

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2022



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1. 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 School District Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, and Donna Webster

Absent: Mr. John Wardle

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; William August, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Gareth Pahowa, Solicitor; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation

2.a. FY23 Final Budget Update - Mr. Michael Statler, Business Manager

Mr. Statler delivered a Final Budget Update to the Board of School Directors:

Budget Assumptions

FY23 Final Budget

Revenues by Source

General Fund Projection Summary

Revenues History with FY23 Budget

Homestead/Farmstead Credit History

Real Estate Tax Info

Big Spring Act 1 Index History

PA Federal Subsidy

Expenditures

FY23 Budgeted Expenditures

Health Insurance

Charter School Expense

ForeCast5 Data

Action Item - Approval of Transferring Funds from the General Fund to Capital Reserve for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year

FY23 Budget Timeline

Mr. Over asked for clarification of the transportation costs shown on slide #13 of Mr. Statler's presentation and Dr. Roberts stated the 2021-2022 number shown is a year-to-date figure and not the year-ending final figure as compared to the proposed budget amount shown in the 2022-2023 column. Mr. Over asked if there is still a clause in the agreement with Deitch Buses, Inc. for a daily rate guarantee in the event of a COVID outbreak and Mr. Statler confirmed the agreement still contains a daily rate guarantee.

2.b. Title I Reading Program Update - Mrs. Nicole Donato and Mrs. Lauren Swigart

Mrs. Donato and Mrs. Swigart presented a Title I Reading Update:

Title I Funding

Reading Teachers

Response to Instruction and Intervention

Intervention System

Tier 2 Interventions

Tier 3 Interventions

2021-2022 Data – Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3

Parent Advisory Committee

Reading Events

Summer Reading

Mr. Piper asked Mrs. Donato where and when interventions are conducted with the reading students and Mrs. Donato responded that every intervention specialist has their own classroom to address interventions during WIN (What I Need) so that students are not missing any regular education class time. Mr. Piper asked if we are doing any kind of tracking on the students as they advance to higher grade levels and Mrs. Donato responded that it is her goal to track the students in grades 4 and 5 as well as their middle school years to monitor their reading progress.

Mr. Myers asked if the family reading events are well attended by parents and Mrs. Donato responded yes but we always want to get more parents at our events.

Mr. Over asked what happens to reading students in grades 4 and 5 and Mrs. Donato said they continue to serve and support those students needing reading intervention; however, Title I funding does not cover those grades. Mr. Over asked why funding does not cover grades 4 and 5 and Dr. Roberts responded that we previously had funding for 9 teachers which went down to 6 teachers so the decision was made to prioritize the lower grade levels.

3. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested the Board address item 10 New Business Personnel Items to combine items (a) through (o) into one motion.

4. Other Items – Nothing offered

5. Adjournment

Mr. Deihl made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Roush

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Fisher, Over, Myers, Roush, and Webster

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

William L. Piper