



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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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 7:37 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, Kenneth Fisher, and Frank Myers.

Absent: Robert Over

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Cristy Lentz, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Thomas King, Solicitor, Darin Baughman, Technology, Mike Fronk, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Public Comment – Nothing Offered

3. Presentation:

3.a. Middle School STEELS Update – Corrin Ward

Mrs. Ward provided an update on the new middle school science curriculum which addresses the STEELS standards.

3.b. National FFA Week - High School FFA Officers

High School FFA Officers explained the importance of National FFA Week and described the activities and events taking place at the high school this week. Students shared a small token of appreciation with Board Members.

Elizabeth Eckenrode - President
Emma Rice - Vice President
Aaron Cribbs - Treasurer
Hunter Stevens - Secretary
Ella Franklin - Reporter
Jeston Baum - Sentinel
Laci Lehman - Student Advisor
Advisors: Sara Beth Fulton and Morgan Bear

President Wardle thanked the FFA Members and asked them to describe what FFA is doing for them and the students provided inspiring answers including opportunities, belonging, and opened doors and valuable skills like public speaking opportunities.

3.c. Sustainable Farming in Northern Italy Tour - FFA Advisors Jenna McIntire and Kyna Morgan

Mrs. McIntire and Mrs. Morgan spoke about a middle student travel opportunity to Northern Italy for FFA students and shared some of the plans for the summer 2026 trip.

President Wardle said this is a valuable experience for our students and tonight's updates are appreciated.

4. Other Items – Nothing Offered

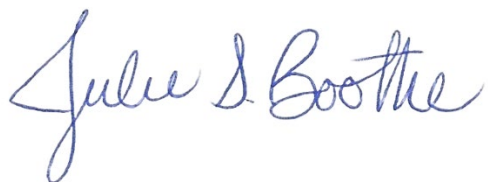
5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mrs. Shade

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **8:09 pm**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie S. Boothe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.