

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2023



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1. Call to Order - President Wardle

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring School District High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present; John Wardle, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, William Swanson, and Donna Webster

Absent: No absences

Others in attendance: Nicholas Guarente, Superintendent; Nadine Sanders, Assistant Superintendent; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation:

2.a. District-Wide Technology Improvement Updates - Rob Krepps

Rob Krepps provided technology improvement updates to the Board:

District – Network Switches & Wi-Fi

High School – Bells, Clocks, PA System

High School – Network Wiring

District – Security Cameras

What about Network Security?

Student 1:1 Devices

Middle School – Computer/Keyboarding Lab

Aspen Rollover, Registration, Curricular Apps

Mr. Myers asked if the elementary computer labs are no longer used and Mr. Krepps responded when we moved to 1:1 device model at the elementary level a few years ago, the need for computer labs was eliminated but said when students enter the middle school, we believe it is important to make full-size keyboards available to students. Mr. Myers asked if the middle school computer lab will be a structured class and Mr. Krepps responded yes, it will be taught by Mr. Policicchio. Dr. Guarente said the elementary computer labs were turned into innovation stations and added we provide a more intensive keyboarding opportunity at the middle school level because typing is an essential skill.

Mr. Over asked if the 21 cameras being replaced were because of damage or age and Mr. Krepps responded they are primarily being replaced because of age because some of the cameras are located outside and exposed to the weather. Mr. Over asked if the camera replacement was part of the technology budget and Mr. Krepps responded yes.

Mr. Wardle thanked Mr. Krepps for his work and technology plans for the district.

3. Other Items – Nothing Offered

President Wardle announced the Board will hold an executive session following the Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening to discuss legal matters pertaining to ongoing litigation.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Roush
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Deihl, Fisher, Myers, Over, Piper, Roush, Swanson, Wardle, and Webster
Motion Carried unanimously. 9-0

Meeting adjourned at **7:17 pm**


