

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met through a videoconference in the Big Spring School District Board Conference Room in the District Administration Office, at 7:00 p.m. with nine (9) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Alexis Blasco-Hurley, Frank Myers, Robert Over and John Wardle.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes.

### **II. Presentation:**

#### **➤ Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

##### **- Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools**

- Dr. Fry, Superintendent of Schools began the meeting with an update on the current status of the Coronavirus and continued with conversations on the information listed.
  - BSSD's Action Steps to Date
  - Campus Restriction – Management and Learning
  - Food Services
- Dr. Fry stated that on Friday, March 13, 2020, the District decided to execute a campus restriction for all students and the community starting on March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020 given the information that the District had at that point in time regarding COVID-19 spread.
- Dr. Fry communicated that Governor Tom Wolf closed all schools within the Commonwealth followed by President Trump's declaration of a National Emergency.
- It was communicated that all non-essential stores shut down for two weeks with the exception of medical facilities and grocery stores.
- Dr. Fry stated as of 12:15 today, March 16, 2020, there were 76 confirmed cases with 5 in Cumberland County.
- Dr. Fry shared the key resources listed:
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Pennsylvania Department of Health
  - World Health Organization
  - John Hopkins University
- Dr. Fry shared the Coronavirus action plan and timeline with the Board of School Directors.

- It was communicated that staff continues to be updated and a teacher leadership meeting took place to begin collaboration on the enrichment activities for students.
- Dr. Fry stated that teachers sent the information to students virtually but provisions were made for any student/family that needed a hard copy. It was shared that staff continue to support the students learning remotely through defined communication channels.
- Dr. Fry talked about the campus restriction for management.
- Dr. Fry communicated that custodians implemented stringent cleaning protocols in all buildings with the continued utilization of hospital grade disinfectant. It was stated that the Technology Department will continue to support students and staff. There will be a drop off device repair station that will be managed each day to support student devices.
- Dr. Fry shared that Deitch, Inc. will disinfect each bus in their fleet.
- Dr. Fry continued with information on food services listed and stated that 136 families have signed up.
  - o Families request online ordering through the District website.
  - o Ordering will be done on Monday's with meal pick up on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and there will be online ordering on Wednesday's with meal pick up on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.
  - o Meal preparation and pick up will be at Newville Elementary School.
- Mr. Wardle inquired about the distribution of meals which Dr. Fry stated that the School Resource Officer's will be present to assist.
- Dr. Fry stated that he continues to talk and collaborate with other Superintendent's at the county, state and national level.
- There was discussion amongst the Board of School Directors and Dr. Fry regarding the effect on graduation; which Dr. Fry did state that it will not affect graduation at this current time.
- Ms. Blasco-Hurley shared that her children received their enrichment packets and stated that everything looks great and was pleased with information shared. Ms. Blasco-Hurley was very positive regarding all the information that was received for her children.
- Dr. Fry stated per current 1947 school code you can attend school through June 30<sup>th</sup> and not to exceed June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board of School Directors thanked Dr. Fry and Dr. Roberts for their outstanding efforts during this challenging time.

### **III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Swanson requested that the Board address XV. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through I into one motion.

### **IV. BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

No discussion

### **V. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No discussion

### **VI. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

No discussion

### **VII. BOARD POLICY**

No discussion

### **VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR**

No discussion

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Wardle, seconded by Myers to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Blasco-Hurley, Gutshall, Over, Wardle, Roush and Myers.

Motion carried unanimously. 9-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:51 p.m.**

*William L. Piper, Secretary*