



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 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 7:00 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: 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. Elementary Math Presentation - Nicole Donato, Carrie Gutshall, and Caitlin Steinly

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Nicole Donato introduced Elementary Teachers Carrie Gutshall and Caitlin Steinly and described instructional math methods used to help students develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts at the elementary level.

Ms. Steinly explained a second grade math lesson and Mrs. Gutshall described a fifth grade math lesson.

Mr. Wardle thanked them for the presentation and asked how long math is taught every day, how students in need of extra help are handled, and how absent students catch up on missed assignments. Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Gutshall, and Ms. Steinly explained the instructional time as it varies by grade and described the use of iReady which helps identify students in need of extra instructional support and also has the ability to provide self-paced lessons individualized by student. Mrs. Gutshall explained WIN which stands for What I Need and said that is an excellent opportunity for teachers to pull students for small groups, specialized instruction, or assist with make-up work.

4. Other Items – Nothing Offered

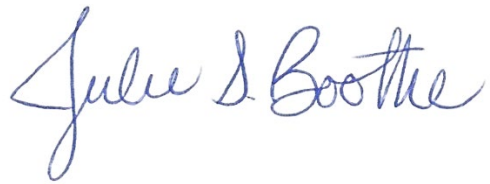
5. Adjournment

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 **7:34 pm**

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