

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

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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. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; John McCrea, William Piper; Kingsley Blasco; and Richard Norris.

Richard Roush – absent.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; Steven Smith, High School Principal, Dean Smith, High School English Teacher, Judy Creps, High School Guidance Counselor, Sherisa Nailor, High School Ag Teacher, Chad Feeser, High School English Teacher, Cherie Powell, High School Business Teacher, Heath Myers, High School Science Teachers, and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

A. High School Focus Groups – Mr. Steven Smith, High School Principal. Mr. Steven Smith and a team of High School Teachers are here to present information to the Board on Focus Groups.

[Focus Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if we could get a hard copy of this presentation.
2. Mr. Piper stated that Mr. Steven Smith is to be commended for the insight and focus involving our staff. It is amazing.
3. Mr. Fry stated that he had three Superintendents last week ask if they could come visit our high school. Word is getting out concerning the collaboration of staff. It shows that different metrics are helping us move in the right direction. We are seeing real progress at the elementaries and our middle school as well.
4. Mr. Piper asked if the new grading system that will be released Friday will it be incorporated into this?
5. Mr. Fry stated it is just starting. You will see more of this with the individualization of customized learning that will be tailored to student's needs. Things are moving in the right direction.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-6; and A-8 through A-11 as a single action item. Item A-7 will be addressed separately.

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 Blasco to adjourn the meeting.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, Norris, Piper, Gutshall,
McCrea, Barrick, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary