



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 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 7:05 pm with nine (9) 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, John Wardle, and Donna Webster

Mr. Piper participated in the meeting virtually.

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

2. Presentation:

2.a. Health and Safety Plan - Mr. Bill August

Current Status

Contact Tracing/Isolation/Quarantine

Mr. Wardle asked when the air disinfecting device units will be turned on and Mr. August responded they are already on and being utilized.

Mr. Wardle asked if we are only monitoring COVID/variants and if other things like monkey pox would have to be much more of a threat before we would have to discuss a health/safety protocol? Mr. August responded that our current focus is COVID 19 but he does make an effort to be informed on other issues.

2.b. Federal Programs - Mr. Bill August

Title I, II, IV

Title I: Ensuring High Quality Education

Title II: Supporting Effective Instruction

Title IV: Well-rounded education, safe and healthy schools, effective use of technology

Mr. Myers asked if Title IV has an expenditure requirement for each category and Mr. August responded there are requirements for only 2 categories. Mr. Myers asked if the funds need to be spent or they go away and Mr. August said there is a carry-over process but we do our best to spend the funds year to year. Mr. August also said Title I requires funds be spent on parent engagement so we must set aside 1% of the funds for parent engagement.

- 3. Other Items** – Mr. Swanson announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to the start of the Buildings and Property Committee Meeting to discuss legal matters.

Board Reports:

a. District Improvement Committee - Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Webster

Mr. August said he will be distributing the committee meeting dates for the coming year.

b. Athletic Committee - Mr. Deihl, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Wardle

Mr. Myers said they will be meeting on Thursday, August 11.

c. Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center - Mr. Piper and Mr. Wardle

Mr. Piper said they will be meeting at the end of the month.

d. Building and Property Committee - Mr. Over, Mr. Piper, Mr. Roush, and Mr. Wardle

Nothing offered

e. Finance Committee - Mr. Deihl, Mr. Over, Mr. Piper, and Mr. Myers

Nothing offered

f. South Central Trust - Mr. Deihl

FY22 financials for South Central Trust (SCT) are not final, there are audit adjustments that need to be completed. FY22 presented a significantly positive result compared to FY21. The two driving factors were the increase in Premiums paid to SCT and a reduction in claims paid to Capital. In consideration of both these factors for FY23, Conrad Siegel advised not to increase our premiums for FY23.

g. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mr. Swanson

Mr. Swanson said the July meeting was cancelled.

h. Tax Collection Committee - Mr. Swanson

Nothing offered

EIT and LST from Jan to July - 2022 v. 2021

- Big Spring has seen a 4.2% increase in EIT revenue through July compared to EIT; while the County as a whole has seen a 6.8% year over year increase.

Net Distribution All Years Tax, Pen, Int & Recovered Costs	Calendar Year to Date 2022		Calendar Year to Date 2021		Difference	
	EIT	LST	EIT	LST	EIT	LST
Cooke Township	16,143		15,890		253	
Lower Frankford Township	126,004		119,604		6,400	
Lower Mifflin Township	121,163		113,778		7,385	
Newville Borough	86,854	4,870	75,025	4,339	11,830	531
North Newton Township	185,537		185,965		(428)	
Penn Township	252,420	49,935	231,941	33,752	20,479	16,183
South Newton Township	108,433	5,043	99,924	4,262	8,509	781
Upper Frankford Township	143,574		143,403		171	
Upper Mifflin Township	104,105		99,077		5,028	
West Pennsboro Township	440,283		402,868		37,415	
Big Spring School District	3,523,924	42,303	3,382,248	37,879	141,675	37,879
Camp Hill School District	2,869,530	24,520	2,708,558	25,109	160,971	(589)
Carlisle Area School District	6,235,707		5,850,952		384,755	
Cumberland Valley School District	17,034,295	115,453	15,885,125	115,837	1,149,169	(384)
East Pennsboro School District	4,029,082	28,201	3,844,789	32,670	184,293	(4,469)
Mechanicsburg Area School District	7,558,453	37,903	6,914,461	37,176	643,992	727
Shippensburg Area School District	3,421,755	57,658	3,182,678	54,057	239,078	3,601
South Middleton School District	3,275,124	27,637	3,017,608	24,858	257,516	2,779
West Shore School District	11,599,742		10,816,649		783,093	
	89,447,350	4,139,260	83,774,320	4,095,288	5,700,120	2,535,947

i. Future Board Agenda Items – Nothing offered

j. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Roberts stated our teams are continuing to work hard on our buildings. Mount Rock, Newville, and Big Spring MS will be significantly finished with cleaning, lights, and ceiling tile replacements by August 12th. Oak Flat and Big Spring HS (our two most utilized buildings this summer) will be completed early next week.

Dr. Roberts said our Smart Panel installation went very well and I am glad to announce that it is 100% complete. Kudos to Mr. Krepps and the Technology Department on their careful coordination of that department. From navigating supply chain issues to strategically mapping out the project, we're lucky to have Mr. Krepps on our team.

Dr. Roberts shared we are excitedly getting closer to our first day of the 2022-2023 school year. On Friday, August 19th we will welcome back all of our staff to include classified and professional staff with our opening in-service and he invited Board members to attend.

Dr. Roberts said on Wednesday, August 24th, we have the privilege of welcoming back our Bulldogs for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We are blessed to get to serve the students and the community that we get to serve and we are looking forward to those special dates ahead.

Dr. Roberts shared the District earned “Best of Cumberland County – Education” for the Best School District in Cumberland County. This distinction was earned through votes cast by their registered voters. There were 4250 registered voters, 32,000 nominations made and 87,600 votes submitted this year. We will be communicating this to the public following our board meeting through social media, website postings, and press releases.

4. Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm

William L. Piper
