

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2023



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1. Call to Order

The Buildings and Property Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring School District Middle School Auditorium at 6:30 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present; John Wardle, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, William Swanson, and Donna Webster

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Jeanne Temple, Interim Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation:

2.a. Athletic Proposals - Jesse Bortner and Robert Jumper

Mr. Penner introduced Baseball Coach Jesse Bortner who presented a proposal to the Board to move and expand the baseball backstop area with a tension netting system which would double the height and provide a greater coverage area for foul balls and provide a better player and spectator experience.

Mr. Over asked how the backstop would make it safer and Coach Bortner said it would curtail foul balls that have been known to hit cars and spectators which include small children at games. Mr. Over asked how much a case of balls cost and Coach Bortner said \$100 a case and explained when a foul ball hits the pavement the ball is no longer able to be used in play. He said last year, they used 14 cases of balls.

Mr. Myers asked if the backstop from the JV field could be moved to the varsity field and Coach Bortner responded the JV backstop is smaller and would not be able to be moved.

Mr. Wardle asked what would need to come from the District budget and Coach Bortner responded the intention is for this to be funded by the baseball team but if they hit rock during the process, they could need additional funds to cover that.

Mr. Piper asked for confirmation the height of the backstop would increase from 15' to 30' and if that would pretty much stop the foul balls? Coach Bortner said yes but moving the backstop closer and being wider won't eliminate everything but should curtail the most dangerous scenarios.

Mr. Wardle asked if the net would be taken down during the off season or if it would stay up and Coach Bortner said one of the companies encourages the net to stay up at all times.

Mr. Piper asked if this would require professional engineering and Coach Bortner said the project would include professional drawings and an engineering stamp. Mr. Piper asked if township approval is required and Coach Bortner said they would be checking on that before starting the project.

Mr. Myers asked if because of the dollar figure, we need to get bids for this project and Mr. Statler confirmed because it is over \$20,000, we will need bids or a state contract.

Cross Country Coach Robert Jumper presented a proposal to the Board for a cross country building that would include a concession area which he stated is needed for larger meets held here at Big Spring. Coach Jumper stated the majority of the materials have been donated and all of the time would be volunteered and the building would not cost Big Spring anything since all costs would be paid by the cross country team.

Mr. Myers asked if the AB Martin prices are still good since the quote is dated March 2022 and Coach Jumper stated the metal costs have actually dropped and prices have come down.

Mr. Wardle said the cover page of the proposal says the building would not require additional utility service but the drawings show the building includes electricity and Coach Jumper responded yes, the building would include electricity. He also stated the township said he needs to provide drawings and an engineering stamp but nothing else is required from the township. Mr. Wardle asked if the project would require building inspections and Coach Jumper confirmed there would be 6 inspections.

Mr. Myers asked if Maintenance Director Tim Drawbaugh had any reservations about the project and Mr. Drawbaugh said the only issue would be the existing transformer to provide electric should be upgraded to make sure there is enough power there. Mr. Roush asked what amp electrical service they were considering for the building and said he wouldn't think they would need more than 200 amp. Mr. Drawbaugh said 200 amp should cover both buildings.

Mr. Myers asked the timeline for getting this building project done and Coach Jumper responded as soon as we have approval we would rip into it because we want the building for nationals. Mr. Myers asked Mr. Drawbaugh if there were any concerns with that timeframe and Mr. Drawbaugh stated we should be fine.

Mr. Fisher asked if there are plenty of experienced people doing this work and Coach Jumper said yes. Mr. Drawbaugh stated we should have a list of all people planning to do work on the project.

Mr. Swanson said we definitely need the names of contractors and volunteers so we know we have experienced workers involved.

Mr. Roush said this is the first time we're hearing about outside contractors and asked how many different contractors will be involved and do they have liability coverage for each person so we aren't held responsible should anything go wrong? Coach Jumper stated all workers on the project would be volunteers.

Mr. Piper stated to Mrs. Temple this is a question for our legal counsel and we need to make sure everyone is covered if there are volunteers so that if anybody gets hurt, we are protected.

Mrs. Temple stated to Coach Jumper we need the names of all people who would be working on the project and if they have appropriate liability insurance and the names of all volunteers. She also stated our legal counsel will be consulted. Mr. Statler stated they will also need clearances.

Mr. Wardle said there are still details to work out before we can consider this hopefully at the March 20 meeting.

2.b. Feasibility Study Update - Mike Statler

Mr. Statler presented information on the EI Feasibility Study, the Summer 2023 Projects, and Mr. Drawbaugh updated the Board on the High School Hot Water Heater project.

Mr. Wardle said we might get by this summer with one (hot water heater) since no students are in the building and Mr. Drawbaugh said he feels confident we will be okay with one during the summer. Mr. Wardle asked for confirmation the hot water heaters are propane and Mr. Drawbaugh responded yes.

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, Over, Piper, Roush, Swanson, Wardle, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm

William L. Piper
