

**BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Newville, Pennsylvania**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 4, 2022**



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## **1. Call to Order**

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 7:14 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Frank Myers, John Wardle, and Richard Roush

Absent: Alexis Blasco-Hurley

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

## **2. Presentation:**

### **2.a. Ship SAILS Program - Mrs. Ashley Gleeson**

Ashley Gleeson, Transition Coordinator, described the Ship SAILS (Students Achieving Independent Living Skills) Program and introduced High School graduate Evan Shenk who shared his experience with the Ship SAILS Program.

Superintendent Roberts stated the program and partnership has been outstanding and possible because of Mrs. Gleeson's hard work on behalf of the students.

### **2.b. Four Diamonds Mini-Thon Update - Ms. Kelsey Hernjak**

Ms. Kelsey Hernjak, Mini-Thon Advisor, introduced Alyssa Bear, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and Haley Fraker who described the Four Diamonds Mini-Thon which benefits cancer treatment and cancer research. Students established committees to raise money and plan Big Spring's Mini-Thon event which will be held on May 14, 2022.

Mr. Swanson said the students working on Mini-Thon are special and words cannot express how important this event is for the students participating and the people benefitting from the donations.

Mr. Over asked how many total students are expected and the students responded 250-260 are expected to participate in Mini-Thon.

Mr. Myers asked if this is for all grades 9-12 and the students responded yes.

Dr. Roberts thanked the students and Ms. Hernjak for their work and commitment to such a great and important event.

### **3. Preview of the Agenda**

President Swanson requested the Board address item 10 New Business Personnel Items and combine items a through d into one motion.

### **4. Other Items – Nothing offered**

### **5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Deihl seconded by Mr. Roush

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

  

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