

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 5:30 P.M. with Robert Barrick, Chairperson, presiding. Six (6) directors present: Robert Lee Barrick, Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf, Jr., ex-officio Committee Member; David Gutshall, Board Member; William Piper, Board Member; and Richard Roush, Board Member;

David Gutshall and William Piper arrived at 5:35 pm.

Richard Norris arrived at 6:06 pm.

Absent: John McCrea and Kingsley Blasco.

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

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II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Intermodal Grant from Penn Dot

Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent and the Jeffrey Bergsten and David Frey Engineers will discuss the Intermodal Grant with the Board of School Directors.

Presentation attached.

1. Mr. Fry asked the Board of School Directors if there are any questions concerning signage, lights, etc.
2. Mr. Barrick questioned if there is going to be a large increase in the price for solar lights. Are we looking at LED lights?
3. Mr. Barrick inquired if we are looking at signage on the Steelstown Road for Newville, Centerville Road for Oak Flat, and one on each side of the Middle School/High School/Mt. Rock campus.
4. Mr. Fry stated we are also looking at signage on Lefever Road. There would be a total of three signs on this campus.
5. Mr. Barrick inquired how we are going to make the lights work. Will there be timers or sensors?
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board we have timers now. At the end of the day, it presents some challenges. We do have personnel assigned to certain areas. There is no good way to do timers. The difference will be at Oak Flat. We will have to have a custodian walk out each morning and afternoon.
7. Mr. Barrick questioned if they have anything with a remote activation.
8. Mr. Wolf asked about solar power if it requires a battery on site for backup. Is there a security issue?
9. Mr. Piper inquired about the speed limit in front of the schools. I have seen all different speed limits around different schools. What controls the speed limit in front of the schools? It is my understanding that Penn Dot doesn't control the speed limit on township roads.
10. Mr. Wolf asked if the speed study, curvature, and sight distance will be part of our study.

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11. Mr. Piper questioned if we put a tunnel under that road will that have any bearing on the speed limit on that road.
12. Mr. Barrick asked how wide the walk way is and what is the height in the center. Would we be able to drive a gator through this?
13. Mr. Fry stated the Board might want to take a look at a removable barrier for security.
14. Mr. Wolf inquired in terms of cost for the pipes. It is about half the cost for a pipe structure than the precast culverts.
15. Mr. Piper asked what agency regulates the pipe with height and width.
16. Mr. Fry informed the Board that this is a Penn Dot grant. We would follow Penn Dots criteria but we don't need their approval.
17. Mr. Piper stated than it is up to the Board on how high and how long we would want the tunnel.
18. Mr. Wolf inquired if the walkway requires some kind of drainage. The drainage would have to be collect and direct somewhere.
19. Mr. Wolf questioned the predesign of the tunnel and signage will eat up the grant.
20. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors after the grant is gone we would have to decide whether to apply for federal funding or additional grants. The predesign would be complete and we would have solid figures to move forward. We were hoping to start school next year with the signage complete.
21. Mr. Piper inquired with this grant we would get a safety study, the lights installed as a result of the safety study at three locations, and the predesign of the tunnel.
22. Mr. Fry informed the Board that a traffic study has not been done on this campus for over 10 years. Should a signal warning light analysis be added to this scope to determine if a traffic light is needed? This would be great information for the Board. We have students crossing seven times a day. We have more foot traffic than we imagined. Right now, we have nothing to slow down traffic. I have no idea if this area would warrant a traffic light. It is worth our while to find out.

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23. Mr. Wolf asked the Board if everyone is in agreement for getting information on a pipe tunnel as to a precast tunnel and walkway.

B. PLANCON Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Rick Kerr, Business Manager will update the Board on the PLANCON Feasibility Study. In order to do a Plancon project, this is required. It has to be within two years.

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board that we need to get something in and on the record before the moratorium starts. We are not ready to do a Newville project. This is about getting 2 million dollars in subsidy on the table.
2. Mr. Roush asked if this means we would be tied to Crabtree for the design.
3. Mr. Wolf stated that a discussion was held on who is even out there doing school designs. The number is declining rapidly.
4. Mr. Roush informed the Board that we have people from EI living in our District. The best school architect around is in our District. I have never met anyone any better. Are we considering EI?
5. Mr. Fry stated that for the price and timeline that we need, we won't be able to get someone else to do this. This is just the feasibility study.
6. Mr. Piper inquired if we are talking about wrap around financing.
7. Mr. Fry informed the Board that wrap around financing is for the stadium project.

C. Newville Water Forgiveness Letter

Mr. Rick Kerr, Business Manager will review the Forgiveness Letter from the Newville Borough.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Barrick inquired about the forgiveness letter from the Newville Borough.
2. Mr. Fry stated we did what we could with the Newville Borough.

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D. Small Paving Projects

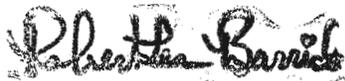
Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation will update the Board of School Directors on the small paving projects. Three contractors showed up but no bids were submitted. The projects were too small that no one showed any interest.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry stated the middle school and the stadium project might go on the back burner. The high school project could not go without being repaired.
2. Mr. Swanson asked if they stated why no one had any interest. Were the projects too small?
3. Mr. Piper inquired about the contracting regulations if no one responds or bids. Can we pick someone then?
4. Mr. Kerr stated this was not a bid. This was just quotes. There were specifications put into this that kept people from bidding. If Valley Quarry can pave down at the high school after someone puts the drainage in, we get most of what we need right now.
5. Mr. Gutshall inquired where the spring is. I recommend that we get Steve Lehman to look at this. He is really good with drainage.
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board the water line from the middle school to the stadium project has been fixed four times since I have been the Superintendent. A purification system would have to be put in to use the well down there. We would have to continue to test the water if we would use the well.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.



Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson