

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MAY 15, 2023**



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### **1. Call to Order - President Wardle**

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; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

### **2. Presentation:**

#### **2.a. ELD Program Update - Mrs. Cody Miller and Mr. Jason Shover**

Jason Shover introduced EL Teacher Cody Miller who provided an update on the English Language Development Program.

Mr. Wardle thanked Mrs. Miller for all she has done for the program and for her work with our students.

Mr. Over asked if Mrs. Miller has all the tools she needs to be successful and she responded the EL population and program are growing so hopefully opportunities and resources will continue to grow. Mr. Wardle asked what brings most families to Big Spring and Mrs. Miller responded the Army War College and families following other family members to our area for work and educational opportunities. She said students unfortunately are sometimes leaving violent or unsafe situations in their home countries.

## **2.b. SHIP SAILS and HIRE ME - Mrs. Ashley Gleeson and Students**

Ashley Gleeson provided a SHIP SAILS Program Update to the Board and introduced students Evan and Jamie who shared their experiences working in the program and how it has positively affected them. Shippensburg University students Makayla, Hunter, and Haley also shared how valuable and rewarding the program is for the students and themselves.

Mrs. Gleeson thanked the District for the support of the Board and the opportunity for our students to participate in this program.

Mr. Wardle thanked the students for speaking and everyone who participates in the program.

Mr. Over said this is a wonderful program and he congratulated everyone on its success.

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

## **4. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Roush

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Deihl, Fisher, Myers, Over, Piper, Roush, Swanson, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:43 pm**

  

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