

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; John McCrea, William Piper; David Gutshall; Richard Norris; Kingsley Blasco; and Richard Roush.

Richard Norris arrived at 7:05 pm. Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:24 pm.

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

II. PRESENTATION

A. Cyber/Charter & Home Schooling – Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Mrs. Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology and Public Relations. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Shatto are here to present information to the Board on Cyber Schooling, Cyber Charter Schooling and Home Schooling.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if they take the same testing that public children do.
2. Mr. Fry informed the Board that the Home Schooling students are the only students outside the PA educational assessment system.
3. Mr. Piper inquired who pays for the home education evaluators.
4. Mr. Piper questioned how many hours per day do home schooling students have to attend.
5. Mr. Wolf inquired what happens if the student's portfolio is not approved.
6. Mr. Barrick asked if they can receive a Big Spring diploma if they go to Big Spring cyber.
7. Mr. Wolf inquired how many cyber schools passed the performance profit report.
8. Mr. Barrick questioned how many students leave Big Spring and have no IEP are identified by the cyber school as needing an IEP. Is there any way to keep this from happening?
9. Mr. Wolf inquired how cyber schools can accommodate a student with an IEP.
10. Mr. Wolf questioned if Big Spring cyber students receive basic education funding.
11. Mr. Norris asked if ninety percent of the course is complete. Does that mean that they did not complete the course?
12. Mr. Norris inquired if there is enough data to compare Big Spring cyber students to brick and mortar students in regard to their performance on the keystone exam.

B. Update on Volunteers Policy – Mr. Richard Fry, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Richard Fry is here to present information to the Board on the Volunteers Policy No. 916.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick asked if volunteers need an affidavit and is it notarized.
2. Mr. Barrick questioned how you can have partial, constant, and none for supervision in the same area.

3. Mr. Barrick inquired about clearances that are needed and how long they take to get them.
4. Mr. Norris asked about game help needing clearances.
5. Mr. Wolf questioned what clearances are needed. Is it still child abuse and state police?
6. Mr. Piper inquired if someone comes in to read to a class do they need clearances.
7. Mr. Wolf questioned if anyone coming into our buildings would need a TB test.

C. Comprehensive Plan – Mrs. Temple, Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Temple is here to discuss the comprehensive plan the District is working to create and submit to PDE for approval.

1. Mr. Wolf asked if a new mission statement was being developed.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-5 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, Piper, Roush, Gutshall,
McCrea, Barrick, Blasco, and Norris. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary