



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

JULY 10, 2023

8:00 PM - High School Auditorium

- 1. Opening Meeting: Call to Order/Pledge** - President John Wardle
- 2. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports**
- 3. Reading of Correspondence**
- 4. Recognition of Visitors** - We remind all visitors to please sign-in on the clipboard for tonight's meeting.

5. Public Comment Period

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the [Committee of the Whole](#) and [Board Meeting Minutes](#) for June 19, 2023 as presented?

7. Financial Reports

7.a. Payment of Bills

General Fund

Procurement Card	\$	20,905.16
Checks/ACH/Wires	\$	4,257,542.86
Special Revenue	\$	-
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$	-
Cafeteria Fund	\$	173,175.98
Student Activities	\$	52,580.25
Total	\$	4,504,204.25

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented?

7.b. Treasurer's Fund Report

General Fund	\$	20,540,391.45
Special Revenue Fund	\$	66,575.43
Capital Project Reserve Fund	\$	10,108,054.02
ESCO Fund	\$	8,691,026.46
Cafeteria Fund	\$	919,069.11
Student Activities	\$	227,111.58
Total	\$	40,552,228.05

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as presented?

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.

Motion to accept Year-To-Date General Fund and Tax Reports as submitted?

8. Old Business - Do we have any old business?

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 Year 2 Mentors for 2023-2024

Based on the provisions of the Teacher Induction Program, each teacher new to a school district or transfer of building assignment is assigned a mentor teacher. As per the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Big Spring School District and the Big Spring Education Association, individual mentor teachers receive a stipend. The recommended year 2 mentors for 2023-2024 are listed below:

Inductee	Building/Subject	Year 2 Curriculum Mentor
Riley Brown	High School Business	Cherie Powell
Gwyneth Forster	Oak Flat Special Education	Rebecca Coulson
Kendra Hoffman	Newville Kindergarten	Courtney Wiser
Valerie Kanc	Speech and Language	Jennifer Warner
Joseph Kucker	High School Social Studies	Lauren Hetrick
Natalee Piper	Middle School Special Education	Erin Zinn

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2023-2024 year 2 mentor teachers as presented.

9.b. Recommended Approval of Resignations

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

- **Dakotah Miller** provided a letter of resignation from the position of District ESL Teacher effective August 8, 2023.

Cheri Frank, Director of Custodial Services, received a custodial staff resignation:

- **Marlin Rudy** resigned from the position of Middle School Custodian.

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

- **John Fetchkan** provided a letter of resignation from the position of Head Middle School Football Coach.
- **Allison Fry** provided a letter of resignation from the position of Assistant High School Girls Soccer Coach.

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

9.c. Recommended Approval of Leave Request

- Sharon Beatty, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence to begin Thursday, August 17, 2023 through approximately Tuesday, October 31, 2023 with a return date of Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

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

9.d. Recommended Approval of Athletic Staff

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

- Christopher Barrick for the position of Head Boys Wrestling Coach and vacate all supporting positions.
- Heather Best for the position of Head Bocci Coach and vacate all supporting positions.
- Amy Davidson for the position of Head Girls Basketball Coach and vacate all supporting positions.
- Nathaniel Gutshall for the position of Head Girls Wrestling Coach and vacate all supporting positions.
- Bambi Henke for the position of Volunteer Coach for the Cheer Program.

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

10. New Business - Actions Items

10.a. Credit Pay

The professional employees whose names are listed below have successfully completed graduate work and are entitled to the specified amount in accordance with the current contract between the Big Spring Educational Association, the Act 93 Agreement, and the Big Spring School District.

BrieAnn Arnsberger	\$3,756.00
Madison Frick	\$1,878.00
Denise Hocker	\$4,360.00
Ellie Piper	\$3,762.00

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

10.b. Recommended Approval of New Curricular Resources

Listed below are new Curricular Resources recommended by Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Resources:

- Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship: Elementary and Middle School K-8
- English Language Arts: Middle School Grades 6-8 - Publisher Amplify
- Into Reading: Elementary Grades 3-5 - Publisher Houghton Mifflin
- Common Lit 360: High School English I and English II

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the new curriculum resources for 2023-2024 as presented.

10.c. Recommended Approval of Capital Project Funds Payments

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

- Trane - \$22,465.80 - [Invoice #313677681](#) for Access Control Project
- Trane - \$5,483.00 - [Invoice #313677707](#) for Camera and Camera Control Project
- Prismworks - \$35,555 - [Invoice #14849](#) for HS Cabling Project
- Prismworks - \$66.670 - [Invoice #14850](#) for HS Cabling Project

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

10.d. Recommended Approval of ESCO Project Payments

The following invoices are for payment within the ESCO Project List:

- McClure Co - [Pay App #4](#) - \$933,820.70

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

10.e. Recommended Approval of Agreements

Mr. Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, has reviewed the [Ambulance Agreement](#) with Friendship Hose Company No. 1, Inc., for the 2023-2024 school year to provide services during home football games.

Dr. Abigail Leonard, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the proposed 2023 - 2024 [Vista-District Classrooms Agreement](#). Vista provides educational services and support to students with intensive needs related to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Dr. Abigail Leonard, Director of Student Services, reviewed the **Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) [Agreement for School-Age Education Services](#)** for the 2023-2024 school year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2023-2024 agreements as presented.

10.f. Recommended Approval of Varsity Ticket Pricing

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, has provided a Varsity Ticket Pricing Update for the 2023-2024 school year approved by the Athletic Committee in May:

Big Spring is moving to \$5/adult and \$2/student for all events (changing from the \$2 adult and \$1 student for JH events) held in our High School (Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball) and Middle School Gyms (MS Girls Volleyball, MS Boys and Girls Basketball), Stadium (all levels of Football, some High School Boys and Girls Soccer games), and Natatorium (Swimming & Diving).

The athletic office offers the following passes:

- Student Pass - All students enrolled at Big Spring receive free entry into all home Big Spring athletic events. Student ID is required.
- Parent Pass – All in season student-athletes will receive two parent passes, which gives them free entry to all home athletic events at Big Spring during that season.
- Senior Citizen Pass – Any interested Big Spring resident who can prove age 65+ and residency can obtain a “Gold Card,” giving them free entry to all Big Spring athletic events.
- Bulldog Sponsor Pass – Businesses that sponsor at the highest level get two free passes for all home Big Spring athletic events.

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

10.g. Recommended Approval of Fundraisers

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

- Mystery House Plants through Sweet Blooms Floral Designs to benefit the Cheer Team Aug. 1 through Aug. 31, 2023.
- Popcorn by Poppinpopcorn.com to benefit the Cheer Team Sept. 1 through Sept. 29, 2023.
- Ice-Cream Pies through [Goose Bros. Ice-Cream](http://GooseBros.Ice-Cream) to benefit the Cheer Team Oct. 1 through Oct. 20, 2023.

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

11. New Business - Information Item

11.a. New Story Tuition Agreements

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 student tuition agreements for Big Spring students who will be attending New Story during the 2023-2024 school year.

11.b. Proposed Approval of Updated and New Curriculum

Listed below are the new and updated Curriculum recommended by Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, for Board approval at the August 7, 2023 Board Meeting. All resources are available in the Curriculum Center for review by the Board of School Directors.

Elementary

- Elementary Library
- First Grade ELA Foundational Skills and Social Studies
- Kindergarten ELA Foundational Skills and Social Studies
- Second Grade ELA Foundational Skills and Social Studies

Middle School

- Sixth Grade Health
- Sixth Grade STEM
- Sixth Grade English Language Arts
- Seventh Grade English Language Arts
- Eighth Grade English Language Arts
- 7th/8th Grade STEM Course A
- 7th/8th Grade STEM Course B
- 7th/8th Grade Health Course A
- Accelerated 7th/8th Grade Math (new)
- Business Course A - 6 C Experience (new)
- Keyboarding and Digital Citizenship (new)
- World Language Exploration Course A
- World Language Exploration Course B (new)

11.b. Proposed Approval of Updated and New Curriculum (continued)

High School

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- Drone Beginner
- Drone Intermediate
- English I
- English II
- English III (new)
- Healthy Relationships and Team Sports
- Metal Fabrication (new)
- Mental Health and Individual Lifetime Activities
- Personal Finance

12. Board Reports

12.a. District Improvement Committee - Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Webster

12.b. Athletic Committee - Mr. Deihl, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Wardle

12.c. Cumberland Perry Area CTC - Mr. Piper and Mr. Wardle

12.d. Building and Property Committee - Mr. Over, Mr. Piper, Mr. Roush, and Mr. Wardle

Mtg Dates: Sept. 5, 2023 Oct. 2, 2023 Nov. 13, 2023 March 4, 2024 May 6, 2024

12.e. Finance Committee - Mr. Deihl, Mr. Over, Mr. Piper, and Mr. Myers

Mtg Dates: Oct. 16, 2023 Dec. 4, 2023 March 18, 2024 April 22, 2024 May 20, 2024 June 3, 2024

12.f. South Central Trust - Mr. Deihl

12.g. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mr. Swanson - [Board Highlights](#) and [All-In June](#)

12.h. Tax Collection Committee - Mr. Swanson

12.i. Future Board Agenda Items

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

13. Meeting Closing

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

13.b. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at _____ pm, **July 10, 2023**

Next scheduled meeting is **August 7, 2023**

Please Note:

The **August** Board Meetings will be held in the High School Auditorium because of summer work at the Middle School.