

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 17, 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 7:18 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Lisa Shade, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, Frank Myers, and Robert Over.

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Cristy Lentz, Business Manager; Thomas King, Solicitor; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

### **2. Public Comment** – Nothing Offered

### **3. Presentation:**

#### **3.a. Secondary Math Program Update - Mr. Ginter and Dr. Gruver**

Dr. Gruver went through a lesson on cylinders and described the math teaching methods at the middle school and said she can see a difference in how students are retaining information based on the new math curriculum.

Mr. Ginter shared the question he said the high school math department has been focused on for the past 2 years, "What's the best way to ensure Algebra I student success and prepare students to do their best on the Keystone Exam?" He explained the methods being used to achieve success since Algebra I is a graduation requirement. He spoke about vertical alignment of curriculum, promoting active student engagement, and how they are incorporating graphing technology.

Mrs. Shade asked if the cohort numbers include 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I students and Mr. Ginter confirmed 8<sup>th</sup> grade is included.

Mrs. Boothe asked them to explain how growth is measured and Dr. Gruver said they compare year to year 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and IReady progressive test results. Mrs. Boothe asked if we are measuring one year of growth in one year and Dr. Gruver said yes. Mr. Ginter said the state sets the growth metric and we get their results.

Mr. Wardle said we can see Dr. Gruver and Mr. Ginter's excitement and enthusiasm for math and thanked them for their efforts. He said we know it is a big challenge and math has a big impact on our students for the rest of their lives.

#### **4. Other Items – Nothing Offered**

#### **5. Adjournment**

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:46 pm**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie S. Boothe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'B'.