

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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. Eight (8) directors present: Robert Barrick, Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf, Jr., ex-officio Committee Member; Bob Kanc, Board Member; Richard Roush, Board Member; William Piper, Board Member; Todd Deihl, Board Member; and David Gutshall, Board Member.

Bob Kanc arrived at 6:16 pm.

Absent: Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RFP for Microwave Link Upgrade to Newville & Oak Flat Elementary

Mr. Robert Krepps, Questeq provided replacement/upgrade information to the Board of School Directors for Newville Elementary and Oak Flat Elementary.

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[Presentation attached.](#)

Big Spring School District educates approximately 2,500 K-12 students in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Big Spring School District operates five schools and employs approximately 575 teachers, administrators, and support staff members to carry out the public education mission for the Big Spring School District. The Big Spring School District (BSSD) is soliciting proposals from selected vendors to replace the current microwave links from the Big Spring Middle School to Oak Flat Elementary and to Newville Elementary. Specifications are listed in the Scope of Work.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired the difference between bidding the specs this year and bidding the specs next year. Would information for eRate change things from year to year?
2. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we are leaning toward hard fiber with eRate. We either run the cable underground or use telephone poles. We need to improve the microwave. This gives us some time. This gets us the thirty-year solution and gets us where we need to be.
3. Mr. Wolf questioned if eRate would be hard fiber or something else.
4. Mr. Barrick stated that if you go with fiber optics as technology increases you don't have to replace the fiber you just have to replace the machine. Microwave you have to replace everything every time. Fiber going forward is more cost effective.

B. Update of Project Schedules

Mr. Richard Fry, Superintendent provided updates to the Board on the schedule for upcoming projects. Mr. Richard Roush provided insight to the Board on asbestos abatement and a few areas of concern.

[Timeline attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Mr. Swanson asked if he thinks the chalk boards will have asbestos.
2. Mr. Wolf inquired about the glazing at the windows. What happens with that process in order to remove the asbestos?

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3. Mr. Barrick questioned the start date for starting construction on the all-weather track.
4. Mr. Fry reminded the Board we are shooting for April so that fall sports can make use of the turf field. A timeline was provided for Board members to review.
5. Mr. Swanson stated the membrane doesn't fail. The adhesive separated from the membrane.
6. Mr. Wolf inquired where the warranty comes from. Is it the insurance company or the roof company?
7. Mr. Piper questioned why if the rubber doesn't fail, is the under laying or the seams that is the issue. What can we do to protect ourselves?

C. Review Snow Plow Bids

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation provided information to the Board of School Directors on the snow plow bids and the results.

Specific questions:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that only one vendor sent a bid in on the way we did the RFP. The bid was higher than we have ever paid for snow removal. We realized that we had to go to the alternative side of the bid process which would be hourly.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.



Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson