

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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 7:10 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. **Aspen & Dashboard Website Updates** – Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction will do a presentation on Aspen and Dashboard websites.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick question if Power School is costly as well.
2. Mr. Fry stated that Power School provides support for State compliance but Aspen will provide support on what our student needs.

3. Mr. Wolf asked how many hours teachers will get to learn this new system.
4. Mr. Wolf questioned if they would get one full day of training.
5. Mr. Barrick inquired if this is part of Aspen or separate from Aspen.
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board that if the teachers are spending time looking for data they are taking time away from teaching students.
7. Mr. Barrick asked if we can take information from Aspen and put it into iDashboard.
8. Mr. Wolf inquired if you could look at specific information in iDashboard.
9. Mr. McCrea questioned the customization currently being developed. He asked if examples could be given for this.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-16 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 to executive session to discuss negotiations matters. 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 7:44 PM.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary