

# **Big Spring School District**

## **Newville, Pennsylvania**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

#### **May 19, 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 7:59 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Lisa Shade, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Melissa Bigler, 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** - Dr. Gruver asked the Board 2 math questions as a follow-up to a previous math curriculum presentation and both were answered correctly by Board Members. Dr. Gruver shared building goals/focus areas and academic growth/achievement, engagement, and well-being this year at the middle school.

**3. Reading of Correspondence** – Nothing Offered

**4. Recognition of Visitors** - 71 visitors signed-in for the meeting

#### **5. Public Comment Period**

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

Susan Dye offered comments on the service of Deitch Bussing and shared a huge thank you to the employees who helped them provide 67 years of service to the Big Spring School District. She said her grandfather started the company in 1958 and their family bent over backwards to get students to school covering 98 square miles and providing transportation to athletic events.

President Wardle said we are deeply thankful for the service and labor of love and thanked the Deitch family and all bus drivers for their efforts and said we hope we can build on what you have given us.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the [DIG Committee](#), [Committee of the Whole](#) and [Board Meeting Minutes](#) for May 5, 2025 as presented?

Mrs. Boothe shared an amendment to the May 5, 2025 Board Meeting minutes and said item 9I should have Penn Live removed because she was quoting an article by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association.

Motion to approve all minutes and the amendment by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Boothe  
Voting Yes: Bigler, Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle  
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

## 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	\$15,867.35	<a href="#">Procurement Card - Detail</a>	See Procurement Card Detail
General Fund - Checks/ACH/Wires	\$2,620,473.45	<a href="#">General Fund - Detail</a>	<a href="#">General Fund - Summary</a>
Special Revenue	\$1,269.33	<a href="#">Special Revenue - Detail</a>	<a href="#">Special Revenue - Summary</a>
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	<a href="#">Capital Projects Reserve Fund - Detail</a>	<a href="#">Capital Projects Reserve Fund - Summary</a>
Cafeteria Fund	\$162,305.09	<a href="#">Cafeteria Fund - Detail</a>	<a href="#">Cafeteria Fund - Summary</a>
Student Activities	\$51,659.55	<a href="#">Student Activities - Detail</a>	<a href="#">Student Activities - Summary</a>

Total amount of all funds **\$2,881,574.77**

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

Voting Yes: Bigler, Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle  
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **7.b. 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.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.

#### **7.d. Budgetary Transactions**

Motion to approve [Budgetary Transfers](#) for April 2025 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **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 Summer Staff

Jennifer Chamberlin, Supervisor of Special Education, recommends the individuals listed for the positions noted to assist with the Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Program. Compensation for the positions will be based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year:

Teachers: Jocelynn Kuhn, Rachael Landis, Megan Martin, Jessica Sprecher, and Amanda Webber

Nurse: Linda Webber

Paraprofessionals: David Colistra, Nicole Finkey, Michelle Fountain, Tammy Garman, Theresa Stum, Emma Zeigler, and Danielle Zeigler

Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction recommends additions to the Summer School Program roster. Compensation for the positions will be based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>L Name</u>	<u>F Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Christina	Gruver	Secondary Summer School Instructor
David	Robinson	Secondary Summer School Instructor

Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, recommends additional names for the 2025 Summer Hire roster for District Custodial Staff:

<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Schedule (days x hours)</b>
Jennifer Conrad	Custodian	\$16.58	4X8
Leigh Potts	Custodian	\$16.58	4X8
Vivian Rodriguez-Velazquez	Custodian	\$16.58	4X8
Alexis Sheaffer	Custodian	\$16.58	4X8

Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, recommends a Seasonal Laborer:

- Jesse Deutsch to serve as a Summer 2025 Seasonal Laborer.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the summer staff rosters as presented.

### **9.b. Recommended Approval of Resignations**

Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, received the following resignations:

- Crystal Grossman provided a letter of resignation from the position of Secondary Instructional Coach and all extra-duty positions effective June 30, 2025.
- Andrew Koman provided a letter of resignation from the position of Middle School Social Studies Teacher and extra-duty position effective the completion of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Heather Wolf provided a letter of resignation from the position of Oak Flat Paraprofessional effective May 1, 2025.

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, received the following resignations:

- Aleia Baker provided a letter of resignation from the position of Assistant High School Volleyball Coach.
- Riley Brown provided a letter of resignation from the position of Co-FBLA Advisor.

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

### **9.c. 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:

- Casey Barwin, Oak Flat Elementary Teacher, is requesting leave without pay for May 9, 2025.
- Laura Grove, Middle School Teacher, is requesting leave without pay for October 13, 2025 through November 26, 2025.
- Frank Landis, Middle School Teacher, is requesting leave without pay for May 13, 2025.
- Bethany Stanton, Mount Rock Teacher, is requesting leave without pay for a half day May 2, half day May 5, and a half day May 7, 2025.

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

#### **9.d. Recommended Approval of Custodial Staff**

Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, recommends the following staff for new hire:

- Garja Rai for the position of full-time, third shift Custodian at the High School replacing Douglas Barnes who is retiring. The starting rate should be \$18.22 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year pending receipt of all required employment documentation. This hire is subject to the Probationary Period as spelled out in the Classified Staff Handbook.

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

#### **9.e. Recommended Approval of a High School Biology Teacher - Genevieve Kuhns**

##### **Education:**

Shippensburg University - Biology/Secondary Education (Bachelors Degree)

##### **Experience:**

Big Spring School District - Student Teaching

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Genevieve Kuhns to the position of High School Biology Teacher replacing Travis Barnes who has resigned. The compensation for this position should be established at Bachelors 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 and certification documentation.

#### **9.f. Recommended Approval of Extra-Duty Positions**

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, recommends the following 2025-2026 Mentor Teacher:

- Sean Donaldson to serve as Mentor to Genevieve Kuhns

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

- Jocelyn Hayslett to serve as Assistant Middle School Cheer Coach.

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

**9.g. 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
Rebecca Coulson	Oak Flat Special Education Teacher for Emotional Support (K-5)	Oak Flat Special Education Teacher for Emotional Support and Autistic Support (K-5)
Emily Hangen	Special Education Teacher at Middle School and Mount Rock Elementary	Special Education Teacher at the Middle School for Autism and Emotional Support
Megan Martin	Mount Rock Special Education Teacher for Learning Support (K-2)	Mount Rock Special Education Teacher for Emotional Support and Learning Support (K-2)
Bethany Stanton	Mount Rock Special Education Teacher for Learning Support (3-5)	Mount Rock Special Education Teacher for Emotional Support and Learning Support (3-5)
Laura Wettstein	Newville and Oak Flat Special Education Teacher for Learning Support (2-3)	Oak Flat Special Education Teacher for Learning Support (K-5)

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

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 (g) as outlined and recommended above.

Voting Yes: Bigler, Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle  
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

**10. New Business - Actions Items**

**10.a. Recommended Approval of the Chartwells Contract and Meal Prices for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

The administration and Chartwells prepared the 2025-2026 budget with proposed meal prices. The student meal prices for Big Spring students will remain the same as 2024-2025.

Meal Pricing	2024-25	2025-26	FY Change
Breakfast (all students)	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$0.00
Elem Lunch	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$0.00
Secondary Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$0.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$0.00
Adult Lunch	\$4.55	\$4.95	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.00
YB/Headstart Lunch	\$4.85	\$5.00	\$0.60
YB/Headstart Breakfast	\$2.65	\$3.25	\$0.60
Headstart Adult Lunch	n/a	\$6.00	n/a

**10.a. Recommended Approval of the Chartwells Contract and Meal Prices for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (continued)**

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2025-2026 [Chartwells contract](#).

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

**10.b. Recommended Approval for the Proposed Final 2025-2026 Budget**

The Board is required to take action to designate a [Proposed Final Budget](#) at least 30 days before the final budget adoption, which is scheduled for June 23, 2025. The Proposed Final Budget must be available for public inspection 20 days prior to the final adoption and the final adoption advertised at least 10 days prior. The administration is recommending a budget of \$66,781,931 in expenditures. General Fund revenues with a 1.5% tax increase would be \$65,384,290. Proposed real estate taxes millage rate would be 16.3679. The shortfall in revenues will be covered by unassigned fund balance of \$1,397,641. The numbers may continue to be adjusted before the final budget on June 23, 2025. The link included in the agenda item outlines Big Spring's budget in the PDE required PDE-2028 format.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve a Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$66,781,931 for the 2025-2026 school with a tax rate of 16.3679 mills.

Mr. Wardle said we cannot go higher on the final budget but we could go lower and said we realize we need to be fiscally responsible in looking at the budget.

Mrs. Shade said the proposed budget is based on the governor's budget with some unknown factors, said we can expect a smaller surplus, said a balanced budget is +/- 2% and mentioned reoccurring surplus overages in recent years.

Mr. D. Fisher said the former business manager warned the Board they would end up in the negative with a 0% tax increase last year but we ended well in excess so he favors 0% and said 80% of the people he represents cannot pay their taxes so he will not vote for a tax increase.

Mr. Hippensteel said he is okay with approving 1.5% on the proposed budget if the Board can lower it on the final budget. President Wardle said we can lower the amount and Mr. King confirmed that is correct. Mr. D. Fisher clarified he is okay with 1.5% now but wants to see 0% on the final budget. Mr. Cornman said he is also okay with 1.5% preliminary because it can be adjusted.

Motion to approve the proposed budget by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman



#### **10.b. Recommended Approval for the Proposed Final 2025-2026 Budget (continued)**

Mrs. Boothe called the roll for the vote:

Bigler – yes  
Boothe – yes  
Cornman – yes  
D. Fisher – yes  
K. Fisher – yes  
Hippensteel – yes  
Myers – yes  
Shade – yes  
Wardle – yes

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **10.c. Recommended Approval of Request to Apply for 2025-2026 Grants**

Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, received the following requests to apply for and participate in the following grants:

- Rebecca Whigham, Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher, is requesting permission to apply for the [PA Veal in the Classroom](#) Grant.
- Rebecca Whigham, Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher, is requesting permission to apply for the [King Arthur Bake for Good Program](#).
- Rebecca Whigham, Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher, is requesting permission to apply for the [Popcorn Pep Contest](#).

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the requests to apply for and participate in the grants as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **10.d. Recommended Approval of Team Travel**

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, recommends approval of the following athletic team travel:

- Boys Basketball Program to attend the Ohio Men's Basketball [Team Camp](#) from June 6-8, 2025. Housing is provided on campus and the team will travel via school vans/vehicles.

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

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **10.e. Recommended Approval of Renewal Membership**

Superintendent Dr. Nicholas Guarente received correspondence regarding the renewal of the following Membership:

- Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools 2025-2026 [Membership](#)

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mrs. Boothe asked for an overview of what this does for the district and Dr. Guarente said they support us through grants and the organization was instrumental in advocacy of the fair funding act which is why we ended up with more state money and said he serves on the PARSS Board of Governors and the association carries weight with legislators.

Voting Yes: Bigler, Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Shade, and Wardle  
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **10.f. Recommended Approval of the DIG Staff Survey**

The Disenrollment & Grievance Committee recommends approval of the School Performance Snapshot [Staff Survey](#) for distribution to staff.

Motion by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Mr. Myers asked when this survey is proposed to be administered or given and expressed concern for the end of the school year not being a good time.

Mrs. Boothe said this is a replacement for the youth truth survey which wasn't done this year and said she would let the timing up to Dr. Guarente and when he thinks it should be shared. Mr. Wardle asked how the survey is being administered and who is collecting the results and Mrs. Boothe said it would be Mr. Cornman and similar to the past surveys with access codes.

Mr. Cornman said it would work similar to the parent survey where they got an access code created by him and sent out by the administration to access the survey then is deleted out of the system. He said the code is in its own database and cannot be tied to the code they used to provide the conglomerate data with no way to connect who answered the questions. Mr. Hippensteel asked who receives the data and Mr. Cornman said the server with access by Dr. Guarente, Mrs. Boothe, and himself could see the results.

Mr. Hippensteel asked when the committee is hoping to receive answers by and asked for the survey timeframe. Mr. Cornman said he expects the committee and Dr. Guarente to decide.

Mr. Wardle asked the goal of the survey and said we did one survey and had only 2% participation and asked how valued decisions would be made. Mr. Cornman said even if its only a small participation we aren't going to ignore the results or suggestions gained from it.

Mrs. Shade said the thought behind this was replacing the youth truth survey to save money and receive the same kind of data.

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

Voting No: Myers

Motion Carried. 8-1

#### **10.g. Recommended Approval of Bullying/Incident Reporting Graph**

The Disenrollment and Grievance Committee recommends approval of the Bullying/Incident Reporting Instructional [Graph](#) to be added to the website under the parents tab.

Motion by Mr. Cornman was seconded by Mrs. Boothe

Mr. Wardle asked what data was collected for the graph and Mrs. Shade said it is not data but phone numbers. Mr. Cornman said it is more like a flowchart than a graph showing parents a clear path of who to go to and Mrs. Shade said currently there is nothing on the web page for the chain of command so this would go there for parents to know what to do.

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

#### **10.h. Recommended Approval of School Property Utilization**

- Carly Zinn, on behalf of Big Spring Field Hockey, is requesting use of the High School turf field for Play Day on June 1, 2025 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Because the utilization is on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

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

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

### **11. New Business - Information Item**

#### **11.a. 2025 - 2026 Board Meeting Dates**

Board and Committee Meeting [Dates](#) for 2025 - 2026 were approved at the February 18, 2025 meeting and advertised by public notice in the [May 14, 2025](#) edition of the Newville Valley Times Star.

#### **11.b. Leave Request**

Whitney O'Donnell, Teacher, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence beginning Monday, October 13, 2025 through approximately Thursday, January 1, 2026 with a return date of Friday, January 2, 2026. 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.

#### **11.c. Contracted Staff Update**

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, provides the following contracted staff update:

- Rebecca Fry provided a letter of resignation from the ESS position of Paraprofessional at Mount Rock Elementary School effective May 30, 2025.

### **12. Board Reports**

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

**12.b. Building and Property Committee - Melissa Bigler, 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 he and Mr. Hippensteel attended the last meeting where building project and budget updates were shared. He said CTC graduation is scheduled for the end of the month, NOCTI testing is being wrapped up and things at the CTC are going well.

**12.e. DIG Committee - Julie Boothe, Chair Seth Cornman and Lisa Shade** – Mrs. Boothe said today the revised disenrollment survey was sent out 57 families and said hopefully we will get some timely responses to see their perspective.

**12.f. Finance Committee - Melissa Bigler, Julie Boothe, Frank Myers, and Lisa Shade** – Mrs. Shade said we currently agreed on a 1.5% tax increase which is able to be lowered on the final budget.

**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 said we had great public participation this evening and encouraged everyone to read up and submit feedback on upcoming policy topics ahead of the next meetings.

**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**

Monthly Enrollment effective April 30, 2025

Total Students Active Enrollment	Cyber Charter School Enrollment Regular Ed	Cyber Charter School Enrollment Special Ed	Approved Home Education	CPACTC
2,353 (including CAOLA and CVA)	142	95	221	118

Dr. Guarente thanked middle school and high school presenters this evening and said their accomplishments speak to the variety and success of our students in and out of the classroom.

Dr. Guarente said CTC Awards Night is tomorrow night and congratulated the CTC seniors.

Dr. Guarente provided a kindergarten registration update and said we have 119 completed registrations with 41 at Mount Rock, 35 at Newville, and 43 at Oak Flat.

Dr. Guarente said Newville will open the Time Capsule privately tomorrow coupled with a Spotlight on Learning from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and a Spotlight on Learning at Oak Flat on Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Dr. Guarente shared the Elementary Band and Chorus Concert will be Thursday at 7 pm in the middle school auditorium.

Dr. Guarente said next week will be all about the seniors concluding with Commencement at 7 pm on Friday in the stadium and said he checked the long range forecast and is hoping for 74 and sunny.

Dr. Guarente stated based on meeting the instructional requirement, as is tradition, the last 3 days of school will be an early release for students.

## 13. Meeting Closing

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

Mr. Myers thanked the Deitch family for their service, said his dad drove for Richard Deitch, and we appreciate all you've done. He said Dave Gutshall who served on the Board 20 plus years passed away and his service is next Tuesday.

Mrs. Boothe thanked the Deitch family for their service, said her bus driver was memorable, was one of many generational drivers, and said she appreciates their service to the school. Mrs. Boothe thanked all the educators that poured everything in to the Class of 2025 and said the class has been through a lot and described all they overcame on their journey. She said the graduates will grow into heroes, hard workers and great Americans.

Mr. Hippensteel thanked the teachers, said his daughter is getting ready to graduate and he really appreciates everything that was done for her.

Mr. Wardle said the primaries are tomorrow and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote. He said we challenge our students to dream big and talked about the success of the Dickinson College lacrosse team going to national competition in Boston. Mr. Wardle said commencement is not the end but the beginning and we want the best for our students and community.

### **13.b. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **9:05 pm**, May 19, 2025

Next scheduled meeting is **June 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm**

