

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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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. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper; John McCrea; and Richard Norris.

Absent - Richard Roush and Kingsley Blasco.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology and Public Relations; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

### II. PRESENTATION

**A. Technology Education & Agriculture Presentation** – Mr. Dwain Messersmith, High School Technology Teacher will lead the Board of School Directors in a discussion on updates in the Technology Education & Agriculture Department.

Presentation attached.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked what the Capstone courses consist of.
2. Mr. Barrick asked if we are involved in Project Lead the Way.

3. Mr. Fry informed the Board the changes our being driven by our staff. Things work so much better coming from the staff instead of the administration.
4. Mr. Barrick inquired about funding for 3D printers.
5. Mr. Barrick asked if they are looking for a laser engraver or a laser cutter.
6. Mr. Wolf questioned the cost of a laser engraver.

**B. Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager will provide information to the Board of School Directors on municipalities continuing disclosure cooperative.

Presentation attached.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board that it is almost everyone that did not fully disclose information.
2. Mr. Wolf asked how much time it takes you and your staff to go through this and provide that information.
3. Mr. Barrick questioned what happens if we don't file for a preliminary budget by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**C. ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program Fee Submission** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager will provide information to the Board of School Directors on ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program Fees.

Presentation attached.

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

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-8 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 Norris to adjourn, seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, McCrea, and Barrick. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM



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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary