

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2022



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1. 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 School District Middle School Auditorium at 7:04 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, John Wardle, and Donna Webster

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; William August, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Mike Fronk, Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation:

2.a. ESCO - Mr. Michael Statler

Future Capital Project – Hybrid

Energy Savings Performance Contract Timeline

Dr. Roberts stated the capital projects list from 2-3 years ago included HVAC concerns which is why we are pursuing energy savings scenarios and have narrowed down 2 potential ESCO groups. He said the November 14 meeting should help identify an ESCO who can clearly outline all of the projects to be recommended as we move forward to address the concerns with summer 2024 as a probable timeframe. He said the ESCO will recommend the scope of work but the Board will ultimately decide the scope of the future project and stated the Raymond James Financial Group will be at December meeting to talk with us and advise us on finance and bond refinance options. President Swanson stated the ESCO is worth pursuing because they could save us a lot of money.

2.b. Youth Truth Survey - Mr. Bill August

Strategic Plan Goal Areas

Feedback Tools

Youth Truth Survey Themes

Student Results

Family Results

Elementary Education Quality

Middle School Education Quality

High School Education Quality

Education Quality: Summary

HS Benchmarked Key Measures – Family

HS Benchmarked Recommend/Quality – Family

MS Benchmarked Key Measures – Family

MS Benchmarked Recommend/Quality – Family

Elementary Benchmarked Key Measures – Family

Elementary Benchmarked Recommend/Quality – Family

Dr. Roberts stated feedback from the areas of engagement and safety have directly informed our decisions and are reflected in our core focus of strategic planning based on the survey results.

Dr. Roberts shared this survey tool has been used several years with last year being the first year it was shared K-12 with families and said their feedback has been outstanding. He said by asking the right questions to get quality information, we can plan effective goals for our students, families, and community.

Mr. Wardle stated the top 100% is only 4.75 for elementary and we are at 4.12. He said we're getting a 4 out of 5 and it's tough to get a 5 out of 5 so a 4.12 is pretty good in his opinion.

Mr. Swanson said the survey provides good data that takes a lot of time to collect but is valuable and worthwhile.

Mr. Myers asked if ThoughtExchange and YouthTruth are both tools working hand in hand and not one replacing the other. Mr. August said we would never measure students with just one test and both tools work to help us inform decisions on where we want to go in the future.

President Swanson announced the Board held an Executive Session after the Finance Committee Meeting and prior to tonight's Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss a personnel matter which involved terms of employment for the assistant superintendent during this time of transition.

3. Other Items – Nothing Offered

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Wardle

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

William L. Piper