

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2024



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1. Call to Order - President John Wardle

The Committee of the Whole Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring Middle School Auditorium at 7:07 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present: John Wardle, President; Michael Hippensteel, Vice-President; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Julie Boothe, Secretary; Seth Cornman, David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, and Lisa Shade.

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, Mike Fronk, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

President Wardle announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting this evening to discuss personnel matters related to staff assignment.

2. Presentation:

2.a. Ship SAILS and Job Skills Programs - Mrs. Ashley Gleeson, Transition Coordinator

Ashley Gleeson presented an update on the Ship SAILS and HIRE ME Programs for high school special education students. Mrs. Gleeson coordinates services on campus and off campus to provide support to students with disabilities for life after high school which focuses on post-secondary education, employment, and independent living. Mrs. Gleeson announced the Ship Anchored Program (adults navigating career education and hands-on opportunities related to employment and developmental growth) will launch in the fall of 2024.

Mr. Wardle thanked Mrs. Gleeson for the work she is doing and said he has had the privilege of seeing some of these programs in operation.

2.b. Proposed Capital Projects for Summer 2024 - Mike Statler

Mike Statler provided a projected list of capital projects to be considered for the summer of 2024 by explaining the Summer 2024 Capital Project Timeline and the Summary of Potential Capital Projects with not to exceed amounts.

Mr. Krepps explained the need and work involved on Servers and the Storage Area Network. Mr. Cornman questioned the replacement of servers and stated server life is generally 7 to 15 years. Mr. Krepps said the hardware becomes end of life and we could risk losing support for the servers so he recommends refreshing servers at 5 years.

Mr. Statler explained the work required at the Oak Flat Front Office, Ductless A/C for IDF Server Room (MR, DAO, MS), Library Carpet Replacement, Pool Deck Tile, Sealcoat or Repave Parking Lots and Driveways with Line Painting, Oak Flat Sidewalks and said the Security Projects will hopefully be paid by grants.

Mr. Over asked how old are the a/c ducts are and Mr. Statler responded they are 19 years old.

Mr. Hippensteel asked if we are looking to replace all of the tiles on the pool deck and if that is the best way to go and Mr. Statler said they are looking into options which could involve removing all the tiles and replacing with rubber, other tiles, or an epoxy.

Mr. Hippensteel asked if the growler will continue to be located in the library and if replacing carpeting in the library is appropriate since food is consumed in that area. Mr. Statler said he is not sure if the growler currently has carpet but it would be something to consider.

Mrs. Boothe asked how many service calls were made on the a/c units in the past year and Mr. Statler said he does not know that number without checking. Mr. Wardle said new a/c units would be more energy efficient and Mr. Statler agreed and said additional information on all summer projects will be shared with the Board in the future.

3. Other Items – Nothing Offered

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Myers was seconded by Mr. Cornman

Voting Yes: Boothe, Cornman, D. Fisher, K. Fisher, Hippensteel, Myers, Over, Shade, and Wardle

Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:48 pm**


