BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Buildings and Property Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Large Group Room, Room 140, of the Big Spring High School at 6:00 P.M. with Robert Barrick, Chairperson, presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Robert Lee Barrick, Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf. Jr, ex-officio Committee Member; William Piper, Board Member; David Gutshall, Board Member; John McCrea, Board Member; and Richard Roush, Board Members.

Mr. Blasco arrived at 6:55 pm.

Absent: Richard Norris.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. <u>Oak Flat Paving</u>

Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager and Centerpoint Engineering will do an update and review for the Oak Flat paving project.

Presentation attached.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Barrick asked how many parking spaces are there in the front of the building.

2. Mr. Barrick inquired about the lanes designed as cattle shoots. We will have angled parking for parents to park throughout the day and cattle shoots for parent pick up at the end of the day. Is that correct?

3. Mr. Wolf questioned if you anticipate people parking in the angled parking space at this time of the day.

4. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Director that the challenges will be the day before a holiday or special events.

5. Mr. Piper asked to have the traffic flow pattern reviewed again. He confirmed that the parking lots would have overlay on them.

6. Mr. Barrick inquired if the playground would have to be moved to accommodate the new traffic flow pattern.

7. Mr. Kerr informed the Board of School Directors that this phase of the project will probably be quotes for the smaller projects and bids for the larger projects. The documents will reflect this plan.

B. District Master Plan

Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager and Mr. Tobie Wolf, Wolf Engineers will discuss the District's Master Plan.

Presentation attached.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board that the current enrollment projections are in your packet this evening. We have an 80% to 85% retention rate from birth to school age.

2. Mr. Wolf asked if the locker rooms in the pool area serve other things or just swimming.

3. Mr. Fry stated that we use those locker rooms when we host other sporting events.

4. Mr. Barrick inquired about the cost of a new roof.

5. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the Middle School needs tables. We will move a third of the fleet from the High School to the Middle School. We will purchase new round tables for the High School. They will be used for events and a learning area.

6. Mr. Wolf asked if the new round tables will fit in that area without losing any seating.

7. Mr. Swanson inquired if the construction is needed before we could put a new pool pak up. Does the cost include labor?

8. Mr. Wolf questioned how much is a new pool pak and how much would it be to repair the pool pak.

9. Mr. Barrick inquired if you push a button and the solar cover automatically covers the pool.

10. Mr. Fry informed the Board that we have to find ways to preserve the pool pak by covering the pool when it is not in use. He stated that 13 years ago the decision was made to put money into the natatorium. Every 10 to 15 years you will have to put money into the natatorium for upkeep.

11. Mr. Wolf asked if we need to continue to have the pool.

12. Mr. Barrick questioned how much more efficient are the new pool paks.

13. Mr. Barrick asked if a pool cover would allow them to down size the unit.

14. Mr. Swanson inquired if we still bring the elementary students to the pool.

15. Mr. Wolf asked if you have a rough cost of how much it costs to operate the pool.

16. Mr. Swanson questioned how many high school classes we have using the pool.

17. Mr. Wolf inquired if we could transport kids to another facility and if that would be more cost efficient.

18. Mr. Fry informed the Board that we have our pool open until 9:00 pm every night.

19. Mr. Piper questioned how many other schools have swim teams.

20. Mr. Piper asked if the pool was in good condition besides the pool pak.

21. Mr. Wolf inquired if the pool would be covered after 9:00 pm and then removed in the morning.

22. Mr. Fry stated that the moisture from the pool is what we think is causing the problem to the gymnasium floor.

23. Mr. Wolf stated that I don't think refurbishing that unit is going to be an option.

24. Mr. Piper asked if this is a bid item. What would the time frame be?

25. Mr. Swanson questioned if this is the original gymnasium floor in the Middle School.

26. Mr. Roush inquired if you have a total square footage for the asbestos at Mt. Rock.

27. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors all the floors at Mt. Rock are original except the addition.

28. Mr. Wolf asked if the square footage was listed for each building.

29. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors as we discuss our path forward and you look at a figure of 17 million dollars don't lose sight over a 10 year plan that when we renovated and built new it was 56 million.

30. Mr. Kerr stated he would like to talk briefly about finance. In the agenda manager, there is an 8 million dollar bond that RBC provided. Just as a reference, it would cost about $250,000 in extra debt service over 10 years.

31. Mr. Blasco asked what the total cost would be to pay off the debt.

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III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Swanson to adjourn, seconded by Blasco to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss negotiations issues at 7:20 PM. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, McCrea, Blasco and Barrick. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

Robert Lee Barrick

Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson