

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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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 High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Dave Gutshall, Robert Over, Frank Myers, John Wardle, and Richard Roush

Absent: Alexis Hurley

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

2. Presentation:

Bulldog Basics - Middle School Principal, Mrs. Clarissa Nace, introduced Sixth Grade Team Leaders Mr. Shawn Britcher and Mr. Michael Spears who shared details of Bulldog Basics which is a program to prepare and orient sixth grade students to middle school to make students feel comfortable about the transition to a new school. Chromebooks and locks were distributed at the August 19, 2021, event which also included a building tour and an Open House format for parents and students to meet teachers.

Dawg Days - High School Principal, Mr. Jason Shover introduced Mr. Scott Penner, Dean of Students who spoke about the Back 2 School Bash and Dawg Day of Summer events. The Back 2 School Bash was held on August 21, 2021, and featured tie dying, a dunk tank, inflatable games, and an open concession stand where students and athletes enjoyed activities and bulldog seniors were recognized. Community support for this event was also provided by the Lions Club, United Way, Kiwanis, and local Church Groups. The Dawg Day of Summer was held on August 23, 2021 from 11

am – 4 pm for 185 ninth grade students to orient and prepare them for the transition to high school. Laptops were issues to students who had an opportunity to tour the building, meet teachers, and socialize with other students. Students worked on the 6 C's and their profile of a graduate which they will continue to refine over the course of their high school years.

3. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested the Board address 12 New Business Personnel Items and combine items 12a through 12g into one motion.

4. Other Items

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Wardle

The Board of School Directors met in Executive Session prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss legal matters.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Gutshall, Over, Myers, Wardle, and Roush

Motion Carried unanimously. 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

William L. Piper