

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper; Kingsley Blasco; and Richard Norris.

John McCrea arrived at 7:03 PM

Absent - Richard Roush.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent; Nicole Donato, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

### II. PRESENTATION

**A. Instructional Coaches Presentation** – Mrs. Nicole Donato, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction will lead the Board of School Directors in a discussion on Instructional Coaches. Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Jennifer Kump, Mrs. Heather Housel, Mr. William Wonders, and Mrs. Amy Kyle will do a presentation on Instructional Coaches.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Norris inquired about attendance increasing dramatically at the elementary level. I could see that at the High School but not really at the elementary level.
2. Mr. McCrea asked when, where and how often to the PLC meet. It is done regular at all the buildings.
3. Mr. Fry stated that the model is really taking off at the elementary. It is a tougher fit at the High School.
4. Mr. Wolf questioned how big the IU group of instructional coaches is.
5. Mr. Fry stated that Districts that get it know how important the instructional coaches are.
6. Mr. Wolf asked what percent of your time is spent in the classroom.

**B. PSAT/SAT/ASVAB INFORMATIONAL OVERVIEW** – Mrs. Judy Creps, High School Guidance Counselor will lead the Board of School Directors in a discussion on PSAT/SAT/ASVAB.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if the 2014 is the class or the group that took it.
2. Mr. Norris stated that you don't really have a good comparison with students.
3. Mr. Norris asked if we get a report with scores on all the students taking the test.
5. Mr. Barrick inquired if we emphasize to students that this is an aptitude test.
5. Mr. McCrea asked in SAT, what does the A stand for?

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

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-10 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 Blasco to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Norris, Piper, Gutshall,  
McCrea, Barrick, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM



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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary