

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 7:15 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; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Stacey Kimble, Oak Flat Principal, Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

**A. RtII Presentation** – Mrs. Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Mrs. Stacey Kimble, Oak Flat Elementary Principal. Mrs. Temple, Mr. Roberts, and Mrs. Kimble are here to present information to the Board on RtII.

[RtII Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Piper asked if grant money was still being received by the District.
2. Mrs. Temple replied yes we receive grant money.
3. Mr. Fry informed the Board that in the old system students with the same deficiency might have gotten two different interventions.
4. Mr. Wolf inquired how this new program takes the intervention concerns away.
5. Mr. Fry stated that when we do a benchmark assessment and see that the score is lower than it needs to be in a certain area, they automatically go into an intervention.
6. Mr. Wolf asked if the monitoring is a mechanical process.
7. Mr. Roberts stated the teacher is monitoring the student through a screening process.
8. Mr. Wolf asked if the intervention specialist is in the classroom. Is there an extra teacher in the classroom?
9. Mr. Fry replied it is usually the reading specialist.
10. Mr. Wolf asked if it creates a problem for the reading specialist if the entire grade carries this out at the same time.
11. Mrs. Temple stated that is the master of scheduling.
12. Mr. Wolf asked how many reading specialists we have in each building.
13. Mrs. Kimble replied we have three in our building that we share.
14. Mrs. Temple informed the Board that the regular teacher, special teachers, and aides are all part of the intervention.
15. Mr. Wolf inquired if the growth is set differently for each student.
16. Mrs. Kimble replied absolutely. Each student has their own growth measure.
17. Mr. Wolf stated tons of data are being collected and stored. What percentage of time is the reading specialist reviewing the data?
18. Mr. Roberts reviewed how the data is being collected and used.

19. Mr. Piper asked how many groups are there per classroom.
20. Mr. Roberts replied generally three types of groups in a classroom.
21. Mr. Wolf asked if every student is in a group even the ones doing ok.
22. Mr. Roberts stated every student is in a group.

### **III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-5; and A-7 as a single action item. Item A-6 will be addressed as a separate action item. Also President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS Items B & C 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 Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Norris 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 7:58 PM

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary