

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Newville, Pennsylvania**



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

**APRIL 3, 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 7:00 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: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Interim Assistant 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:**

**Girls on the Run** - Kristen Boles, Heather Housel, and Lauren Swigart

Mrs. Boles described the mission of Girls on the Run which was offered to girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 as a volunteer after-school wellness activity. Tauryn Bream, a 5th grade student, shared her experience and enthusiasm as a participant. Mrs. Housel explained that supportive relationships help youth overcome adversity and positive adult role models can have an impact on the emotional well-being and development of students.

Mr. Wardle asked how participants were selected and Mrs. Boles explained there was a table at Back to School Night where any girl could sign up to participate. Mr. Myers asked if boys participate and Mrs. Boles confirmed it is an activity for girls.

Mr. Over asked if it has been necessary to turn anyone down and Mrs. Boles said because we have such great support with coaches, they haven't had to turn anyone down.

Mr. Over asked if they had any funding needs and Mrs. Boles responded the organization has been very generous but they may need support to provide snacks in the future. She also said families provide after school transportation 2 days per week and to and from the 5K run which is a big commitment for student participants.

Mrs. Webster asked how much it costs per student and Mrs. Boles responded the full amount is \$150.00 but assistance has been available to reduce that cost and they make parents aware help is available. She also said Girls on the Run has been generous by providing supplies and gift cards for students in need.

Mr. Piper asked if Girls on the Run is a national program and Mrs. Boles responded it is a national non-profit organization.

Mr. Swanson said thanks for making a difference to the presenters.

Mr. Wardle thanked the coaches for volunteering their time to this after school program and wished them success.

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

### **4. Adjournment**

President Wardle announced, following adjournment of the Committee of the Whole, the Board will be meeting in Executive Session to consult with the Solicitor regarding updates on the litigation against the District. Specifically, the Board will be discussing the Flynn/Reinford cases pending against the District in both federal and state court. Mr. Wardle also said the Board will return for the regular meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Swanson  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Deihl, Fisher, Myers, Over, Piper, Roush, Swanson, Wardle, and Webster  
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  

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