

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 7:00P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. \*Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Barrick, John McCrea, David Gutshall, and William Piper.

Richard Norris and Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:10 pm

Absent: Richard Roush

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

### II. PRESENTATION

**A. Aspen** – Mrs. Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology and Public Relations. Mrs. Shatto will provide the Board of School Directors with updates on Aspen.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if everyone is happy with the new system.

2. Mr. Piper questioned what the support system is like.
3. Mr. Wolf inquired where they are headquartered.
4. Mr. Wolf asked how big is this company

**B. New Chapter IV Requirement's Update** – Mr. Kevin C. Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Roberts will provide the Board of School Directors with updates on the new chapter IV requirements.

School Board Presentation

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Blasco asked if the District will draw up all the standards.
2. Mr. Wolf questioned what differentiated diplomas would mean for us.
3. Mr. Wolf inquired if the diploma would be the same as the regular one.
4. Mr. Fry informed the Board that they could require differentiated criteria. Everyone will get the same diploma. As we align that model, we may see someone in a specific program that may have more relevance with an internship than an elective.
5. Mr. Wolf inquired about the Math 12 program.
6. Mr. Fry stated that as we go through the process the students aspiring to higher education may continue the same track.
7. Mr. Piper question about the class of 2017 showing proficiency.

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Wolf requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-17 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 Norris to adjourn, seconded by Blasco to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Blasco, Piper,  
Gutshall, Norris, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM



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Robert L. Barrick, Secretary