



# Big Spring School District

## Newville, Pennsylvania

### Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

#### August 19, 2024

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#### 1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Seth Cornman

The Policy Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring Middle School Auditorium at 6:31 pm with four (4) Committee Members present: Chairman Seth Cornman, Secretary Julie Boothe, David Fisher, and President John Wardle

Absent: No absence

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

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Boothe to approve the meeting agenda was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

#### **Public Comment:**

Adam Oldham offered comments of concern for policy 903 related to civility and meeting decorum and recommended keeping policy 903 as it is now written.

Charlotte McDonald shared her agreement but stated it is a first amendment right to use foul language.

#### **Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings:**

Language was changed for clarity and there was conversation about length of time for each speaker and total amount of time for public comment. Chairman Cornman stated he believes the Solicitor should review the policy.

Motion to forward Policy 903 for Solicitor review by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

### **Policy 235 Student Rights/Surveys**

Motion to forward Policy 235 for Solicitor review by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

### **Policy 918 Parent and Family Engagement**

Mrs. Boothe asked if the administration has reviewed the policy with parent input and Dr. Guarente stated 2 parents participated and Dr. Sanders stated the policy is reviewed with parents each year. Chairman Cornman stated the review date of the policy should be changed to today.

Motion to change the review date of Policy 918 to today by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

Motion to send Policy 918 to the Board for review and adoption by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

### **Policy 004.1 Student Representative to the Board**

There was discussion about the fine print of Policy 004.1 in terms of timing of applications and elections. There was also discussion about academic standards for participation.

Motion to implement the discussed changes by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

### **Cellphone Policy**

The committee discussed tabling the policy for additional information/research.

Motion to table conversations on a Cellphone Policy by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

## **Review 806 Child Abuse**

Chairman Cornman stated the primary need is to update the review date for Policy 806. Dr Guarente was questioned about the details of this policy and he stated he would be willing to investigate with the appropriate staff and provide an analysis to the committee.

Motion to update the review date to today and send the policy to the full Board by Mrs. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

## **Information Items**

Review results of policy research

Missing policy 830.1 request copy from PSBA

Review 706.0 Property Records

Review 818.0 Contracted Services Personnel

## **Community Comment**

Question from the audience about the availability of policy changes and Chairman Cornman said the public will have the opportunity to review all of the changes as the policies are sent to the full Board for review/approval with opportunity for public comment.

## **Member Closing Statements**

President Wardle said he is glad for public comment and the opportunity to update the policies which is a lot of work.

Chairman Cornman thanked everyone for their cooperation this evening.

## **2. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Boothe was seconded by Mr. D. Fisher

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher

Motion Carried unanimously. 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at **7:12 pm**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie S. Boothe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.