

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 7:07 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. *Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Richard Norris; Richard Roush, John McCrea, Robert Barrick, David Gutshall, Kingsley Blasco, and William Piper.

Arriving at 7:09 – Kingsley Blasco.

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. Chartwell Presentation – Mrs. Nancy Quinn, Mid Atlantic Regional Vice President and Mr. Michael Polash, Mid Atlantic Regional District Manager. Mr. Polash will provide information to the Board of School Directors on the award “Be A Star” that was awarded to Michelle Mattern and the Chartwell staff.

Specific questions regarding tonight’s presentation:

1. Mr. Piper asked what is new with food service.

2. Wolf stated that Chartwell has kept us ahead of the curve in this very difficult time.
3. Mr. Piper questioned the situation with milk. Can we sell whole milk?
4. Mr. Piper inquired if the pizza dough has to be whole wheat?

B. Diagnostic Assessments – Mrs. Nicole Donato, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Donato will provide the Board of School Directors with updates on diagnostic assessments.

Presentation attached.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick asked if we are using any of this mapping to see who qualifies for the gifted program.
2. Mr. Barrick questioned if any of this is being used in the new teacher evaluation system.
3. Mr. Fry informed the Board that at the Elementary level it would be used as teacher elected data.
4. Mr. Barrick stated this give us very good data on students.
5. Mr. Wolf inquired what the chart in this area is showing.
6. Mr. McCrea asked if there are different rates of growth in this program.
7. Mr. McCrea questioned if the system sets a target for each individual student.
8. Mr. Blasco asked how many assessment have we done.
9. Mr. Fry informed the Board it is not by accident that we have had the growth that we have seen for the last 5 years.
10. Mr. Blasco inquired could this be used down the road for teacher growth.
11. Mr. Piper questioned if we are looking at our district growth for last year.
12. Mr. Piper inquired if the original testing is being corrected and adjusted as they go along.

13. Mr. McCrea asked how this would tell us why a student is struggling.
14. Mr. Barrick stated that if a student decided to have fun with this test. How would this be handled and how would it affect the results?

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 Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Norris to adjourn the meeting.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Barrick, Norris, Swanson, Piper, Roush,
Gutshall, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously 9 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Barrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Robert L. Barrick, Secretary