

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, William Piper, Kingsley Blasco, John McCrea, and Richard Norris.

Absent - Richard Roush.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology and Public Relations; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Highmark Excellence in School Nursing Award** – Mrs. Carol Madden, Nurse at the High School was honored by the Board of School Directors for her accomplishments.

President Wolf and Vice President Swanson congratulated Mrs. Madden on behalf of the entire Board, Administration and community.

- B. Budget** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager reviewed the Budget with the Board of School Directors.

Presentation attached. Presentation attachment1

General Questions:

1. Mr. Piper asked about basic education fund. Can you review the increase on basic education funding?
2. Mr. Kerr stated in the governor's budget they eliminated the ABG grant. They gave us a one-time only Ready to Learn grant. There is no more ABG or RTL. The state is telling us they are going to give us that money through the Basic Education Funding.
3. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors this doesn't include the cyber part of the governor's budget. This would save the District over \$500,000 if this goes through.
4. Mr. Blasco inquired on where things are in the process for the governor's budget. This is in the budget but it doesn't mean we are going to get this. The budget would have to be approved with this change in it.
5. Mr. McCrea inquired about the reduced increase in assessment. The reduction has been due to constant assessment appeals. I think it is due to the fact that Cumberland County Assessment Office has been dead wrong across the board of values it accepts for property in this district. We are lucky there have not been more appeals. Every time there is an appeal the assessment is reduced because the assessment is wrong in the beginning.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-11 and Items A-13 through A-16 as a single action item. Item A-12 will be a separate 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 Blasco to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss personnel issues and legal issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, Barrick, Piper, Norris, McCrea, Gutshall, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary