



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2023

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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 7:02 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. Elementary Assessment Program and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support - Nicole Donato

Nicole Donato presented the Elementary Assessment Program and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support to the Board:

Tier 1

Tier 1 Assessment Schedule

Data Driven Decisions

Tier 2

Universal Assessment to Intervention

Tier 2 Interventions

Data Meetings

Data Driven Decisions

Tier 3

Tier 3 Interventions

Summary

Mr. Myers asked if they stick to servicing 20% of the students and Mrs. Donato responded with a yes, because it's a Title I program, they focus on 20%. Mr. Myers asked if borderline students are included and Mrs. Donato said this year, we're looking at mid-year data and moving students out who have made significant gains and moving students in who may have fallen behind the benchmark.

Mr. Wardle asked about the diagnostic assessment testing and Mrs. Donato responded the system will give them harder questions as they answer correctly or less difficult questions if they are not answering correctly based on the expectation of their grade level.

Mr. Myers asked why data meeting are on different dates and Mrs. Donato responded we cannot have all data meetings at same time because of the evaluation process.

Mr. Myers asked what classes students are missing during the Tier 3 interventions and Mrs. Donato said they vary and limit the time they are pulled so they do not miss an entire class period with their regular teacher.

Mr. Wardle said Tier 3 interventions are an effort to make sure kids are performing at grade level and not slipping through the cracks by using individual attention and Mrs. Donato confirmed we really work to have students reading at grade level by 3rd grade.

2.b. Homeless Transportation - Assist Services - Mike Statler

Mr. Statler presented Assist Services which is a transportation vendor to help us transport McKinney Vento (homeless) and foster students.

Mr. Wardle asked if these students are primarily outside of our district and Mr. Statler responded yes. Mr. Over asked who and what are we paying now for these transportation services and Mr. Statler said we are paying parents a mileage reimbursement and utilizing consortium transportation when available.

Mr. Deihl asked how many students need this type of transportation and Mr. Statler responded we currently have 17 students. Mrs. Webster asked if the Assist Services would get rid of paying the parents and Mr. Statler stated we would try parents first and use this as a backup option. Mr. Piper asked if there is a reimbursement component and Mr. Statler responded yes, there is reimbursement from state.

Mr. Over asked why students living outside the district are still needing our transportation and Mr. Statler said they are either homeless or in foster care and the law requires us to transport them.

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 7:41 pm

President Wardle announced the Board will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the medical condition of a staff member and a performance complaint against a staff member and will return for the regular meeting.


