

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the F.L. O'Neal Administration Building, 310 Stadium Drive, Brownsburg, Indiana.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jessica Heffernan, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members in attendance included Dr. Matthew Freije, Mr. Mike Wells, Dr. Katie Dixon, and Mr. Gordon Hayward. Administrators present were Dr. Kat Jessup, Ms. Kim Lippe, Mr. Shane Hacker. Mrs. Jodi Gordon, Ms. Vicki Murphy, Mr. Bret Daghe, Mr. Corey Ebert, Mr. Dave Lang, and Officer Shelby James were also present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Ms. Heffernan asked for a moment of silence for reflection.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Commendation – BHS Varsity Football Team 2024 6A State Champions

Ms. Murphy stated that before they bring the team up, she wanted to take a moment to recognize that January is School Board Appreciate month. She thanked the board for all they do. She also officially welcomed Mr. Gordon Hayward.

Ms. Murphy invited Coach John Hart and the entire BHS Varsity football team to the front to be recognized for winning the 2024 6A State Football Championship. Ms. Murphy shared photos from the 6A State Championship game. Coach Hart shared his appreciation for the community for always being there to support them even before they made it to the State Championship, with almost 5,000 to 6,000 fans at every single game. He mentioned how his entire coaching staff impacted the team positively. Coach Hart spoke about how the entire team and coaches truly embodies the "family" atmosphere.

Ms. Murphy called Iosua Stephens and Mason Keifer to the front to talk about their experience this season.

Ms. Heffernan presented the team with their Certificate of Commendation and then the entire board took pictures with the team, the trophy, and the coaches.

B. Brownsburg Education Foundation Report

Dr. Dixon shared the following regarding the Brownsburg Education Foundation:

- **Rally for Our Kids Gala – Tailgate and Tiaras:** This event is presented by *Leblanc Nettles Law* and *Queen Anne's Lace*. This event will take place on **March 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Binford Pavilion at Lucas Oil Raceway. Attire is game day style with formal flair. Please consider attending this fun event. Complimentary beer, wine, and soda from 6-7 p.m. There will be music, games, raffles, dancing, silent and live auctions and more. Reservations available through March 5, 2025, or until the event is sold out.

C. Operations Update

Mr. Hacker shared slides regarding the operations updates around the district.

- **Snow Removal- Parking Lot Plowing:** Mr. Hacker shared that the snow totals in Brownsburg from January 5th to 6th amounted to 11 inches. He also provided a comparison of snowfall totals from previous years: 2023-24 saw 8.2 inches, 2022-23 had 10 inches, and 2021-22 recorded 11 inches. Additionally, Mr. Hacker mentioned that the district has 21 acres to plow. The formula used to estimate the time needed to plow the parking lots is: 1 hour x 1-acre x2 inches of snow. The presentation slide displayed the acreage size for each building's parking lot.

Mr. Hacker shared that BCSC has the following equipment for snow removal:

- 14 trucks with plows and salt
- 4 Kubotas & 1 tractor with plow for sidewalks
- 1-3 snowblowers per building
- uncountable amount of snow shovels.

Mr. Hacker reported that snow removal efforts began on Monday at 8:00 AM, with crews working 10-12 hours throughout the day. The team then returned at 4:00 AM on Tuesday to ensure that operations could begin on time. Snow removal efforts prioritize the High School and Middle Schools first due to start times.

Mr. Hacker provided an update on the snow removal process at the High School. He noted that a new snow removal path was introduced for the first time, and while it showed promise, there is room for improvement. The custodial and maintenance staff will be better prepared for the next snowfall based on the lessons learned.

A new gravel lot has been added, and one staff member is currently being trained on how to properly plow a gravel lot, which is why the High School closed this lot during the snow event to allow more time for training. The student lot took longer than expected to plow, and moving forward, the snow removal will proceed from south to north, rather than north to south. This adjustment will be made for future snowfalls.

Additionally, some areas, such as handicap ramps, require shovels instead of snowplows to avoid damage. Mr. Hacker mentioned that one area was completely missed due to space limitations preventing the use of Kubotas, and the custodial and maintenance teams forgot to return to shovel it. This oversight will be addressed in future snow removal efforts.

Ms. Heffernan acknowledged that despite thorough planning, there will always be unforeseen changes, and it will take a few iterations to perfect the process.

Dr. Freije inquired about any potential future equipment needs. Mr. Hacker responded that Brownsburg typically does not experience snowfalls of 11 inches, so there is no immediate need for additional equipment. However, if such snowfall becomes more frequent, the district will consider investing in new equipment. For now, the plan is to hold off on any equipment purchases.

V. COMMENTS FROM PATRONS

Brian Weidner – Brownsburg Mr. Weidner welcomed Mr. Hayward to the Board and expressed his gratitude for having a board at full strength with new members. Mr. Weidner provided an update on House Bill 1136, which proposes that school boards in districts with less than 50% public school enrollment would have their local school boards dissolved and replaced with charter

boards. He emphasized that this bill could result in a significant loss of transparency in local school governance. If passed, this bill would primarily affect five school districts across the state, including Gary and IPS, where the local school boards would be replaced by charter boards. Mr. Weidner expressed concerns that Indiana would be the first state eliminating locally controlled boards. Mr. Weidner urged the board to speak out against the bill, highlighting that similar challenges to public education were seen 15 years ago with the introduction of the voucher program, which redirected \$4.8 million away from public schools to the voucher system. He proposed that the board issue a public statement in opposition to House Bill 1136, reaffirming the community's commitment to public education and transparency.

VI. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

A. Recognition of Gordon Hayward

Ms. Heffernan welcomed Mr. Gordon Hayward and stated that is always nice to have a fresh perspective on the board.

B. Election of Board Officers

1. President

Mr. Wells moved to recommend Ms. Heffernan President. Mr. Hayward seconded it. Motion passes. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

2. Vice President

Mr. Wells moved to recommend Dr. Freije as Vice President of the Board. Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

3. Secretary

Mr. Wells moved to recommend Dr. Dixon as secretary of the Board; Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

C. Appointment of the following: Corporation Treasurer and Purchasing Agent – Mr. Hacker; Corporation Deputy Treasurer and Assistant Purchasing Agent – Mrs. Allison Kovacik

Ms. Heffernan called for a motion to appoint Mr. Shane Hacker as Corporation Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, as well as Mrs. Allison Kovacik as the Corporation Deputy Treasurer and Assistant Purchasing Agent. Mr. Wells moved to approve the appointment; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

D. Appointment of Board Members as:

1. Legislative Liaison to the Indiana School Boards Association

Dr. Jessup announced that the Board is seeking a liaison to the Indiana School Board Association (ISBA) following Mr. Eric Hylton's departure from the Board. The liaison will be responsible for maintaining communication with the ISBA, staying informed on their recommendations, and ensuring the Board is aware of relevant updates. This individual will actively monitor the recommendations from ISBA moving forward.

Ms. Heffernan called for a nomination from the Board for the Legislative Liaison to Indiana School Board Association; Dr. Freije moved to nominate Mr. Wells as the Legislative Liaison

to ISBA; Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

2. Representative to Brownsburg Education Foundation

Dr. Freije moved to nominate Dr. Katie Dixon to serve as Representative to the Brownsburg Education Foundation. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

VII. SUSPENSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Ms. Heffernan suspended the Regular Board Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

VIII. ANNUAL BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

A. Convene as the Board of Finance

Ms. Heffernan convened the meeting of the Board of Finance at 6:57 p.m.

1. Election of Officers

a. President

b. Secretary

Mr. Hacker recommended the Officers for the School Board be the same as the Officers for the Board of Finance, Ms. Jessica Heffernan as President and Dr. Katie Dixon as secretary. *Dr. Freije moved to approve the recommendation; Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.*

2. Report on Financial Condition

Mr. Hacker shared that legislation requires the financial condition of the school corporation be shared at the Board of Finance Meeting of the Corporation. Indiana code requires that we go through this. The Distressed Unit Appeal Board (DUAB) recommends information be shared on the following Fiscal Indicators:

- Average Daily Membership (ADM)
- Fund Balances
- Annual Deficit/Surplus
- Fund Balances as a Percentage of Expenditures
- Revenue by Type

Mr. Hacker presented an overview of shared a presentation with the Board addressing each of the topics. Mr. Hacker also shared that since we just ended 2024 and cash balances are not from 12/31/2024. Anything shared here has already been certified and gone through the Form 9 Process and these numbers are from 2023.

Mr. Hacker shared the Enrollment Growth (ADM) – Average Daily Membership – shows the number of eligible students enrolled on a particular day, “count day”. Count day now occurs in the fall and the spring. ADM is what the state uses to determine the amount of revenue that the district receives. We are in a positive situation where we have continued to grow on a regular basis. Mr. Hacker shared that BCSC is up another 30 students as of now but won’t have a definite number until February. We did drop in enrollment from Fall 2023-24 from 10,201 to 10,170 in the Spring count. However, Mr. Hacker noted that we did rebound in the Fall 2024-25.

Mr. Hacker reviewed the Fund Balances for the corporation. He noted these fund balances are the certified numbers for 2023. Due to timing, 2024 has not officially been closed and certified. Mr. Hacker shared that the balance for 2023 for the Education, Operations, Rainy Day, and Total Funds are \$14,001,742.

Mr. Hacker shared a slide showing the annual deficit/surplus in the Education and Operations Fund. He emphasized that the goal is not to save money, but rather to invest it in the district's staff, especially. Mr. Hacker noted that the numbers in both funds have remained relatively stagnant over the past several years. He highlighted that there was a slight increase in the Fund Balance of the Education Fund last year, which was primarily due to transfers and the timing of revenue received. Additionally, Mr. Hacker pointed out that the district saw significant growth last fall with an increase of 320 students, which contributed to the financial figures.

Mr. Hacker shared the fund balances as a percentage of expenditures and explained that the goal is to maintain a fund balance between 13-16%. He reported that for 2023, the district currently holds approximately 12.7% across the Education, Operations, and Rainy-Day Funds.

Mr. Hacker shared the "Revenue by Type" slide, which will also be covered in the Vision Class on Thursday. He explained that the slide illustrates where the corporation's revenue is generated. The majority of the revenue comes directly from the State, based on ADM, followed by local tax revenue.

Mr. Hacker asked if there were any questions or comments before moving onto the Report on Investments. There were no questions or comments.

3. Report on Investments

Mr. Hacker stated that one of the items required to be covered in the Finance Meeting is the Investment Report (IC-5-13-7-7). He highlighted that 2024 was a particularly positive year for the district due to favorable interest rates. Mr. Hacker shared the Investment Report slide, noting that \$900,000 was generated from interest through the liquid savings account, which provides an additional 5 basis points. He explained that the district began seeing investment benefits in 2019. The construction accounts generated just under \$800,000 in interest. Mr. Hacker clarified that any interest earned on these accounts must be reinvested back into construction projects. The funds are specifically designate for approved projects, including contingency items or additional equipment.

Mr. Hacker asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Invest Report.

Mr. Hayward asked if it was possible to augment construction projects. Mr. Hacker explained that while it has not been a common occurrence, it is important to be very specific about the scope of a project when seeking approval. Once a project is approved, the scope cannot be altered to fund another project that was not originally listed. He clarified that any funds earned or remaining must be reinvested directly into the same project scope that was initially approved.

4. Recommendation to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds for Certificates of Deposit

Mr. Hacker stated that, while the district has not used Certificates of Deposit recently due to generating sufficient liquid savings and interest, it is important to maintain the flexibility to do so if needed. Mr. Hacker requested that the Board of Finance approve the Resolution Authorizing the use of Certificates of Deposit.

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
PURSUANT TO IC 5-13-9-5**

Whereas, the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (the “School”) desires pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5 to allow banks outside the political subdivision to submit quotes on public funds certificates of deposit;

Now, therefore, pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5, the Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (the “Board”) hereby authorizes the investing officer of the School to invest in certificates of deposit of depositories that have not been designated by the local board of finance but have been designated by the state board of finance as a depository for state deposits under IC 5-13-9.5. This authorization expires on a date that is not later than one year after the date the ordinance or resolution is adopted.

Passed and Adopted this 13th day of January, 2025.

President

Secretary

Mr. Wells moved for the Board of Finance to approve the resolution; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

B. Adjournment of Board of Finance Meeting

Ms. Heffernan adjourned the Board of Finance meeting at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval – Minutes

- **December 9, 2024, Business Meeting**
- **December 19, 2024, Special Meeting**

B. Approval of Claims:

- **P/R#12/06/2024 - \$1,953,205.24**
- **P/R#12/20/2024 - \$2,453,231.62**
- **P/R#1/03/2024 - \$1,926,696.92**
- **Claims 12/05/2025 – 1/08/2025 \$31,579,105.90**

C. Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent’s Report was presented as follows:

1. Termination – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Sydney Uzzell	Eagle	Special Education Instructional Assistant	December 11, 2024

2. Resignations – Certified Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. J.T. Whitaker	BHS	PE / Health Teacher	December 20, 2024
b. Holly Khandoker	Brown	Special Education Teacher	December 20, 2024
c. Sarah Taylor	Crossroads	Temporary Elementary Teacher	March 18, 2025

3. Resignations – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Shawn Sherrer	Facility Services	Custodial Team Lead	November 26, 2024
b. Matrix Keovongsa	Facility Services	Custodian	November 26, 2024
c. Ruth Bhrane	BHS	Nutrition Services	December 6, 2024
d. Pam Herrel	BHS	Nutrition Services	December 19, 2024
e. Tasnova Patwar	BHS	Nutrition Services	December 20, 2024
f. Patrick Nehemiya	BHS	Facility Services	December 19, 2024
g. Arnaldo Arias Espino	BHS	Facility Services	December 26, 2024

4. New Employment – Certified Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Degree	Reason for Employment
a. Diana (Chrissy) Harris	Eagle	Special Education Teacher	February 3, 2025	Bachelors	Open position
b. James Christenson	Crossroads	Visual Art Teacher	January 6, 2025	Bachelors	Replacing Asiah Avery
c. Crystal Hansen	WMS	Language Arts Teacher; Temporary contract	Approximately January 27, 2025, thru May 15, 2025	Masters	While Madison Malec is on medical / maternity leave
d. Eric Lantz	BHS	PE / Health Teacher	January 13, 2025	Masters	Replacing J.T. Whitaker

5. New Employment – Support Staff

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Hours per Day	Reason for Employment
a. Allison Kovacik	CO	Deputy Treasurer	December 30, 2024	8	Replacing Tracy Boss
b. Sequoia Deloney	Brown	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Applied Skills	January 8, 2025	7	Replacing Natalie Mack due to a job transfer
c. Jasmyne West	Delaware Trail	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Behavior Support	January 13, 2025	7	Open position
d. Jillian Hart	Cardinal	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Inclusion	January 7, 2025	7	Replacing Lucinda Slade

e. Ashley Medonis	Cardinal	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Bridge	December 11, 2024	7	Replacing Cyaira Grandon
f. Levina Senesac	BHS	Special Education Job Coach	December 9, 2024	7	Replacing Ben Edwards
g. Melissa Bonta	CO	Accounts Payable Specialist	January 2, 2025	8	Replacing Lauren Scott
h. Melissa Knepper	BCSC	Special Education Behavior Support Instructional Assistant	January 6, 2024	7.5	New position
i. Krista Hoffman	ALPHA	Special Education 1:1	January 7, 2025	7	Replacing Bethany Zarse
j. Kimberly Winegard	BOOST	Site Manager	January 6, 2025	8	Replacing Brent Badillo due to a job transfer
k. Elizabeth Dimick	BCSC	Occupational Therapist	January 13, 2025	8	New position; previously filled by contracted service
l. Alexis Njeimana	Facility Services	Custodian	December 17, 2024	8	Replacing Connie Halvorson
m. Jeanine Niyongere	Facility Services	Custodian	December 17, 2024	8	Replacing Michelle Ordd
n. Curtis Robinson	Facility Services	Custodian	January 6, 2025	8	Open position for event coverage
o. Angel Alejos Ramos	Facility Services	Custodian	December 19, 2024	8	Replacing Matrix Keovongsa
p. Raquel Goff	BHS	Café Team member	January 13, 2025	6	Open position
q. Laura Ziliak	WMS	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Applied Skills	December 16, 2024	7	Replacing Wendy James due to a job transfer
r. Jennifer Carter	EMS	School Nurse; Job Share	January 6, 2025	3 days / week	Replacing Kristy Teeple; job share arrangement with Lauren Faira
s. Ron Smoot	Transportation	Bus Aide	December 16, 2024	4-5	Replacing Karen Calhoun
t. Kaitlyn St. Clair	Transportation	Bus Aide	January 7, 2025	4-5	Replacing Janiya Webb
u. Aisha Olaoye	Transportation	Bus Aide	January 7, 2025	5.25	Replacing John Ratliff

6. **New Employment – Extra-Curricular:**

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Dameian Smith	BHS	Assistant Varsity Track (Lay) Coach	For the 2024-25 season
b. Vanessa Kitch	WMS	Girls Tennis Assistant Coach	For the 2024-25 season
c. Stephen Marshall	WMS	Girls Track (Lay) Coach	For the 2024-25 season

7. **Leaves of Absence – Certified Staff:**

Name	Building	Position	Type of Leave	Dates of Leave
a. Bret Daghe	Central Office	Project Manager	Medical	December 16, 2024, thru January 3, 2025
b. Ruby Sopke	BCSC	Blind and Low Vision Teacher	Medical / Maternity	Approximately February 24, 2025, thru May 2, 2025
c. Rebeca Dowden	WMS	6 th Grade Teacher	Medical / Maternity	Approximately February 5, 2025, thru May 16, 2024

d. Sara Randle	Lincoln	Special Education Teacher	Medical / Maternity	Approximately April 7, 2025, thru May 23, 2025
e. Shelly Waugh	Central Office	Assistant Director of Special Education	Medical	December 6, 2024, thru December 26, 2024

8. Change of Status – Support Staff:

Name	Previous Position	New Position	Effective Date	Reason for Change
a. Brent Badillo	BOOST Site Manager	BOOST Team Member	January 21, 2025	Transfer of position
b. Dylan McKinney	Facility Services Technician	BHS Facility Services Event Supervisor and Maintenance Technician	January 6, 2025	Replacing Shawn Sherrer; splitting position with Julie Kirtley
c. Julie Kirtley	Bus Driver	Bus Driver and Facility Services Event Supervisor Part-Time	January 6, 2025	Replacing Shawn Sherrer; splitting position with Dylan McKinney
d. Ashley Tudor	Reagan / Lincoln Café Manager	BHS Café Team Member	January 6, 2025	Transfer of position
e. Melissa Bedrick	Crossroads Café Manager	Reagan / Lincoln Café Manager	January 6, 2025	Replacing Ashley Tudor due to a job transfer
f. Cathy Klemeyer	Reagan/Lincoln Café Team Member	Crossroads Interim Café Manager	January 6, 2025	Replacing Melissa Bedrick due to a job transfer
g. Samanth Sandifer	Brown Special Education Instructional Assistant	Brown Special Education Teacher	January 6, 2025,	Replacing Holly Khandoker
h. Jennifer Kuhn	Café Team Member	Facility Services Custodian	January 6, 2025	Replacing Lorence Nyiramutigerwa
i. Zoe Callies	Cardinal Special Education Instructional Assistant – Inclusion	Cardinal Special Education Instructional Assistant – Bridge	July 29, 2024	Transfer to position

9. Clarification – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Clarifying Statement
a. Bethany Milewski	Central Office	Data Specialist	Mrs. Milewski's last day worked was previously approved as December 12, 2024; her last day was actually December 5, 2024

Dr. Jessup recommended the approval of Minutes for December 9, 2024, Business Meeting. Dr. Freije moved to approve the meeting; Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of three (3) ayes; zero (0) nays.

Dr. Jessup recommended the approval of Minutes for December 19, 2024, Special Meeting. Dr. Freije moved to approve the Minutes; Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

Dr. Jessup recommended the approval of the Claims and Superintendent's Report. Dr. Freije moved to approve the Claims and Superintendent's Report, Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Jessup:

- Dr. Jessup welcomed Mr. Hayward to the Board.
- She publicly thanked Ms. Murphy for her outstanding work on the *State of the Schools* report, which was mailed out this week.
- She also expressed gratitude to all the football players, coaches, and families who attended the board meeting.
- Dr. Jessup highlighted that the Brownsburg Early Childhood Center will be hosting an open house on Wednesday for families to learn more about the ECC.
- Congratulations were extended to the wrestling team for winning the 4A IHSWCA, a team achievement distinct from the IHSAA State Championship.
- Dr. Jessup noted the successful completion of the exit audit conducted by the State Board of Accounts. She thanked Tracy Boss, Mr. Corey Ebert, Mr. Shane Hacker, and the entire business office for their hard work.
- Dr. Jessup commented on the unusual weather conditions and reassured the public that the district's top priority is ensuring the safety of all students while commuting to and from school. She emphasized that weather-related decisions are not made lightly.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hayward:

- Mr. Hayward congratulated the football team and expressed how proud he is of Coach Hart, the coaching staff, and the players.
- Mr. Hayward took a moment to wish the Lady Bulldogs good luck as they played in the Hendricks County Conference, which was happening during the meeting.
- He thanked the board for their support and shared his gratitude for being honored to serve as the next board member. Mr. Hayward expressed a newfound appreciation for those who run for office and take on such important roles. He acknowledged that he could not have achieved this without the help and support of his campaign team. He also thanked Mr. Hylton for his 8 years of dedicated service and hard work on the board.
- He also expressed appreciation to Dr. Jessup and her entire admin staff for their warm welcome and continued support.

Dr. Dixon:

- Dr. Dixon welcomed Mr. Hayward to the board.
- She congratulated the football team and wrestling team on their accomplishments.
- Dr. Dixon acknowledged that while there is a focus on major achievements such as test scores and successful sports campaigns, it is important to recognize the behind-the-scenes efforts of

BCSC staff. She noted the staff's willingness to step in and help, even with tasks as simple as grabbing shovels when needed.

- She also took a moment to recognize and thank the bus drivers for their dedication and hard work.
- Dr. Dixon finished with thanking Mer. Weidner for his insightful comments on HB1136.

Mr. Wells:

- Mr. Wells welcomed Mr. Hayward to the Board.
- He thanked Dr. Jessup for her efforts in waking up at 4 a.m. to drive the roads and ensure they were safe for students and staff.
- Mr. Wells congratulated the football team on their success and praised the coaching staff for their exceptional handling of the two quarterbacks, both of whom were deserving of starting positions. He commended the coaching staff's management of this situation, which ultimately contributed to the team's state championship victory.

Dr. Freije:

- Dr. Freije echoed many of the sentiments previously shared and welcomed back all staff and students.
- He thanked Mr. Weidner for speaking, acknowledging that it is never an easy task. He expressed hope that Mr. Weidner's example will encourage future patrons to speak as well.

Ms. Heffernan:

- Ms. Heffernan shared her experience of sitting in on the audit call, noting how impressive it was that the audit was completed two months ahead of schedule.
- She also commended the district for handling the significant snowfall and the ongoing work around the district efficiently, ensuring that things were kept under control despite the challenges.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heffernan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Wells moved for adjournment; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of five (5) ayes; zero (0) nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.