

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Newville, Pennsylvania**

### **BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 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 6:32 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: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Chris Harris, Solicitor; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

#### **2. Presentation:**

##### **2.a. ESCO Update - Michael Statler**

Mr. Statler introduced representatives from the McClure Company and Mike Grochalski, Mark Gallick, and John Gunning presented the Investment Grade Audit to the Board:

District Wide LED Lighting Upgrades

District Wide Building Envelope Upgrades

High School Boiler Replacement

Middle School HVAC Upgrade

Oak Flat E.S. Roof Upgrade

Potential 2023 Project

Mr. Piper asked if the Middle School HVAC upgrade will use our existing well fields and McClure Company responded yes, the existing well fields and piping will be used with focus being on the equipment within the building.

Mr. Roush asked if the current supply chain issues could be a factor and if some of the work would have to be done during school or after school hours if the equipment arrives late or if the work would have to be postponed until the following year and the McClure Company responded they are prepared to order the long lead time equipment such as the rooftop energy recovery units this week in order to keep the July timeline.

Mr. Over asked if the work could be a weekend job if it isn't able to be done during the summer and the McClure Company stated that is correct but said they are committed to focusing on work that is achievable this summer.

Dr. Roberts stated out of all 5 ECM's, there were 2 that weren't on our capital projects list - the LED Lighting upgrades and the Building Envelope upgrades which came forward after the evaluation of our spaces which will result in a 20 year energy savings of \$2.4 almost \$2.5 million worth of energy savings which is why they are on the list.

Mr. Over said we replaced a boiler last year for \$215,000 and asked about estimates for the boiler replacement being discussed.

Mr. Over asked about the calculations on the new Building Envelope upgrades and the McClure Company responded it would be a one for one identical system and the savings would be relatively the same. Mr. Over asked if there could be a humidity problem and the McClure Company responded the goal is to only bring in outside air that is required by code as anything above and beyond causes undesired energy use which we are looking to avoid by sealing up those areas and treating the outside air through the HVAC system which has active dehumidification and monitors humidity levels.

Mr. Piper asked how the current boiler replacement compares to the previous boiler replacement and Mr. Drawbaugh responded it is the same exact boiler but costs have increased from a year and half ago when the last boiler was replaced. Mr. Over stated this is McClure's cost and hasn't been bid anywhere else. The McClure Company responded that in some cases, HVAC costs have doubled which is a factor in the cost differences but the dehumidification control component is also a factor.

Mr. Statler stated 4 companies submitted responses to the RFP and other companies submitted boiler prices and all of them were significantly higher than the McClure cost.

Mr. Over stated he wants to get the work done but would prefer getting bids to see which is the best price. Mr. Myers responded that would delay the work and costs could go up even higher.

**2.b. Lawn Mowing Results**

Mr. Statler presented an update on Lawn Maintenance to the Board.

**2.c. Summer 2023 Projects - Michael Statler**

Mr. Statler presented Summer 2023 Projects to the Board.

**3. Other Items** - Nothing offered

**4. Adjournment**

Mr. Wardle adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue which will be shared during the regular meeting.

*William L. Piper*