

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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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, Richard Norris, Richard Roush, and William Piper.

Absent: Kingsley Blasco, and John McCrea.

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

### II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Graduation Requirements** – Mr. Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent and the High School Focus Team of Heath Myers and Jocelyn Kraus will do a presentation on Graduation Requirements.

Presentation attached.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked what advisement would consist of and when do they meet with students.

2. Mr. Piper asked if one staff member is responsible for tracking a student through their high school career.
3. Mr. Piper inquired where the vo-tech student fit into this plan.
4. Mr. Fry informed the Board with this plan impacting our current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students this allows our staff time to build the language and course offerings.
5. Mr. Piper asked about the huge educational component to the parents.
6. Mr. Wolf asked if this aligns to the Keystones exams.

**B. Pool Pak** – Mr. Richard Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation, Tobie Wolf, Mike Rader, and Paul Yingling will do a presentation on the High School Pool Pak.

1. Mr. Wolf asked what the source of the brown areas in the panel would be from.
2. Mr. Piper inquired how big the terminal box is.
3. Mr. Piper questions if the damage was from condensation or is it rain damage.
4. Mr. Kerr inquired the size of the present pool pak at the high school. He asked what savings the District could expect if we purchased a new pool pak.
5. Mr. Kerr asked what we should be doing to keep this pool efficient. Should we be looking at a pool cover. What is the cost of a pool cover? What does a pool pak cost?
6. Mr. Wolf inquired the cost of fixing the roof after replacing the pool pak. What is the cost to fix the roof without the new pool pak?
7. Mr. Roush asked how much the current unit weighs. He inquired the height of the roof.
8. Mr. Piper inquired if the new unit would be the same size as the current unit.
9. Mr. Piper questioned the work that needs to be done for the installation of a new unit.

10. Mr. Fry asked Honeywell to review the time line needed to complete this project.
11. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the natatorium is our largest electric user besides the geothermal units.
12. Mr. Wolf asked if this project would be considered a summer project.
13. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the challenge is making the pool sustainable in time. The pool pak is non-negotiable to ensure a functioning natatorium.
14. Mr. Piper inquired how long the new more efficient pool pak will last.

### **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 Norris to adjourn, seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, Barrick, Roush, Piper,  
Gutshall, and Norris. Motion carried unanimously 7 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.



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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary