



# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**SEPTEMBER 18, 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 seven (7) Board of School Directors present; John Wardle, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Richard Roush, and Donna Webster

Absent: Robert Over and William Swanson

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

#### **2. Presentation:**

##### **2.a. School Board Appreciation - Football Team and Coaches**

Members of the Varsity Football Team accompanied by coaches Joe Sinkovich and Brad Fry celebrated the return of the Little Brown by way of recent victory against Shippensburg. Players spoke of brotherhood, being a tight knit team, and the value of building lifelong friendships extending way beyond the game of football. The team thanked the Board and said their success wouldn't be possible without the support of the Board, Administration, and Community.

Board Members congratulated the team on their victory and wished them luck with the remainder of their football season.

### **2.b. Middle School FFA Officer Introduction**

Middle School FFA Officers, President Isabelle Jones, Vice-President Aneli Satterly, and Treasurer Blake Bear, introduced themselves to the Board and outlined the year of planned activities.

President Wardle thanked the students for presenting to the Board and wished them a year of success.

### **2.c. PA School Boards Association Honor Roll Awards - Jessica Portz**

Jessica Portz presented Pennsylvania School Board Association Honor Roll Awards in recognition of devoted years of service as School Directors. She said School Directors believe in public schools and strive to provide a world class level of instruction with limited resources and thanked the individuals who serve students across the Commonwealth as unpaid volunteers.

Todd Deihl was recognized for 8 years of service.

Richard Roush was recognized for 16 years of service.

William Piper was recognized for 24 years of service.

(William Swanson was unable to receive his recognition of 20 years of service and will receive his certificate at a future meeting.)

Mr. Piper provided remarks about the privilege of serving the Board over the past 24 years and described the changes and challenges of service as a board member. Mr. Piper thanked everyone for the privilege of serving the Big Spring School Board and said students are the number one priority of the Board, which he hopes will continue in the future.

Mr. Wardle thanked Mr. Piper and congratulated everyone who received an award.

### **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, Piper, Roush, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 7-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:27 pm**

  

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