

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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. Seven (7) 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; Richard Norris, Board Member; and John McCrea, Board Member;

Mr. Barrick arrived at 5:56 pm.

Mr. Norris arrived at 6:49 pm.

Absent: Richard Roush 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. Newville Plan Con A Review

Hal Hart from Crabtree Rohrbaugh is preparing Plan Con A for Board approval at the next meeting. This is a presentation allowing the Board to make any changes prior to the meeting.

Presentation attached.

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that at Mt. Rock we are at functional capacity. As elementary enrollment goes up with the boundaries that we have, this capital plan allows us to work with the LGI to get the classrooms we would need. This reinforces the need for this in the next few years.
2. Mr. Fry stated what it does through Plan Con A is make the Newville facility equitable to Mt Rock and Oak Flat. This is a great base. It allows us to move forward.
3. Mr. Barrick inquired if you included new windows in this plan for that building.
4. Mr. Wolf questioned if you could do the district wide facility study the same night as the Plan Con A vote.
5. Mr. Wolf informed the Board there is a school on the map that the district no longer owns.

B. Review Stadium Building Renovation Concept

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation and Tobie Wolfe, Wolfe Consulting Engineers, reviewed with the Board of School Directors stadium complex upgrade options.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if there are any hazardous materials at the old sewage plant that we would need to deal with.
2. Mr. Wolf questioned if there will be steps with the new site plan. I don't believe that we have any steps now. Is that correct?
3. Mr. Tobie Wolfe informed the Board that this area is too steep to meet code. Therefore, we have created a step arrangement for non-handicap people and a ramp for handicapped people.

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4. Mr. Wolf asked who would have to approve this code for the restroom plan to go through.
5. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the football team dresses at the Mt. Rock fitness center. The band dresses in the middle school band area. The administration does not see a need for showers. Visiting teams don't even shower now. We did some checking with Mr. Hockenbroch. They can still shower at our Middle School if that need ever arises.
6. Mr. Wolf inquired if we still need the big locker room on either corner.
7. Mr. Fry stated it is more of a meeting area for teams and it won't require lockers as much as a holding area. Just an area with hooks will meet our needs. After talking with the band director, he just needs storage.
8. Mr. McCrea asked if any of the buildings will be heated.
9. Mr. Tobie Wolfe stated this will be a seasonal facility. None of the buildings will be heated.
10. Mr. Wolf questioned if the block come in various colors.
11. Mr. McCrea inquired if they have considered metal roofs.
12. Mr. Tobie Wolfe replied that metal roofs cost more than shingled roofs. Shingled now have life time warranty with them. They last about 30 years or more. Your shingled roof would be more economical.
13. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that it means a lot to our graduates and this community to graduate in the stadium if they can. We would work some kind of phasing to afford that opportunity.
14. Mr. Wolf stated that we looking around April or May of next year before we get all the approvals.
15. Mr. Tobie Wolfe informed the Board that he believes that we can work on this end of the facility and still use the remainder of the facility at all times. We just have to prepare the area correctly. We would need a temporary entrance and porta johns.
16. Mr. Barrick questioned if that allows for electricity underground.
17. Mr. Barrick asked if there will be additional lighting in the parking lot area.

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18. Mr. Fry stated that the administration has never talked about anything over 2 million dollars. We need to take a look at things at this point.
19. Mr. Fry reviewed with the Board on the usage needs. There is no need for showers. We can eliminate that in the plans. We have some room for modifications if we need. When we look at usage for the facility, we are looking at soccer, track, and football. Soccer carries their bags with them. They would still use the meeting areas, restrooms, and sinks. Our needs are meeting areas, restrooms, and the core area.
20. Mr. Barrick asked if water is coming down the hill under the paving in the stadium parking area.
21. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors as we plan for this we may want to look at what it would cost to put in an all-weather track. My plan all along has been to put a track here at the high school facility. The challenges with putting a track here are parking, access and restrooms. You would have all that at the stadium. We can move back the visiting bleachers and remove some trees to get an eight lane track. It might not be effective but I think we would be better off getting pricing and information.
22. Mr. Tobie Wolfe stated that we just wanted to make sure that we did enough homework to cover all areas of concerns. You can move back the visiting bleachers to get the area that we would need. I think we may be better off looking at this during this renovation. Getting information and pricing does not lock us in to anything.
23. Mr. Piper stated we need to get the information to consider our options.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.



Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson