

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Buildings and Property Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Large Group Room, Room 140, of the Big Spring High School at 6:30 P.M. with Eight (8) directors present: William Piper, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Robert Over, Committee Member Todd Deihl, Bob Kanc, Richard Roush, David Gutshall and Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager, Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Time Star.

### **II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. 2019 Construction Summary**

- **Dr. Fry shared the projected cost summary of the 2019 building projects with the Board of School Directors.**
- **Dr. Fry detailed with the Board of School Directors the description of the add alternates for the Middle School, High School, Oak Flat Elementary School and Mt. Rock Elementary School as well as the estimated cost for each building.**
- **Dr. Fry reviewed the bid schedule listed below:**
  - **December 19, 2018 – Bids Advertised**
  - **January 16, 2019 – Bid Specs Released**
  - **February 15, 2019 – Bids Due**
  - **February 18, 2019 – Building and Property Committee to Review Bids**
  - **February 19, 2019 – Board Reviews and Approves Bids**
  - **February 28, 2019 – Notice to Proceed**
  - **August 7, 2019 – Substantial Completion**

#### **B. Cold Weather Issues**

- **Dr. Fry shared with the Board of School Directors that all buildings continued to stay heated 24/7. All building heating systems were monitored 24/7 through the districts computer systems.**

- Dr. Fry communicated that all buses responded well during the frigid temperatures with the exception of a couple of buses fuel systems gumming up which is not uncommon for diesel engines.
- Dr. Fry shared the administration was not comfortable sending buses to Vo-Tech due to a possible problem in the fuel system gumming up while in transit to Vo-Tech.
- Dr. Fry communicated that the staff did an outstanding job during the frigid temperatures.
- Dr. Fry shared he stayed in contact with PennDOT due to thoughts of a possible early dismissal on Friday afternoon.

### C. High School Sprinkler Head Failure

- Dr. Fry talked about the high school sprinkler head failure due to cold weather as well as areas of the building losing heat which caused the sprinkler head to malfunction.
- Dr. Fry stressed to the Board of School Directors that you cannot have shut offs for the system.
- Dr. Fry shared if a sprinkler head fails all water will stream to that specific area.
- Dr. Fry communicated there was significant damage in the high school office with approximately 3 inches of water which in time made its way to the first floor into the cafeteria.
- Dr. Fry communicated that within 45 minutes after the failure of the sprinkler head there were 8-10 custodians on site in the high school.
- Dr. Fry communicated that he continues to de-brief staff on a process to avoid a situation of any sprinkler head failure in the future.
- Dr. Fry shared that the local fire company assisted with six firefighters on sight to assist.
- Dr. Fry commended administration and Chartwells Assistant to the Director who all arrived to assist with the water damage.
- Mr. Blasco asked if there was a lot of damage. Dr. Fry stated; there was no significant damage.
- Mr. Kanc asked if there is technology that can be integrated for the sprinkler system. Dr. Fry stated he is not aware of technology that could assist with the system and the sprinkler system has to remain operable.
- Mr. Roush was amazed how quickly and well things were cleaned up. Mr. Roush shared that he was in the building to check the moisture and it was gone. Mr. Roush stated moisture was below 3%.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Roush to adjourn the Building and Property meeting to executive session for personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting yes: Swanson, Piper, Kanc, Blasco, Diehl, Roush, Gutshall and Over. Motion carried unanimously  
The Building and Property meeting was adjourned at **6:43 p.m.**

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William L. Piper, Secretary