



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2024

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1. Call to Order - President 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 7:05 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, and Lisa Shade.

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

President Wardle announced the Board met in Executive session at approximately 6:15 pm this evening to discuss the safety and security of the District.

2. Presentation:

2.a. Future Business Leaders of America - Riley Brown, High School Business Teacher
Riley Brown described the Future Business Leaders of America which has returned to Big Spring as a club at the high school level. High School student Evelyn Hippensteel described her experience competing in Visual Design and Sadaf Sharifi described her experience competing in Broadcast Journalism. Angela Barlup, Financial Education Program Manager from Belco Community Credit Union described her longstanding relationship and Belco's support of Big Spring and FBLA. Haley Hetrick competed in Accounting at the state competition and will advance to the National Conference in Florida this summer. Peyton Weekley competed in Client Services and also will advance to the National Conference in Florida this summer.

2.b. **PA Science Technology & Engineering, Environment Literacy & Sustainability (STEELS) Standards** - Mrs. Donato, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Donaldson

- Curriculum Writing Process
- Resource Recommendation - OpenSciEd

Mrs. Donato described the STEELS Standards which will be fully implemented by the 2025-2026 school year as mandated by the state. Mr. Myers explained the shift that is happening in science and Mr. Donaldson described how the new standards will fit into science as a whole.

Mrs. Donato described attending a vendor fair with Mr. Myers and Mr. Donaldson to explore curriculum options and explained the choice of OpenSciEd as the team's best pick for Big Spring School District as a resource which will be used to develop and write the new science curriculum. Mr. Myers and Mr. Donaldson said OpenSciEd resources are superior in design, instructional supports, and monitoring student progress.

3. **Other Items** – Nothing Offered

4. **Adjournment**

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:49 pm**

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