



Big A Elementary School

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School Governance Team Meeting April 21, 2026

Attendance: Emily Bennett, Jill Hunter, Hannah Cash, Ashley Adams, Jana Cheek, Jennifer King

Mrs. King called the meeting to order.

Mrs. King mentioned that if anyone would like a ESPLOST yard sign, they are available at the county office.

I. Approval of Agenda

Hannah Cash approved the agenda; Jill Hunter seconded the motion.

II. Approval of last meeting minutes

Ashley Adams approved the minutes; Hannah Cash seconded the motion.

III. Old Business

A. Fine Arts Night

Successful; Thank you so much for all of your hard work.

Kindergarten registration was held and there was not a big turnout. A second kindergarten registration will be held next Tuesday, April 28th at the county office.

IV. New Business

A. Financial Presentation by Mrs. Emily Bennett

- Mrs. Bennett shared how schools are funded.**
- The governor sets revenue that is established and then moves through to the General Assembly.**
- In May, the budget goes to the House, Senate for approval.**
- Amended Fiscal Year Budget and Final Budget;**
- Funding comes through to counties.**

3 Pots where money comes from for schools:

Federal Funds

State Funds (Largest source of funding)



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Local Funds

- Discussed budget money and where/how it is used.
- State ensures accountability and transparency of the budget and is closely monitored by the state.

B. Parent Input on School Improvement Plan

Mrs. King shared our recent school improvement plan and discussed how our school is performing at meeting each goal:

Positive Learning Environment

Literacy

Math

Goals set for School Improvement Plan each year; any suggestions for next year? None were given.

C. Building staff capacity to help parents help their children

Title asked to give teachers tools to help parents: Math, STEM, Fine Arts Night

Suggestions that worked well: 'goodie' bags that were given to each student that included playdough, dry erase markers, crayons, ten frames, etc.

D. 1% set-aside funds

Funds were used to develop these 'goodie' bags for every kindergarten student in our school.

Idea for future use: Teachers conduct a Make and Take Workshop to share with parents on ways to use these supplies effectively.

V. Parent Engagement Dates

A. EOY celebrations: Field Day, Field Trip to Hartwell Safari, End of the school year celebration for each team

B. SGT vote in August

C. PTO at new school: Will be formed at each elementary school next year.

VI. Updates, Questions

VII. Adjournment



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Hannah Cash motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jill Hunter seconded the motion.