

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016**

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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 6:00 P.M. with Robert Barrick, Chairperson, presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Robert Barrick, Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf, Jr., ex-officio Committee Member; William Piper, Committee Member; Richard Roush, Committee Member; David Gutshall, Committee Member; Kingsley Blasco, Bob Kanc, and Todd Deihl.

Mr. Kingsley Blasco arrived at 6:50 pm.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; William August, High School Principal; Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal; Clarissa Nace, Newville Elementary Principal; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

### **II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. High School Stadium**

The Building and Property Meeting began at 5:30 pm at the High School Stadium. Board members were given the opportunity to tour the new facility. The meeting was continued at 6:00 pm in the LGR.

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### **B. Project Updates**

Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager led a discussion with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates on the Newville Elementary Project.

[Presentation attached.](#)

#### **Newville Elementary**

- Extend the parking lot to include more parking
- Change location of bus pick up and drop off
- Add exit road to the VFW/Main Street
- Hazardous waste abatement – Summer 2017
- Multipurpose /kitchen/classroom addition - March 2018 - August 2018
- Classroom /corridor renovation - June 2018 - August 2018
- Two story addition
- LED lights
- Total project cost for Newville – 8.6 Million Dollars

#### **Middle School - Auditorium**

- Hazardous waste abatement
- Replace auditorium seating, wall acoustics, ceiling tiles, HVAC
- Replace house and stage lighting, sound system, stage curtain

#### **Middle School Courtyard**

- Roofing material applied on walls - substrate is wet and failing
- EIFS is failing in multiple locations
- Exterior fill is placed above floor
- Exterior windows replaced with commercial windows

#### **Athletic Stadium Improvements**

- Replace macadam, restripe parking lot, add pole lights
- Address storm water from MS parking lot, steep grass slope
- Increase width of Dog Path
- Convert north side of cinder track to grass
- Convert ½ of the width of the south side of the cinder track to macadam walk way and other ½ to grass
- Total Project cost for Middle School – 3.1 Million Dollars

#### **High School STEM/Classroom**

- Demolish interior classroom wall
- Replace acoustical ceiling tile, paint walls, add heating/cooling
- STEM Lab
- Install acoustical ceiling tile, LED lighting, power/data for Lab
- Insert glass into exterior doors, upgrade paint booth
- Multi media lab, create videos/editing
- Total Project cost for High School - \$300,000

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General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf asked the length of the road going down by the VFW.
2. Mr. Piper inquired if it is the east or west side of the VFW for the road.
3. Mr. Wolf questioned if we are using the VFW driveway in any way.
4. Mr. Wolf inquired if the wet land area will be affected at all.
5. Mr. Piper questioned if we are aware that the water flows down through some of this area. How will this be addressed?
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors this is an area on cost effectiveness. This proposal that he is showing you is very expensive.
7. Mr. Barrick stated the Newville Borough just filed for a grant to address storm water. The problem starts with the borough. This might really help if we can piggy back off what they do.
8. Mr. Piper questioned if we are keeping the geothermal system.
9. Mr. Barrick asked the size of the LGI compared to the classroom. You have two LGI – one on the first floor and one on the second floor.
10. Mr. Fry inquired if this includes the new skim floor going down as well.
11. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we would be looking at portable storage units to get everything out of the building.
12. Mr. Gutshall questioned the need of the access road at Newville Elementary.
13. Mr. Piper asked when the buses leave now which direction to they go.
14. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors they can go out the main entrance and traffic flows to the right or to the left.
15. Mr. Wolf inquired if the access road is to separate parents from the buses.
16. Mr. Fry stated we addressed that issue with the prior renovation. Parents pick up is in the front of the building while buses are in the back of the building. We are in great shape with transportation. This comes down to do we want access to route 641.

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17. Mr. August informed the Board of School Directors that there was never an issue with parent and buses.
18. Mr. Barrick stated he is curious to see the storm water grant with the borough. Storm water is an issue for part of that area.
19. Mr. Wolf informed the Board of School Directors that you never want to touch the wet lands. You will have all kinds of people coming to look at things. We would just be asking for trouble.
20. Mr. Fry indicated the construction at the Middle School can be separated from the students. We can close off the auditorium during the construction and not interfere with the education of students.
21. Mr. Barrick inquired the only space that is close to the auditorium is the cafeteria and commons area. The students make more noise than the construction so we can do this project during the school year.
22. Mr. Kanc questioned why the wet process at the middle school versus the mechanical process at Newville to remove asbestos.
23. Mr. Wolf asked the difference in the two levels of sound system and the cost between the two. We are looking at whether we want a performing arts system or just an assembly system correct?
24. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors the administration has some concerns with making this a facility like that with parking and access. The staff would love to make this a theatrical area because the stage is bigger. There is more room behind the curtain. The discussion could be interesting.
25. Mr. Piper asked the capacity for the auditorium versus the high school.
26. Mr. Barrick inquired which surface do the cheerleaders prefer.
27. Mr. Barrick reminded the Board we need to widen the grass area in order for soccer to be played here.
28. Mr. Wolf asked where this area is physically in the high school building.
29. Mr. Barrick questioned if you are putting a ceiling in the STEM lab or just in the classroom.
30. Mr. Wolf inquired the dimension of the library.
31. Mr. Barrick asked where the media center is located in the high school.

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**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

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Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson