

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 19, 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 7:25 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Lisa Shade, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Melissa Bigler, 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:

- a. Mini-THON - Advisors Kelsey Hernjak/Courtney Rickabaugh and Committee Members Hanna Black, Eve Deitch, Ariyahnna Forde, Ava Hutchinson, and Savanna Tack shared a few slides with the Board highlighting the success and accomplishments of the Mini-THON effort.

Mr. Wardle said we are very proud of the work you have done to raise money for people you don't even know, shared a personal story about his nephew who had cancer and said your work makes a difference.

- b. History Day – Mrs. Whigham introduced the National History Day participants and winners. Mason Burkholder and Lucas Centi created an outstanding research project on Randall Shughart which was displayed at Regional History Day. Maggie Kauffman and Josie Whigham created an exceptional documentary on the Carlisle Indian School which won third place and advanced to the state competition where it placed sixth.

President Wardle said these students have a great future telling incredibly important stories and the Carlisle Indian School had deep roots in the Newville area. He said Randall Shughart gave his life to help others and telling his story is equally important.

4. Other Items – Nothing Offered


5. Adjournment

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:52 pm**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie D. Boothe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.