



AUGUST 4, 2025

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

7:30 PM - Middle 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** - please sign in on the clipboard for tonight's meeting
- 5. Public Comment Period**
- 6. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the [Policy Committee](#), [Committee of the Whole](#) and [Board Meeting](#) Minutes for June 23, 2025 as presented?

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	\$33,664.77	Procurement Card - Detail	See Procurement Card Detail
General Fund - Checks/ACH/Wires	\$5,065,805.00	General Fund - Detail	General Fund - Summary
Special Revenue	\$3,116.14	Special Revenue - Detail	Special Revenue - Summary
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$4,971.35	Capital Projects - Detail	Capital Projects - Summary
Cafeteria Fund	\$150,748.74	Cafeteria Fund - Detail	Cafeteria Fund - Summary
Student Activities	\$23,308.90	Student Activities - Detail	Student Activities - Summary

Total amount of all funds **\$5,281,614.90**

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented

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 [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 two previous years.

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

7.d. Budgetary Transactions

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

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 Approval of Staff Transfers

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:

- Jesse Bortner from the position of Middle School English Language Arts Teacher to High School English Language Arts Teacher replacing Courtney Rickabaugh who resigned.
- Lauren Swigart from the position of Instructional Coach at Newville Elementary School to the position of Instructional Coach at the Middle School replacing Crystal Grossman who resigned.

9.a. Recommended Approval of Staff Transfers (continued)

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

- Shantay Gantz from the position of Life Skills Paraprofessional at Oak Flat Elementary School to the position of Direct Care Paraprofessional at the High School at step 124 of the Classified Pay Scale working 7 hours per day and 180 days per school year replacing Michelle Paris who has transferred.

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

9.b. Recommended Approval of Resignations

Administration received the following staff resignations:

- Aleia Baker provided a resignation from the position of Technology Education Teacher at the High School effective July 23, 2025.
- Jesse Bortner provided a resignation from the extra-duty position of Assistant ELA Department Head.
- Matthew Eisenberg provided a letter of resignation from the position of Football Coach but will remain a Volunteer to the program.
- Kirsty Herb provided a resignation from the position of School Counselor at Newville Elementary School.
- Leslie Locy provided a resignation from the position of Second Grade Teacher at Newville Elementary School pending hire by a new employer.
- Sarah Roller provided a resignation from the position of Special Education Teacher at the Middle School pending hire by a new employer.
- Craig Stouffer provided a resignation from the position of General Maintenance/Plumbing Technician effective July 31, 2025.
- Lauren Swigart provided a resignation from the extra-duty position of Elementary SAP Co-Coordinator.

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

9.c. Recommended Approval of a Business Office Intern

The Business Office engages a high school student as an intern rather than hiring a part-time employee to help with routine administrative tasks as well as select accounting reports. Based on a recommendation from Cherie Powell, High School Career Coordinator, we have a superior candidate for the 2025-26 school year:

- Maria Tandle

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve hiring Maria Tandle as a paid intern in the Business Office at a rate of \$11.96 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week.

9.d. Recommended Approval of an Elementary Special Education Teacher - Madison Sieg

Education:

Shippensburg University - Special Education and Early Childhood Education (Bachelors Degree)

Experience:

ESS - Substitute Teacher

Shippensburg School District - Student Teacher

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Madison Sieg to the position of Oak Flat Elementary School Special Education Teacher replacing Gwen MacConnell who 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.e. Recommended Approval of an Itinerant Teacher for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Alisha Lee

Education:

Bloomsburg University - Special Education and Elementary Education (Bachelors Degree)

Vanderbilt University - Education of the Deaf (Masters Degree)

Experience:

Mechanicsburg School District - Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Alisha Lee to the position of Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing replacing Bonnie Seltzer who resigned. The compensation for this position should be established at Masters Degree Step 11 \$75,330.00 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 a Middle School ELA Teacher - Kyla Hartunian

Education:

University of Alaska Fairbanks - Communication (Bachelors Degree)

Arizona State University - English (Masters Degree)

Arizona State University - Learning Design and Technologies (M.Ed.)

Experience:

West Perry School District - High School English Teacher

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Kyla Hartunian to the position of 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher at the Middle School replacing Jesse Bortner who transferred. The compensation for this position should be established at Masters Degree Plus 75 Credits Step 4 \$72,900.00 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.g. Recommended Approval of a 2nd Grade Teacher - Daniela Christlieb

Education:

Lock Haven University - Criminal Justice (Bachelors Degree)

West Chester University - Teacher Certification Grades PK-4

Wilson College - TESOL (Masters Degree)

Experience:

Chambersburg School District - Kindergarten Teacher

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Daniela Christlieb to the position of Second Grade Teacher at Newville Elementary School replacing Leslie Locy who resigned. The compensation for this position should be established at Masters Degree Step 8 \$72,030.00 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.h. Recommended Approval of an Elementary Instructional Coach - Benjamin Motter

Education:

Dickinson College - Mathematics (Bachelors Degree)

Shippensburg University - Secondary School Administration, Masters Equivalency

Experience:

Mechanicsburg School District - Elementary Instructional Coach

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors appoint Benjamin Motter to the position of Instructional Coach at Newville Elementary School replacing Lauren Swigart who transferred. The compensation for this position should be established at Masters Degree Step 15 \$79,730.00 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.i. Recommended Approval of an Extra Duty Positions

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

- Erin Bishop to serve as Year 1 Mentor to Madison Sieg for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Jesse Bortner to serve as Year 1 Mentor to Kyla Hartunian for Semester 1 of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Benjamin Motter to serve as a Volunteer Coach for the Golf Program.
- Leah Richwine to serve as Year 1 Mentor to Benjamin Motter for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Emma Shutt to serve as Year 1 Mentor to Kyla Hartunian for Semester 2 of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Jennifer Chamberlin to serve as Mentor to Alisha Lee for the 2025-2026 school year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the extra duty staff as presented

9.j. Recommended Approval of Job Descriptions and Staff Transfer

Administration has updated the following Job Descriptions:

- 606 [Director of Mechanical Services and Building Systems](#)
- 607 [Director of Facilities Management and Planning](#)

As per Board Policy 309 Assignment and Transfer, the administration will transfer the classified employees listed below:

- Darryl Betts from the position of Head Grounds Keeper to the position of Director of Mechanical Services and Buildings Systems at a salary of \$65,000.00 per year.
- Cheri Frank from the position of Director of Custodial Services to the position of Director of Facilities Management and Planning at a salary of \$72,000.00 per year.

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

10. New Business - Actions Items

10.a. Recommended Approval of New and Updated Curriculum and Curricular Resources

Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommends approval of the following new and revised curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year:

[Art](#)

- Elementary Art K – 2 (revised)
- Elementary Art 3 – 5 (revised)
- Middle School: Sixth Grade Intro to Visual Art (revised)
- Middle School: 2D Visual Art and Design (revised)
- Middle School: 3D Visual Art and Design (revised)
- High School: 2D Studio Art I (revised)
- High School: 2D Studio Art II (revised)
- High School: 3D Studio Art I and II (revised)
- High School: Ceramics I and II (revised)
- High School: Digital Photography I and II (revised)
- High School: Honors 2D Studio Art III (revised)

[Elementary Science](#)

- Kindergarten Science (new)
- Grade 1 Science (new)
- Grade 2 Science (new)
- Grade 3 Science (new)

10.a. Recommended Approval of New and Updated Curriculum and Curricular Resources (cont'd)

English Language Development (all new)

- Kindergarten ELD
- First Grade ELD
- Second and Third Grade ELD
- Fourth and Fifth Grade ELD
- Sixth – Eighth Grade ELD
- Ninth – Twelfth Grade ELD

Health and Physical Education

- Elementary Health and PE K – 2 (revised)
- Elementary Health and PE 3 – 5 (revised)
- Middle School: Physical Education Grades 7 and 8 Course A (revised)
- Middle School: Physical Education Grades 7 and 8 Course B (revised)

High School

- Earth and Space (revised)
- Event Planning (revised)
- Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry (revised)

Technology and Engineering and Agriculture

- High School: Architectural Design I (revised)
- High School: Architectural Design II (new)
- High School: Engineering (revised)
- High School: Fish and Wildlife (revised)
- High School: Food Science and Safety (revised)

Technology Engineering and Agriculture

- Middle School: Woodshop (revised)

Family Consumer Science

- Family Consumer Science Grade 6 (revised)
- Family Consumer Science Grades 7 and 8 Course A (revised)
- Family Consumer Science Grades 7 and 8 Course B (revised)

Music

- Elementary Band (revised)
- Middle School: Intro to Modern Band (new)
- High School: Guitar Lab (revised)
- High School: Lighting and Sound Design (revised)
- High School: Modern Band II (new)

10.a. Recommended Approval of New and Updated Curriculum and Curricular Resources (cont'd)

Dr. Reed, Supervisor of Student Services and Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommend approval of the following curricular resources for the 2025-2026 school year:

[SummitK12](#)

[Lexia](#)

[Reading A to Z](#)

The administration recommends approval of the new and revised curriculum and curricular resources as presented.

10.b. Recommended Approval of Updated Policies

The Policy Committee has proposed the updated policies listed below:

- [Policy 235](#) Student Rights/Surveys
- [Policy 903](#) Public Participation in Board Meetings

The updated policies are proposed to the Board of School Directors for approval as presented.

10.c. Recommended Approval of Tuition Waivers

Zachary Miller, father of High School student Jacob Miller, is requesting permission for Jacob to continue to attend Big Spring High School for the 2025-2026 school year and graduate (if eligible) with the class of 2026, per the conditions outlined in Board Policy 202.1. The parent is required to provide the necessary transportation to and from school.

The current Collective Bargaining Agreement provides non-resident teachers and employees the opportunity to choose to send their children to Big Spring School District free of tuition. The administration recommends granting a 2025-2026 tuition waiver exemption to the following students:

Last Name	First Name	Grade	Building Assignment
Beck	Levi	10	Big Spring High School
Beck	Samuel	8	Big Spring Middle School
Best	Arabella	5	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Best	Christian	10	Big Spring High School
Best	Colton	8	Big Spring Middle School
Black	Hanna	11	Big Spring High School
Brackbill	Beckett	K	Oak Flat Elementary School
Brackbill	Liam	3	Oak Flat Elementary School

10.c. Recommended Approval of Tuition Waivers (continued)

Frankford	Amber	2	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Hockenberry	Samuel	7	Big Spring Middle School
Kelley	Cassidy	2	Oak Flat Elementary School
Kelley	Melanie	K	Oak Flat Elementary School
Kilian	Blaise	5	Newville Elementary School
Kilian	Clara	2	Newville Elementary School
Oldham	Karina	2	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Oldham	Lucas	5	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Robbins	Logan	1	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Ryan	Clara	11	Big Spring High School
Sallie	Landon	10	Big Spring High School
Sallie	Parker	5	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Schenk	Olivia	1	Newville Elementary School
Schenk	Stella	6	Big Spring Middle School
Shaul	Everett	K	Mt. Rock Elementary School
Sheller	Brandon	12	Big Spring High School
Stanton	Andrew	6	Big Spring Middle School
Stanton	James	9	Big Spring High School
Stanton	Thomas	6	Big Spring Middle School
VanderHeijden	Bethany	K	Oak Flat Elementary School
Weller	Jay	4	Oak Flat Elementary School
Wiser	Dawson	5	Newville Elementary School
Wiser	Devynn	8	Big Spring Middle School
Wiser	Maggie	6	Big Spring Middle School
Wiser	Tenley	3	Newville Elementary School

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the non-resident tuition waivers as presented.

10.d. Recommend Approval of the Fiscal Year End 2023-24 Transfer from General Fund to Capital Project Reserve Fund

At the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting, Administration sought approval to transfer any remaining funds from the General Fund to the Capital Project Reserve Fund during the closeout of 2023-2024 financial audit. The District ended with a surplus of \$5,179,338 in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the transfer of the \$5,179,338 from the General Fund to the Capital Project Reserve Fund to fund future capital projects.

10.e. Recommended Approval to Dispose of Outdated Curriculum Materials

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction and the Office of Student Services are requesting permission to dispose of the following outdated textbooks and materials:

- Elementary Progress ELA – Practice Books
- Teachers Curriculum Institute, Social Studies Alive: My Community - Textbooks and Materials
- Penns Valley Publication, Social Studies, PA Our People, Places, Past
- C. Heath & Co., Regions Near and Far
- SRA Mastery of Reading, Grades K to 3
- SRA: Signature Edition, 2008 – Materials/Workbooks
- SRA: Math – Materials/Workbooks
- PSSA Coach Books 2014
- iReady Common Core 2014 – Workbooks
- System 44 2014 – Materials/Workbooks

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the request to dispose of outdated curriculum materials as presented, per Board Policy 706.1.

10.f. Recommended Approval of Agreements

Dr. Trisha Reed, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the Services [Agreement](#) with New Story Schools for students placed at the New Cumberland location and the Services [Agreement](#) with New Story Schools for students placed at the Carlisle location for the 2025-2026 school term.

Dr. Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, has reviewed the [License Agreement](#) with BELCO Community Credit Union Agreement for 2025-2028. BELCO provides a branch location at the Big Spring High School to utilize the expertise of the Credit Union to enhance the financial literacy of students.

Dr. Trisha Reed, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the [Agreement](#) with Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc. for academic student placements for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.f. Recommended Approval of Agreements (continued)

Dr. Trisha Reed, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the [Building Agreement](#) for operation of a CAIU Class in a District Building for the 2025-2026 school year to operate and maintain space for use by the CAIU for instructional purposes in the early intervention preschool program located at Oak Flat Elementary School.

Dr. Trisha Reed, Director of Student Services, has reviewed the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with Campbell Psychological Services to provide school-based outpatient mental health services.

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

10.g. Recommend Approval of Capital Project Fund Payment

The following invoices are being presented for ratification for payment within the Capital Project Fund:

- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 234975839](#) - 6/16/25 - \$807.40
- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 234975089](#) - 6/16/25 - \$4,163.95
- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 235409924](#) - 7/2/25 - \$11,706.14
- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 235381593](#) - 7/1/25 - \$9,817.43
- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 235381600](#) - 7/1/25 - \$5,744.35
- B & H Photo & Electronics Corp. - [Invoice 235381604](#) - 7/1/25 - \$4,503.12
- R L Snyder Electric Inc. - [Invoice 07222501](#) - 7/22/25 - \$3,960.86

This project was approved at the March 3, 2025 Board meeting. The administration recommends the Board of School Directors ratify these invoices to be paid from the Capital Project Fund as approved at the June 23, 2025 Board meeting.

10.h. Recommend Approval of Renewal Service Agreements

The administration reviewed the following renewals of existing service agreements:

<u>Vendor/Description</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cope Company performs preventative maintenance, tank cleaning, and service/repair for our AutoBrine Systems	Salt & Service Agreement	1 YR	\$2,250/YR
The Fulcrum Guy performs an inspection of the diving board.	Diving Board	1 YR	\$530/YR
ProAsys provides quarterly water testing and treatment of heating, chilled and well field loops.	Hot Water Loops	1 YR	\$12,600/YR

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

10.i. Recommended Approval of Agreement

Nicole Deutsch, Supervisor of Transportation, has reviewed the [Capital Area Intermediate Unit Transportation Agreement](#) for the 2025-2026 school year, which provides off-site transportation for special needs and early intervention students.

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

10.j. Recommended Approval of Building Utilization

- Donald Hoover on behalf of Big Spring Midget Football is requesting use of the stadium area and Mt. Rock field for midget football/cheer practice July 28 - November 7, 2025. Because the utilization request includes Sundays, Board action is necessary.
- Wendy Wiesner on behalf of Newville Braves is requesting use of the baseball field on August 10, 2025. Because the utilization request includes Sundays, Board action is necessary.

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

10.k. Recommended Approval of Student Handbooks for 2025-2026

Administration has prepared updated [Elementary](#), [Middle](#), and [High School](#) Student Handbooks, a Bulldog [Cyber Academy](#) Student/Parent Handbook, and [Athletic Department Guidelines](#) for the 2025-2026 school year which have all been reviewed by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Nadine Sanders and are presented for Board approval

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the updated handbooks and athletic department guidelines as presented.

10.l. PTO Audit Letters for 2024-2025

The Big Spring School District received letters advising the 2024 - 2025 PTO financial reports were accepted with auditing standards for the following buildings:

- [Middle School PTO](#) - letter from Trina Manetta
- [Mount Rock Elementary PTO](#) - letter from Karen M. Heishman

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors accept the 2024-2025 PTO audit letters as presented.

10.m. Recommended Approval of Student Travel

Dr. Michael Carnes, High School Principal, is requesting permission for the World Language Department to plan a student trip to Spain for High School World Language students to tentatively travel in June, 2027. A detailed travel itinerary will be submitted to the Board of School Directors for review once completed by staff.

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, is requesting permission for advisor and student travel overnight to the following events:

- National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, October 28 to November 1, 2025.
- FFA ACES Conference, Harrisburg, PA, January 31 to February 1, 2026.
- FFA SLLC Conference, Harrisburg, PA, March 22 to March 24, 2026.
- State FFA Competition, Penn State University-State College, PA, June 9 to 11, 2026.

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

10.n. Recommended Approval of 2025 - 2026 Fundraisers

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

- [2025-26 fundraisers](#) to benefit the High School Mini-Thon.
- Duck Regatta fundraiser through October 11, 2025 to benefit the Football program.
- Handmade spirit bead bracelets sold at athletic events and other school activities during the 2025-26 school year to benefit the Bocce Program.
- Meat raffle fundraiser to benefit the Boys Wrestling program.
- Red Card Raffle to benefit the Girls Soccer Program.
- [Rita's Ice](#) fundraiser during Skills Camp August 7, 2025 to benefit the Boys Soccer Program.
- 3 v 3 Soccer Tournament August 8, 2025 to benefit the Boys Soccer Program.
- [2026 fundraisers](#) to benefit Post Grad.

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

10.o. Recommended Approval of PIAA Membership and Fees

Scott Penner, Director of Athletics and Student Activities has budgeted the fees to renew the following memberships which provide important educational opportunities and information for the athletic department:

- Membership in PIAA District 3 Athletic Directors Association at a cost of \$20.00 for the year.
- [Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association \(PSADA\)](#) at a cost of \$50.00 for the year.
- [National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association \(NIAAA\)](#) at a cost of \$100.00 for the year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors authorize the athletic department to renew the memberships as presented.

11. New Business - Information Item

11.a. DIG Meetings - Cancelled

The Board of School Directors voted on June 23, 2025 to dissolve and dismiss the Disenrollment and Grievance Investigation Committee. All previously advertised DIG Committee Meetings for 2025-2026 have been cancelled.

11.b. Contracted Staff Update

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

- Samantha Reasey to serve as an ESS Long-Term Substitute Teacher for 7th Grade ELA at the Middle School beginning August 21 through December 22, 2025 during Emma Shutt's leave of absence.
- Rachel Weyant to serve as an ESS Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Art at the Middle School beginning October 13 through November 26, 2025 during Laura Grove's leave of absence.

Dr. Trisha Reed, Director of Student Services, provides the following contracted staff update:

- Emma Zeigler to transfer from the position of PD Paraprofessional at Oak Flat Elementary School to the position of Direct Care Paraprofessional for Life Skills at Oak Flat Elementary School.

11.c. Final 2025-2026 Budget Information

The June 23, 2025 Board Agenda included a recommended budget with a 1.5% tax increase. The majority of the Board of School Directors approval a final 2025-2026 General Fund Budget with a 1.0% tax increase. Attached are the following budget documents reflecting the approved 1.0% tax increase.

[PDE 2028 Final General Fund Budget](#)

[Implementing the 2025-2026 Budget Resolution](#)

[Implementing the 2025-2026 Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution](#)

11.d. Leave Requests

Kendra Hoffman, Teacher, is requesting a child-rearing leave of absence beginning Wednesday, October 22, 2025 through approximately Wednesday, January 14, 2026 with a return date of Thursday, January 15, 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.

Erin Malick, Teacher, is requesting a leave of absence beginning Thursday, September 18, 2025 through approximately Thursday, October 30, 2025 with a return date of Friday, October 31,

2025. According to Family and Medical Leave Policy 335, administrative, professional and support employees may request a leave of absence for specific family and medical issues in compliance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

11.e. Proposed Approval of Updated Curriculum

Updated [Music Curriculum](#) recommended by Mrs. Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, appear below for review and will be presented for Board approval at the August 18, 2025 Board Meeting:

- Grades K – 2 Elementary Music
- Grades 3 – 5 Elementary Music
- Middle School Grade 6 Music

12. Board Reports

12.a. Athletic Council - Ken Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, Frank Myers, and John Wardle - Meetings: August 6, October 1, December 3, February 4, April 1, and June 10.

12.b. Building and Property Committee - Melissa Bigler, David Fisher, Mike Hippensteel, and John Wardle Meetings: October 6 and November 17, 2025

12.c. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Seth Cornman [CAIU](#) Meetings: Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 25

12.d. Cumberland Perry Area CTC - John Wardle and Mike Hippensteel - Meetings: Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 8

12.e. Finance Committee - Melissa Bigler, Julie Boothe, Frank Myers, and Lisa Shade - Meetings: October 20, December 2, March 16, April 20, May 18, and June 8

12.f. Future Ready Comp Plan Board Reps - Ken Fisher and Lisa Shade

12.g. Policy Review and Development Committee - Seth Cornman, Julie Boothe, David Fisher, and John Wardle - Meetings: Aug 18 - 6:30, Sept 16 - 6:30, Oct 20 - 6:00, Dec. 2 - 6:00, Feb. 17 - 6:30, Mar. 16 - 6:00, Apr 20 - 6:00, May 18 - 6:00, June 22 - 6:30

12.h. PSBA Voting Delegates 2025 - Seth Cornman and David Fisher - Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 2:30 pm

12.i. South Central Trust - Seth Cornman

12.j. Tax Collection Committee - David Fisher

12.k. Wellness Committee - Seth Cornman

12.l. Future Board Agenda Items

12.m. 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, **August 4, 2025**

Next scheduled meeting is **August 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm**