

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024



*The Big Spring School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, and disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, or for information regarding services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons, contact the Superintendent of Schools, Title IX and section 504 coordinator, 45 Mt. Rock Road, Newville, PA 17241, at (717) 776-2412.*

---

### 1. Call to Order - President John Wardle

The Committee of the Whole Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring Middle School Auditorium at 7:04 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Lisa Shade, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, Kenneth Fisher, Frank Myers, and Robert Over.

Absent: David Fisher

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Thomas King, Solicitor; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

President Wardle announced the Board met this evening in an Executive Session to discuss the pending lawsuits as well as legal and personnel matters for the District.

### 2. Public Comment – Nothing Offered

### 3. Presentation: Explore. Act. Tell. Grant Project - Mrs. Rebecca Whigham

Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher Rebecca Whigham described the extra-curricular efforts of three students after receiving funds from the Explore. Act. Tell. Grant to address food insecurity and that impact on students and families in our community. Sophia Bono, Eve Deitch, and Ava Hutchinson provided food for 35 families last year feeding 175 total people. Mrs. Whigham stated the students received additional grant funds to continue their journey this school year to address food insecurities in our community and President Wardle thanked them for their dedication and said we look forward to their continued efforts on this community service project journey.

### 4. Other Items – Nothing Offered

### 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:20 pm**

*Julie D. Boothe*