

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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 7:12 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. *Five (5) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Richard Norris; Richard Roush, and William Piper.

Absent: Robert Barrick, John McCrea, Kingsley Blasco, and David Gutshall.

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. Update on 1 to 1 Initiative – Mrs. Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology and Public Relations. Mrs. Shatto will provide the Board of School Directors with updates on the 1 to 1 Initiative.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked how that compares to the price of the other Dells.
2. Mr. Piper inquired what the charge time is for these devices.

3. Mr. Piper questioned can these batteries be partially charged.
4. Mr. Wolf asked if this is a picture of the charging device.
5. Mr. Norris inquired if the docking station is a first come first use basis.
6. Mr. Fry stated that you can charge your device the normal way in the classroom.
7. Mr. Wolf asked if a tenth grader's device goes bad will they get a new device.
8. Mr. Norris stated that the tenth graders have batteries that are a year older. Is that a concern?
9. Mr. Norris inquired if you have compared the cost of these devices with book replacement costs.
10. Mr. Wolf asked what is the price tag for the digital license.
11. Mr. Fry informed the Board that the textbooks are the same price as the digital license.
12. Mr. Wolf stated we went from \$200,000 to \$70,000 for textbook costs.
13. Mr. Wolf inquired if 6th graders would be able to take them home too.
14. Mr. Norris asked if the ones given to 6th graders were expected to last until 12th grade.

B. Update on New Chapter IV Requirements – 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. Fry stated that legislator's call this mandated relieve for School Districts.
2. Mr. Wolf asked if the standards are what we must use over the next year.
3. Mr. Wolf inquired if they don't pass Biology but pass NOCTI can they still graduate.

4. Mr. Wolf asked how many years we have to develop this procedure.
5. Mr. Fry stated we will live with our current graduation requirement. We will take a year to develop the new requirements. The graduation requirement should energize us. It can define us educationally as a community. We need to tailor that to what we want our children to get educationally. We are convinced this is the right thing to do.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-14 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 Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Norris, Swanson, Piper, Roush, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously 5 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilbur Wolf Jr.", positioned above a horizontal line.

Wilbur Wolf Jr, President