

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

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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 in the Big Spring High School Large Group Room, Room 140, at 7:00 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Richard Norris, John McCrea and Kingsley Blasco.

Absent: Richard Roush & William Piper

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Budget** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager. Mr. Kerr will review the 2014-2015 Budget.

[Budget Presentation](#)

[Budget Attachment](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf questioned the EIT estimate for last year versus this year.

2. Mr. Fry stated that the motion on the agenda tonight only sets the cap for taxes.
3. Mr. Blasco asked how the Governor will be addressing any pension reforms.
4. Mr. Fry informed the Board that he believes the Governor is looking at multiple plans to include the Grell Plan.
5. Mr. Barrick stated that the Grell Plan wants to borrow 9 billion dollars.
6. Mr. Blasco asked about the pension side of the plan and how it would affect the employee side of the budget.
7. Mr. Wolf questioned if the employee contribution side would be adjusted.

B. Project Updates – Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent and Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager will provide updates on current projects. Mr. Tobie Wolf will discuss the Middle School Tunnel project.

1. Middle School Tunnel Dehumidification – Tobie Wolf

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

- A. Mr. Blasco asked if the cost is the total for the project or the cost at this point.
- B. Mr. Barrick informed the Board this project needs to be done.

2. High School Pool Roof Replacement

[Presentation attached](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

- A. Mr. Blasco asked if anyone checked into the wind damage.
- B. Mr. Fry informed the Board there was a discussion concerning that issue. The roof has leaks that need to be addressed.
- C. Mr. Barrick asked if we are replacing the wooden vertical walls.
- D. Mr. Gutshall asked why the plywood was installed in the first place.

E. Mr. Swanson asked who called for this installation since this was the problem.

F. Mr. Barrick questioned if we are replacing the ceiling inside.

3. Big Spring School District Paving Project

[Presentation attached](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

A. Mr. McCrea asked who the new company would be to look at the project paving.

B. Mr. Fry replied we are getting input from a local paver.

C. Mr. Barrick informed the Board that the paving project needs some more research.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-11 as a single action item.

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 Norris to adjourn, seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss negotiations matters. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, McCrea, Barrick, Gutshall, Blasco, and Norris. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM to executive session.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary