

# Big Spring School District

## Newville, Pennsylvania

### Board Meeting Minutes

#### June 3, 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 7:32 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, Frank Myers, and Robert Over.

Absent: Kenneth Fisher

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 led all individuals present in the Pledge to the Flag.

#### **2. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports** - Caleb Tilden described the annual flag football game which he said was awesome and raised over \$2,000 to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. He thanked everyone including the community for supporting this event.

**3. Reading of Correspondence** – Julie Boothe summarized two letters received by the Board regarding microphone and sound issues and stated the concerns have been heard by the Board and they are working toward a resolution.

#### **4. Recognition of Visitors** - 51 visitors signed-in for the meeting

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

Michael Deihl offered a prayer for the meeting.

Lara Kauffman offered comments of concern regarding agenda item 9n Policy Committee and said the surrounding school districts who have policy committees do not have community members on them.

## **Public Comment Period (continued)**

Charolette McDonald came to the podium and requested to speak and reminded President Wardle she gave the Board a petition asking for a policy committee and said another individual also requested a policy committee.

Kathy Livengood spoke on agenda item 9f River Rock Academy and asked questions about cost and what is included in those costs.

Caroline Byers offered comments on the proposed curricular resources for social studies and asked the Board to trust the teachers and administration to make the best decision for students.

Katherine Baker offered comments of concern for the release of balloons at graduation and President Wardle apologized for any unintended harm.

Grace D'Alo offered comments on a district solicitor and stated Stock and Leader is a premier law firm and leaving them would be a mistake. She encouraged the Board to consider different points of view on the policy committee.

Adam Oldham offered comments of concern for a policy committee primarily comprised of community members and said not many people in the community may have experience in federal, state, and local requirements required of our policies and said he found no school districts in Cumberland County that have community members on their policy committees.

President Wardle announced the Board wished to present a small token of appreciation to Dr. Guarente and Dr. Sanders and Board Members thanked them for all they do to create a successful environment for our students.

## **6. Approval of Minutes**

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

## **7. Old Business – Nothing Offered**

## **8. New Business Personnel Items - Actions Items**

Unless there is an objection, we will combine all New Business Personnel Action Items listed under #8 into one motion.

### **8.a. Recommended Approval of Resignations**

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

- Allison Fry provided a letter of resignation from the position of Special Education Teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Taylor Miller provided a letter of resignation from the position of Newville Elementary School Counselor.
- Jessica Shover provided a letter of resignation from the position of 5th Grade Teacher at Newville Elementary School.

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

- Millie Gilbert provided a letter of resignation from the extra-duty position of Middle School Student Council Advisor effective May 31, 2024.
- Kaitlyn Miller provided a letter of resignation from the position of High School Assistant Coach for Girls Volleyball.
- Courtney Rickabaugh provided a letter of resignation from the extra-duty position of High School Student Council Advisor.

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

### **8.b. Recommended Approval for Transfer of Classified Personnel**

As per Board Policy 309, the administration will transfer the classified employee listed below:

- Madison Sloop from Administrative Assistant for Public Information, Reception, and Registration to Administrative Assistant for PIMS and Child Accounting. Mrs. Sloop will be placed on step B9 of the classified staff pay scale for the 2024-2025 school year for this 232- day position working 7.75 hours per day.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the above listed classified staff transfer as presented.

### **8.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 a request for leave without pay from the following employee:

- Shannon Arnold, Mount Rock Elementary Teacher, requesting a half day of leave without pay for May 22, 2024.
- Julie Thumma, Middle School Teacher, requesting leave without pay for May 24, 2024.

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

#### 8.d. Recommended Approval of a Speech and Language Clinician - Whitney Black

##### Education:

West Chester University of Pennsylvania - Communicative Disorders (Bachelor's Degree)

California University of Pennsylvania - Communication Disorders (Master's Degree)

##### Experience:

Grow & Tell, LLC - Speech-Language Pathologist

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint **Whitney Black** to the position of Speech Clinician replacing Jennifer Warner who has resigned. The compensation for this position should be established at Master's Degree step 4 \$66,389.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

#### 8.e. Recommended Approval of an Athletic Volunteer

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

- Jessica Bitner to serve as a Volunteer for the Cheer Program.

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

#### 8.f. Transfer of Professional Staff

The administration will transfer the professional staff listed below for the 2024-2025 school year. The transfers are in accordance with Board Policy 309, Assignment and Transfer.

Employee Name	Transferring From	Transferring To	Replacing
Katlyn O'Donohue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Oak Flat	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Oak Flat	Michelle Holtry who is transferring to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade at Newville
Megan Martin	Middle School Special Education Multi Disabilities Support (MDS)	Mount Rock Special Education Learning Support K-2	Additional Position Added
Carrie Gutshall	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Newville	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Newville	Jessica Shover who has resigned

**8.f. Transfer of Professional Staff (continued)**

<b>Employee Name</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>New Assignment</b>
Emily Hangen	Middle School Autism Support	Middle School & Mount Rock Emotional Support (K-8)
Laura Wettstein	Mount Rock Learning Support	Oak Flat and Newville Learning Support (K-5)
Gwyneth Forster	Oak Flat Emotional Support	Oak Flat and Newville Emotional Support (K-5)

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

**8.g. Recommended Approval of Mentors**

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 an Extra Duty Stipend. Dr. Nadine Sanders recommends the following mentors:

<b>Inductee</b>	<b>Building/Position</b>	<b>2024 - 2025 Mentor</b>
Chelsey Piper	6th Grade ELA Middle School	Sharon Beatty
Michelle Holtry	5th Grade Newville Elementary	Lauren Swigart
Whitney Black	Speech & Language Clinician	Jennifer Chamberlin
Megan Martin	Mount Rock Special Education	Jennifer Tomasov
Emily Hangen	Middle School & Mount Rock Special Education ES	Jennifer Tomasov
Laura Wettstein	Oak Flat and Newville Elementary Special Education	Jennifer Tomasov
Gwyneth Forster	Oak Flat and Newville Elementary Special Education	Jennifer Tomasov

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2024-2025 mentors as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman to combine and approve all items in New Business Personnel Action Items 8 (a) through 8 (g) as outlined and recommended above.

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

## 9. New Business - Actions Items

### 9.a. Recommended Approval of the 2024 - 2027 Big Spring School District Comprehensive Plan

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, presents the [Comprehensive Plan](#) for 2024 - 2027 and separate state-required reports for assurances regarding Academic Standards & Assessment Requirements (Chapter 4); [Gifted Education Plan Assurances](#) (Chapter 16); [Professional Development Plan](#) (Act 48); and [Induction Plan](#) (Chapter 49) for Board review. The Plan was posted to the web page on May 1, 2024, for the mandatory 28-day public review.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2024 - 2027 District Comprehensive Plan and required assurances as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

### 9.b. Recommend Approval of Trane HVAC Controls Agreement

<u>Vendor/Description</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Trane provides the District's building automation system (BAS), it includes (1) Server, (7) Building Controllers, and (571) Controllers. The Trane agreement provides software and support for all the associated automation and devices. The building automation system assists in providing increased energy efficiency, lower operating and maintenance costs, better indoor air quality, and greater occupant comfort. Trane's applications include remote access, onsite and remote service, building and energy applications, reports, dashboards, and utility management.	<a href="#">Trane</a>	3 YR	\$96,826.71/YR1
			\$100,699.78/YR2
			\$104,727.77/YR3

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Trane controls agreement.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mr. Hippensteel stated he spoke with Trane representatives about the software license fee and the labor to repair equipment and said the three year agreement can be terminated early. Dr. Guarente confirmed the benefit of a three year price with no obligation.

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

### **9.c. Recommended Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Property, Auto, Umbrella, Cyber, and Workers' Compensation Insurance**

The District works with Arthur Gallagher to help ensure the proper [insurance coverage](#). Utica (general liability), Workpartners (WC), and Travelers (cyber) are proposed to be used for the Fiscal Year 2024-25.

- Workers' Compensation - The District's experience mod slightly decreased. There is a 2.9% increase in pricing due to payroll.
- Property, Auto, and Umbrella Insurance - Utica supplies the District with SafeSchools training software, as well as potential for a dividend. The insurance premium increase is driven by District values increasing, nationwide claims, and increase litigation.
- Cyber - Cyber insurance increased due to enhanced coverage and a more nationwide focus on cyber security.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors accept the liability insurance quote from Utica, the cyber insurance quote from Travelers, and the workers' comp quote from Workpartners/UPMC.

Motion by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

### **9.d. Recommended Approval of Curricular Resources**

The following resources are being presented for approval to provide teachers with a list of resources to use as they design lessons for students. Curriculum unit maps will be presented at a later time that will outline the PA Standards, Essential Questions, and Learner Outcomes.

The Curricular Resources recommended by Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, are available from the links provided below.

#### Social Studies

- [ABC-CLIO](#)
- [Britannica](#)
- [Bill of Rights Institute](#)
- [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- [Digital Inquiry Group](#)
- [Discovery Ed Social Studies Techbook](#)
- [Ducksters](#)
- [History Channel](#)
- [iCivics](#)
- [Google Arts and Culture](#)
- [Google Earth](#)
- [Google Maps](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [National Archives](#)

#### **9.d. Recommended Approval of Curricular Resources (continued)**

- [PA Historical and Museum Commission](#)
- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [Scholastic Interactive Ellis Island Tour](#)
- [Smithsonian Institution](#)
- [Tenement Museum](#)
- [United Nations World Issues: Migration](#)
- [US Holocaust Museum](#)
- [World 101- Migration](#)

#### Art

- [The Art Story](#)
- [How Art Made the World 2005 Episodes 1 - 4](#)
- Tim's Vermeer – Video Documentary
- Caravaggio Biography from Goodbye-Art Academy

#### Middle School Career Exploration

- [SAS PDE - Career Ready Toolkit](#)
- [Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work](#)

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.e. Recommended Renewal of 2024 - 2025 Membership**

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

- Shippensburg Study Council 2024-2025 [Renewal](#) of Membership at a cost of \$350.00.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the District's membership renewal for 2024-2025 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.



#### **9.f. Recommended Approval of Agreements**

Dr. Abigail Leonard, Director of Student Services, and Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, have reviewed the [AEDY Agreement](#) and [Contract Reservation](#) of Secondary and Elementary Slots with River Rock Academy LLC for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.g. Recommended Approval of Continuation of Services**

Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent, has reviewed a letter from Gareth Pahowka of [Stock and Leader](#) for a continuation of legal services.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the continuation of services with Stock and Leader as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.h. Recommended Approval of Request to Apply for 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. Shade was seconded by Mr. Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.i. Recommended Approval of 2024-2025 Mini-Thon Fundraisers**

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, recommends approval of the following 2024-2025 fundraisers throughout the school year to benefit the Mini-Thon:

- No Shave November
- Diamond Pageant
- Paint War
- Bingo
- Volleyball Tournament
- Stall Day
- Restaurant Nights
- Cornhole/Spikeball Tournament
- Teacher Cook-Off
- Polar Plunge
- Gold Out Games
- Run- A -THON/Color Run
- Tie-Dying
- Pickle Ball Tournament
- Car wash
- Raffle
- Mini-Golf Night
- Flocking or Easter Egging
- Easter Made Easy
- Dress Sale

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

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.j. Recommended Approval of Updated Job Descriptions**

The administration has updated the job descriptions listed below:

[115 - Director of Safety and Security, School Police Officer](#)

[506 - Administrative Assistant for PIMS & Child Accounting](#)

[520 - Administrative Assistant for Public Information, Registration, and Reception](#)

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

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.k. Recommended Approval of Orkin for the District's Integrated Pest Management Program**

The District solicited three quotes for the integrated pest management (IPM). After reviewing the price, details of the contract, and references, the District is recommending [Orkin](#) as their IPM. The agreement is for three years, with a cancellation provision of a 30-day notice.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Orkin agreement.

Motion by Mr. Cornman was seconded by Mr. Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.l. Recommended Approval of Capital Project Payments**

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

- El Associates - District Feasibility Study - [PP9358](#) - \$3,333.33

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 Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.m. Recommended Approval of Student Travel and Fundraiser**

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

- Boys Basketball Program to attend the [West Virginia University Team Camp](#) from June 7 - 9, 2024.
- Field Hockey Program to attend the [Shippensburg University Field Hockey Camp](#) from July 25 - 28, 2024.
- Cheer Program to attend the [Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp](#) from August 13 - 16, 2024.

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities recommends approval for the High School FFA to attend the 2024 - 2025 conventions and leadership conferences listed below:

- National Convention October 22 - 26, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana
- ACES January 25 - 26, 2025 in Harrisburg, PA
- SLLC March 23 - 25, 2025 in Harrisburg, PA
- State Convention (Tentative dates) June 10 - 12, 2025 at Penn State University, State College

#### **9.m. Recommended Approval of Student Travel and Fundraiser (continued)**

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

- [Summer Fundraising](#) to benefit the Cheer Program.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the team participation, student travel, and fundraiser as presented.

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

#### **9.n. Policy Committee Charter**

Seth Cornman recommends to approve a [Policy Committee Charter](#) and the Committee as chartered.

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

Mr. Myers recommended a revision to the charter to include more administration and Mr. Over stated his vote will be no because of concern for how the community members would be selected for this committee.

Mr. Cornman said when he ran for office, he was committed to bring community involvement and the committee would present changes to the full Board for review.

The Board continued to discuss the committee charter and Mr. Hippensteel stated he is not convinced the committee needs community members because he said the community is actively attending meetings we already have public review of policies.

Mr. Cornman made a motion to strike and remove community members from the charter section III number 3 and strike XI through XVI related to community members which was seconded by Mrs. Shade.

Mr. Over asked how many total members will be on the committee and President Wardle responded he will appoint 3 Board Members plus he will participate, Dr. Guarente and one administrator selected by Dr. Guarente which equals 6 committee members.

Mr. Myers made a motion to table the Policy Charter and Amended Policy Charter which was seconded by Mr. Over.

Following some discussion, a vote was taken to table the charter and amended charter.

#### **9.n. Policy Committee Charter**

Voting Yes: Myers, Over, and Wardle

Voting No: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, Hippensteel, and Shade

Motion Fails 3-5

The Board voted on Mr. Cornman's original motion to amend and strike community members as previously stated.

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

Mr. Over expressed concern for how a tie will be handled with a committee of 6 members which was discussed.

The Board voted to approve the [amended](#) Policy Charter.

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

Voting No: Myers and Over

Motion Carried 6-2

#### **9.o. Policy Committee Officers and Chairperson**

Seth Cornman recommends to vote on Officers and a Chair for the Policy Committee.

President Wardle said he received requests from Mrs. Boothe, Mr. Cornman, and Mr. D. Fisher to serve on the committee and Mr. Cornman has requested to be the Chairperson. President Wardle will also serve on the committee as well as Dr. Guarente and one other administrator.

Motion to approve the Officers and Chairperson by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Voting No: Myers and Over

Motion Carried 6-2

An objection was raised about notice to community members serving on the committee and Mr. Hippensteel reminded everyone community members were eliminated from the committee.

A motion to approve the first meeting date of June 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm by Mrs. Shade was seconded by Mr. Cornman. The meeting will be in the middle school auditorium.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

#### **9.p. Recommended Approval of the Act 93 Compensation Plan 2024 - 2028**

After a meeting between the Act 93 representatives and Board representatives, the administration developed the [Act 93](#) Compensation Plan for 2024 - 2028.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Act 93 Compensation Plan for the 2024-2028 school years as presented.

**9.p. Recommended Approval of the Act 93 Compensation Plan 2024 – 2028 (continued)**

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

**9.q. Nullify RFP**

Seth Cornman recommends to nullify Julie Boothe's motion for RFP

Motion by Mr. Cornman to rescind the RFP motion was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously 8-0.

**9.r. RFP Process for Solicitor**

Seth Cornman recommends the superintendent to proceed with the RFP process for solicitor as stated in the motion made last meeting by Julie Boothe.

Motion by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Mrs. Boothe read the motion to instruct the Superintendent to initiate the Request for Proposal process – Therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby instructs the superintendent to commence the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for school solicitor, including but not limited to:

1. Publishing the RFP in appropriate channels to ensure maximum visibility to potential vendors.

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

Voting No: Myers and Over

Motion Carried 6-2

**10. New Business - Information Item**

**10.a. Proposed Approval of Updated and New Curriculum**

Listed below are updated and new curriculum recommended by Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum, for Board Approval at the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting. All resources are available from the links provided below for review by the Board of School Directors.

- [HS Algebra I Linear Functions](#) (new)
- [HS Algebra I Nonlinear Functions](#) (new)
- [HS Algebra with Financial Applications](#) (new)
- [HS Computer Science Discoveries](#) (new)
- [HS English IV](#) (revised to reflect semester course)
- [HS The Visual Experience](#) (revised)
- [MS Career Exploration](#) (new)
- [MS Grade 6 Science](#) (new)
- [MS Grade 7 Science](#) (new)
- [MS Grade 8 Science](#) (new)

## **10.b. New Story Tuition Agreement**

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 tuition agreement for a Big Spring student enrolled with New Story during the 2023-2024 school year.

## **11. Board Reports**

**11.a. Athletic Council - Ken Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, Frank Myers, and John Wardle – Mr. Hippensteel** said the next meeting will be June 5, 2024

**11.b. Building and Property Committee - David Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, Robert Over, and John Wardle – Nothing Offered**

**11.c. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Seth Cornman - [May All-In](#) [Champions for Children Golf Tournament](#)**

Mr. Cornman reminded everyone about the May All-In publication, the Champions for Children Golf Tournament, and said the next meeting is June 27, 2024.

**11.d. Cumberland Perry Area CTC - John Wardle – Mr. Wardle** said the CTC is offering a Middle School Camp for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at a cost of \$25.00 for the one day event and said there will be a Summer Academy for educators on June 11th from 8 – 3 at a cost of \$50.00. He also shared the NOCTI Test results for Big Spring for 44 students and said 89% achieved advanced or competent which is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest score of all school districts. Mr. Wardle said 500 students and families attended orientation and 89 of the 117 work study students at the CTC were offered full time employment upon graduation.

**11.e. DIG Committee - Julie Boothe, Chair Seth Cornman and Lisa Shade – Mrs. Boothe** said the next meeting is June 13, 2024 - 7 pm in MS Room 514 and shared the Committee spent time on the disenrollment survey finalizing details at the May 30 meeting with great input from Mallory Farrands and Dr. Guarente and said Mr. Cornman is progressing on the technology of the survey.

**11.f. Finance Committee - Julie Boothe, Frank Myers, Robert Over, and Lisa Shade - Nothing Offered**

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

**11.h. South Central Trust - Seth Cornman – Mr. Cornman** shared Executive Committee Meeting dates as listed (9AM) - 9/4/24, 11/6/24, 1/8/25, 3/26/25, 5/28/25 and Full Board (3PM) - 12/11/24, 4/30/25

**11.i. Tax Collection Committee - David Fisher – Nothing Offered**

**11.j. Wellness Committee - Seth Cornman – Nothing Offered**

## **11.k. Future Board Agenda Items – Nothing Offered**

### **11.l. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas Guarente**

Dr. Guarente offered congratulations to our seniors and said Friday's graduation was a beautiful evening with great weather. He said he can't wait to see what this graduating class does in the future.

Dr. Guarente said curriculum will be written this summer and approval will come to the Board as the summer unfolds.

Dr. Guarente said we will be working on personnel needs and hope to promptly fill vacancies as they come along.

Dr. Guarente shared the ESCO is already underway and work has started on the removal of the rooftop units at Mount Rock and has jumpstarted on all the summer projects.

## **12. Meeting Closing**

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

Mrs. Boothe said graduation night was beautiful and it was nice to see the community come together to celebrate the achievement of our seniors.

Mr. Hippensteel apologized he couldn't attend the All Sports Banquet but said he attended the Senior Awards Ceremony where more than 60 students received senior awards from the local community totaling more than \$329,000. He said the 4 year total of college scholarships awarded to Big Spring students was more than 2 million dollars and said graduation on our football field was amazing and the field was very well maintained and beautiful.

Mr. Over said graduation was great and thanked our teachers and administrators. He also said listening to Caleb Tilden was great.

President Wardle encouraged everyone to contact legislators to approve the budget because it has a direct impact on our budget. He thanked everyone working in any capacity to support our students and thanked Dr. Guarente. He said it is great to see everyone here and hear your comments and said as we prepare for our students next year, the Board will continue to be involved.

### **12.b. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Meeting adjourned at **9:16 pm, June 3, 2024**

Next scheduled meeting is **June 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm**

