Kauffman offered comments on the DIG Survey and expressed concern for the website hosting the survey which she said also contains campaign information.

Lawrence Flynn offered comments on the ratified settlement of the lawsuit which he said was for public benefit because he said free speech must be fought for.

Sally Winder offered comments on the ratification of the RFP for transportation and said there was a lack of public discussion to exercise the RFP. She encouraged the Board to not ratify what she said seems like a failed process.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the [DIG Committee](#), [Committee of the Whole](#) and [Board Meeting Minutes](#) for April 7, 2025 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

7. Financial Reports

7.a. Payment of Bills

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund Accounting Payment Register</u>	<u>Fund Accounting Payment Summary</u>
General Fund - Procurement Card	\$28,864.87	Procurement Card - Detail	See Procurement Card Detail
General Fund - Checks/ACH/Wires	\$9,618,503.63	General Fund - Detail	General Fund - Summary
Special Revenue	\$8,648.65	Special Revenue - Detail	Special Revenue - Summary
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$12,770.44	Capital Projects Reserve Fund - Detail	Capital Projects Reserve Fund - Summary
Cafeteria Fund	\$150,942.28	Cafeteria Fund - Detail	Cafeteria Fund - Summary
Student Activities	\$48,600.99	Student Activities - Detail	Student Activities - Summary

Total amount of all funds **\$9,868,330.86**

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

7.b. Budgetary Transactions

Motion to approve the following Budgetary Transfers:

- [October 2024](#)
- [November 2024 \(None\)](#)
- [December 2024](#)
- [January 2025](#)
- [February 2025](#)
- [March 2025](#)

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

7.c. Treasurer's Fund Report

- [General Fund Report](#)
- [Special Revenue Report](#)
- [Capital Project Report](#)
- [Cafeteria Fund Report](#)
- [Student Activities Fund Report](#)
- [Student Activities Account Summary](#)
- [Investment Report](#)
- [Earned Interest and Bank Fees YTD for General Fund, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, ESCO and Cafeteria](#)
- [Earned Interest YTD Student Activities](#)

Treasurer's Fund Reports are noted.

7.d. YTD General Fund Report and YTD Taxes

The administration prepared the [YTD General Fund Report](#) and the [YTD Taxes](#) 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 Resignations

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

- Bonnie Seltzer provided a resignation from the position of Itinerant Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing effective August 6, 2025.

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, received the following athletic staff resignation:

- Jennifer Gutshall provided a letter of resignation from the position of Co-Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach.

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

9.b. Recommended Approval of a Health Room Assistant - Andrea Ruff

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, recommends Andrea Ruff as a full-time Health Room Assistant at Newville Elementary School. Ms. Ruff will work 180 days at 7 hours per day at the C4 salary rate of the Classified Compensation Plan for the 2024 - 2025 school year. 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.

9.c. Recommended Approval of a High School Biology Teacher - Nicole Davidson

Education:

Dickinson College - Biology (Bachelor's Degree)

Shippensburg University - Biology (Master's Degree)

The University of Texas at Arlington - Science Education (Master's Degree)

Experience:

River Rock Academy - Special Education English Teacher

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Nicole Davidson to the position of High School Biology Teacher replacing Bob McClure who is retiring. The compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree Step 1 \$62,175.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association. Employment is contingent upon pending receipt of all required employment documentation including a type 01 Emergency Permit with ongoing compliance of the requirements as defined by the PA Department of Education to maintain an emergency permit until such time as full certification is received.

9.d. Recommended Approval of the 2025 Custodial Summer Hire List

Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, would like to recommend the 2025 Summer Hire List for the District's Custodial Staff:

Custodians	Position	Rate	Schedule (days x hours)
Krause, Kimberly	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8
Returning Students			
Bear, Leah	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8
Martin, Bailey	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8
Maria Tandle	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8
Saville, Ayden	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8
Header, Evan	Custodian	\$16.58	4x8

9.d. Recommended Approval of the 2025 Custodial Summer Hire List (continued)

District P/T Custodians

Hair, Cathy	Custodian	Current	4x5.5
Tubbs, Deb	Custodian	Current	4x5.5
Weller, John	Custodian	Current	3x5
Clarke, Marshall	Custodian	Current	4x8
Melendez, Laura	Custodian	Current	2x8
Wendy, McCartney	Custodian	Current	4x8
Rai, Bishnu	Custodian	Current	4x8

District 11 Month Custodians

Mixell, Alma	Custodian	Current	4x8
Adams, Michelle	Custodian	Current	4x8

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2025 summer custodial hire list as presented.

9.e. Recommended Approval of a High School Social Studies Teacher - Justin Rosas

Education:

History/Social Studies Certification - Shippensburg University (Bachelor's Degree)

Experience:

Big Spring School District - Long Term Substitute Teacher

Big Spring High School - Student Teacher

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Justin Rosas to the position of High School Social Studies Teacher replacing Jim Miller who is retiring. The compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree Step 1 \$62,175.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association. Employment is contingent upon pending receipt of all required employment documentation.

9.f. Recommended Approval of Professional Staff Transfer

The administration will transfer the professional staff listed below for the 2025-2026 school year. The transfer is in accordance with Board Policy 309, Assignment and Transfer:

Teacher	Transferring From	Transferring To	Replacing
Jennifer Ferrante	3rd Grade Oak Flat Elementary	1st Grade Oak Flat Elementary	Tiffany Warner who has transferred to a new position.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the staff transfer for 2025-2026 as presented.

9.g. Recommended Approval of a Third Grade Teacher - Clayton Maiden

Education:

Early Childhood Elementary PK-4 Education - Shippensburg University (Bachelor's Degree - May 2025)

Experience:

Big Spring School District - Substitute Teacher
Big Spring School District - ESS Paraprofessional

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Clayton Maiden to the position of Third Grade Teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School replacing Jennifer Ferrante who has transferred to a new position. The compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree Step 1 \$62,175.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association. Employment is contingent upon pending receipt of all required employment documentation including appropriate teaching certification.

9.h. Recommended Approval of Extra-Duty Positions

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, recommends the following extra-duty staff:

- BrieAnn Edmondson to serve as Mentor to Jennifer Ferrante at Oak Flat Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Alisha Mowery to serve as Mentor to Clayton Maiden at Oak Flat Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Heath Myers to serve as Mentor to Nicole Davidson at the High School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Lauren Hetrick to serve as Mentor to Justin Rosas at the High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.h. Recommended Approval of Extra-Duty Positions (continued)

Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommends the following for 2-year extra-duty positions:

<u>L Name</u>	<u>F Name</u>	<u>Extra-Duty Position</u>
Tomasov	Jennifer	Assistant Department Head - Elementary Special Education
Katora	Barbara	Assistant Department Head - HS Special Education
Gruver	Christina	Assistant Department Head – Math
McVitty	Michael	Department Head – Art
Kraus	Jocelyn	Department Head - Counseling
Grossman	Crystal	Assistant Department Head - ELA
Daugherty	Christa	Department Head - Library
Miller	Darbie	Department Head - Nursing
Artz	Micah	Co-Department Head - Physical Education
Kump	Matthew	Co-Department Head - Physical Education
Barnouski	Joseph	Department Head - Technology Education/ Agriculture/ FCS / STEM
Steinly	Caitlin	Elementary Grade Level Leader - Grade 1
Locy	Leslie	Elementary Grade Level Leader - Grade 2
Mowery	Alisha	Elementary Grade Level Leader - Grade 4
Header	Crystal	Co-Elementary Grade Level Leader - Kindergarten
Graham	Lindsay	Co-Elementary Grade Level Leader - Kindergarten

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, recommends the following athletic staff:

- Michael Davies as a Volunteer Coach for the Wrestling Program.
- Jocelyn Hayslett as a Volunteer Coach for the Cheer Program.

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

9.i. 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 employee:

- Sara VanderHeijden, Oak Flat Teacher, is requesting leave without pay for May 2, 2025.

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

Mrs. Boothe requested to vote separately on the fourth bullet point under agenda item 9h of Dr. Sanders' staff recommendation for an extra-duty position.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman to combine and approve all items in New Business Personnel Action Items 9 (a) through 9 (i) except the fourth bullet point of 9 (h) as outlined and recommended above.

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Motion to approve the fourth bullet point of 9 (h) by Mr. Myers was seconded Mrs. Shade

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

Voting No: Boothe and Cornman

Motion Carried. 6-2

10. New Business - Actions Items

10.a. Recommended Approval of Updated Policies

The administration proposes the updated policies listed below:

- [216 Student Records](#)
- [216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records](#)
- [218.2 Terroristic Threats/Acts, Threats and Threat Assessment](#)

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the policies 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.b. Curriculum Resource for Continued Usage

Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, is recommending continued usage of the K-12 Curriculum Support Program Resource [PowerSchool - Performance Matters](#) for the 2025 - 2026 school year to the Superintendent of Schools.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the program resource 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.c. Recommended Approval of DIG Survey and Letter for Disenrollment and Post Graduation Survey

The DIG Committee recommends approval of an updated [Disenrollment Survey](#) and [explanation letter](#) for distribution 1 month post-disenrollment or when district is notified, whichever is later including all disenrollments from this school year and all disenrollments moving forward. The Committee also recommends the administration begin a post-graduation survey to monitor graduate success and find areas for improvement.

Motion by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Voting No: Myers

Motion Carried. 7-1

10.d. Recommended Approval of 2025-2026 Agreements and Membership

Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, reviewed the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) [Agreement for School-Age Educational Services](#) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the 2025-2026 [Agreement for CAOLA Services](#) provided by the CAIU.

Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, reviewed the [PSBA Dues Invoice](#) for membership renewal for the 2025-2026 school year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the agreements and membership renewal 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.e. Recommended Ratification of the RFP Process for Transportation

Motion to ratify the [RFP](#) process for Transportation Services for Big Spring School District initiated in anticipation of the expiration of the district's existing contract.

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mr. Cornman asked for the RFP process to be explained and Dr. Guarente said we have an expiring transportation contract and said the desire for RFP was mentioned publicly on several occasions with communications on social media and our web site. Mr. Wardle stated we received bids but no decision has been made and Dr. Guarente confirmed two comprehensive bids were received and we are working through the financial and logistical analysis with a hope to bring something to the Board at the May 5 Meeting. Mr. Wardle asked if the current contract takes us through the end of the school year and Dr. Guarente confirmed that is correct.

10.e. Recommended Ratification of the RFP Process for Transportation (continued)

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

10.f. Recommended Appointment of Board of School Director

Motion to appoint Dr. Alison Mellott as Board of School Director for the Newville Borough replacing Robert Over who resigned.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

Mr. Hippensteel stated he understands there is another person who has given an application for this process, asked if they can nominate who they choose, and said does anyone want to nominate this other person. Mrs. Shade nominated Melissa Bigler to be considered for the vacant seat. President Wardle asked Solicitor Thomas King if this should be a roll call vote and he said yes but the motion should be amended to include consideration of Ms. Bigler.

Lara Kauffman stated an objection and said this is not in line with the described process and school policy for nominating an official. Mr. Hippensteel said he doesn't believe school policy dictates this process and Lara Kauffman said there is no mention of a second nominee for consideration and an ability for the community to offer public comment as per the Sunshine Act.

Solicitor King said it is an agenda item to appoint a Board Member and there is no specific policy that would dictate how exactly this would be filled. He said the School Code is wide open on this issue and the Board can adopt whatever method it wants and could proceed with appointing Dr. Mellot or proceed with considering other nominations.

Mr. Myers asked what if the second person missed the deadline to respond and Mr. King said that is up to each individual person to decide and said the Board is free to proceed as you see fit and restated his suggestion to amend the motion to allow the nomination of a second person.

Bob Yeingst offered public comment and said Melissa Bigler was just nominated and asked if she had been interviewed for this position? President Wardle said neither candidate has been interviewed and the process was announced at last meeting and following acceptance of Mr. Over's resignation the vacancy was posted. He said a resume and letter of interest was received from Dr. Mellott. He said today at approximately 10:24, an e-mail was submitted to Board members from another individual expressing she was interested and said we have not received a resume or a response during the timeframe that was prescribed from Melissa Bigler.

Mr. K. Fisher suggested we have interviews at the next meeting and Mr. Wardle reminded everyone of the timeframe to fill the vacancy and the consequence of going beyond it.

10.f. Recommended Appointment of Board of School Director (continued)

Lara Kauffman stated an objection under Sunshine Act and said if the agenda item is changed it needs to be opened up for public comment and President Wardle said the objection is noted.

Bob Kanc said in the past nominees sent a resume and were interviewed publicly to learn their qualifications and intent and said that was transparency and tonight is not transparency. Mr. Myers said we only had one candidate.

Mr. Cornman said he thought there would be some kind of interview process and that didn't happen and Mr. Myers said we only had one applicant.

Solicitor King reminded the Board they cannot go to Executive Session to appoint a Board Member.

Jill Davis said there is a procedure for certain things and she thinks it is noble that both of these women have decided they would like to serve but the procedure has to be followed and urged the Board to follow the procedure and said if Melissa Bigler is interested, she can run in November.

Mr. Hippensteel said my only comment is there was only a few short days of notice which didn't give enough time to the public to people who may have been interested and asked if we can hear from the two candidates if they are both here tonight.

Melissa Bigler said she is a proud parent of 2 Bulldogs, said she and her husband own a cabinetry business and she works as a realtor. She said serving on the Board is something she has thoughtfully considered, she cares deeply for the community, and said she is passionate about supporting our schools at every level. She said she has followed the meetings closely and believes her vision aligns with the current Board for strong fiscal responsibility and believes every student should have the opportunity to grow and reach their full potential. She said she is committed to listening and learning to support thoughtful decisions that benefit all stakeholders.

Alison Mellot said she has invested a lot of time and is very interested in the community and works at Shippensburg University teaching pre-service teachers and supervising student teachers. She said she is Big Spring proud and has 4 kids in the district and has personally experienced Big Spring's gifted and general education and offers a perspective from many different angles. She said she is passionate about keeping good teachers in our schools, building school climate that is conducive to keeping good teachers because she is concerned we are losing educators at surprising rates. She spoke about the value of a supportive administration and said we find that in our administrators and community where we rally around each other.

Mr. Myers and Mrs. Shade amended the original motion to consider Alison Mellot and Melissa Bigler for the vacant seat.

10.f. Recommended Appointment of Board of School Director (continued)

Mrs. Boothe called the roll for the vote:

Mr. D Fisher voted for Melissa Bigler
Mr. Cornman voted for Melissa Bigler
Mr. K. Fisher voted for Melissa Bigler
Mr. Myers voted for Alison Mellot
Mrs. Shade voted for Melissa Bigler
Mr. Wardle voted for Alison Mellot
Mr. Hippensteel voted for Melissa Bigler
Mrs. Boothe voted for Melissa Bigler

Motion Carried 6-2 to appoint Melissa Bigler as Board of School Director.

11. New Business - Information Item

11.a. CAIU 2025 Annual Election Ballot

Each Board Member will receive a printed copy of the 2025 CAIU Annual Election Ballot on April 22, 2025 which must be signed and may be returned to Donna Minnich as soon as possible or by the deadline on Friday, June 13, 2025 to rgibson@caiu.org to participate in the voting process.

11.b. Contracted Staff Update

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, received the following contracted staff resignation:

- Christopher Boyd provided a letter of resignation from the position of ESS High School Paraprofessional effective April 25, 2025.

11.c. Leave Request

Tessa Brenize, Teacher, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence beginning Tuesday, August 26, 2025 through approximately Monday, November 24, 2025 with a return date of Tuesday, November 25, 2025. 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 child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

Madison Sloop, Administrative Assistant, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence beginning Thursday, September 4, 2025 through approximately Thursday, November 13, 2025 with a return date of Friday, November 14, 2025. 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 child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

12. Board Reports

12.a. Athletic Council - Ken Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, Frank Myers, and John Wardle - Nothing Offered

12.b. Building and Property Committee - David Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, and John Wardle - Nothing Offered

12.c. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Seth Cornman - [CAIU](#) Nothing Offered

12.d. Cumberland Perry Area CTC - John Wardle and Mike Hippensteel – Mr. Wardle said they have received bids and are working on agency approvals and permits and are hoping to break ground on the building project. He also shared NOCTI testing is underway.

12.e. DIG Committee - Julie Boothe, Chair Seth Cornman and Lisa Shade – Mrs. Boothe said they hope to finalize the staff survey ideas and thanked the Board for support of the disenrolled student and family survey which she said should provide important data moving forward.

12.f. Finance Committee - Julie Boothe, Frank Myers, and Lisa Shade – Mrs. Boothe said they will continue to work on budget and discuss it again on May 19.

12.g. Future Ready Comp Plan Board Reps - Ken Fisher and Lisa Shade – Nothing Offered

12.h. Policy Review and Development Committee - Seth Cornman, Julie Boothe, David Fisher, and John Wardle – Mr. Cornman apologized for the cancellation of tonight’s meeting, said there was a dump of some legal documents and thanked the Solicitor for those. He said he will be taking a lot of his suggestions and applying them to current policy so he wanted some more time to work on that.

12.i. South Central Trust - Seth Cornman – Nothing Offered

12.j. Tax Collection Committee - David Fisher – Nothing Offered

12.k. Wellness Committee - Seth Cornman – Nothing Offered

12.l. Future Board Agenda Items – Nothing Offered

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

Superintendent Guarente thanked the Newville Team and said we appreciate tonight’s video and your hard work. He also thanked Mrs. Gutshall and Mrs. Donato for the math presentation.

Dr. Guarente shared district wide enrollment numbers of 2,355 today (up from 2,352) and said we have registered 90 kindergarten students for next year. He reminded everyone students must be registered by May 1 to participate in kindergarten registration days planned at each building.

12.m. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas Guarente (continued)

Dr. Guarente shared congratulations to Cole Klein and Will Thompson who placed 8th in Sports and Entertainment Management and the other participants who competed through FBLA at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Dr. Guarente announced the High School will host a Spotlight on Learning Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

Dr. Guarente announced he is hopeful to have a transportation recommendation based on the RFP at the next meeting.

13. Meeting Closing

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

Mr. Myers said he is very disappointed and we cannot let politics come into education. He said there was a clear distinction between qualifications and he is sorry to say we screwed up.

Mr. Wardle said we followed the democratic process and may not always agree but we must represent the process of elections and support those candidates. He spoke about support provided this week to Governor Shapiro's family and said we must have compassion for children. He said we may not agree on decisions and said elections are coming up. He said we will graduate our students and want them to be successful citizens and must have a positive attitude

13.b. Adjournment

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **8:43 pm, April 22, 2025**

Next scheduled meeting is **May 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm**

