

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2023



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1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring School District Middle School Auditorium at 7:05 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present; John Wardle, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, William Swanson, and Donna Webster

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Jeanne Temple, Interim Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Gareth Pahowka, Solicitor; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation:

2.a. Operation Bulldog - Jessica Winesickle, Home and School Visitor

Mrs. Winesickle explained the purpose and concept of Operation Bulldog to the Board and the efforts of that program. Mr. Wardle asked where funding for this comes from and Mrs. Winesickle stated they initially received a very generous \$10,000 donation to get started and continue to receive donations to address needs.

Mr. Piper asked if the Bulldog Foundation supports Operation Bulldog and Mrs. Winesickle confirmed they are a contributor.

2.b. Rachel's Closet - Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal and Crystal Grossman, Middle School Instructional Coach

Mrs. Grossman presented slides and information on Rachel's Closet which is a clothing closet at the middle school with the mission of starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion based on Rachel's Challenge. Mr. Swanson said it has to be very satisfying for everyone involved to do something so positive for our students and community. Mr. Myers stated the effort to not have a stigma about taking clothing items is commendable and the encouragement to not only take clothing but also to contribute clothing back to the closet is a great concept. Mrs. Grossman said garbage bags full of clothing continue to come back to the closet to replenish their inventory.

2.c. BSHS Marketplace - Jason Shover, High School Principal

Mr. Shover introduced Mrs. Gleeson and Mrs. Best by stating the theme for tonight's presentations have been a broad range of outreach efforts for our students and community that include the High School Marketplace which collects food and hygiene items for distribution to high school students at the end of each week. Mrs. Gleeson and Mrs. Best said the cooperative effort of students sorting and stocking supplies, donations received from the community, and student interest has been very exciting and has grown in popularity and participation.

Mr. Swanson stated it makes the Board very happy to hear so many awesome things are in place at Big Spring and Mr. Wardle said he's glad we're trying to help the whole student by providing where there's a need.

3. Other Items – Nothing Offered

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm


