

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 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 7:05 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Richard Norris, William Piper, Richard Roush, Kingsley Blasco, and John McCrea.

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. Budget** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager will do a presentation on the Budget.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. McCrea asked what you are calling the adjusted index.
2. Mr. McCrea asked about the May and June receipts from last year are so much more than your estimate this year.
3. Mr. McCrea inquired if we could do much better than the projections are showing.

4. Mr. Fry stated that regardless what you hear on TV concerning the state increasing money for education this is what they are referring too.
5. Mr. McCrea commented about the statement of 16% of the assessed valuation is lost to us in the clean and green program. Agricultural property in this county should not be assessed the same as development property.
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board the Clean and Green program is a state mandated program that improves our community but it is paid for by our local tax payers.
7. Mr. Wolf stated the thing not recognized by the general public is the benefits of the clean and green land in terms of aquifer recharge, air purification, and scenic beauty. This value reaches far beyond the district.
8. Mr. Wolf inquired if the budget could only go down.
9. Mr. McCrea asked if the cost of \$616,000 is for chromebooks. I thought we got a great deal on the chromebooks.

B. Middle School Schedule – Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal, Mrs. Amy Craig, Mrs. Christy Gruver, and Ms. Meghan Bullock will do a presentation on the Middle School Schedule.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if Win 1 and 2 all take place in the same classroom or do they change classes.
2. Mr. Fry informed the Board that when you bring electives into the middle school it is a change. They will be given choice just like the high school with career options.
3. Mr. Piper inquired when Band and Chorus would be.
4. Mr. Fry informed the Board that there will be more time in this schedule for band and chorus than there is in the current schedule.
5. Mr. Fry stated that the literacy intervention mirrors what we are doing at the elementary. It is very important that we incorporate this into the middle school schedule. This allows us to continue to support that student's intervention needs.

6. Mr. Wolf asked if the same group of students move from SSR to WIN1.
7. Mr. Wolf inquired where the student would go between WIN 1 and WIN 2.
8. Mr. Piper questioned the WIN 1 sections and if it is the same teacher.
9. Mr. Wolf asked if more than one teacher would be doing the WIN 1 groups.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-4 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 to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, McCrea, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Blasco, and Norris. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary