

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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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 William Piper, Co-Committee Chairperson presiding. Eight (8) directors present: William Piper, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf, Jr, ex-officio Committee Member; David Gutshall, Committee Member; Kingsley Blasco, Todd Deihl, Bob Over, and Bob Kanc.

Absent – Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; and Catherine Seras, Board Minutes.

### **II. DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### **A. Grade Reconfiguration Update**

Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools, provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the reconfiguration of grades. (Power-Point Presentation was provided)

- Purpose for the Reconfiguration
- Structure of Buildings
- Building Renovations/Construction
- Pros and Cons of the Project

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### **DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

#### General Questions:

1. Mr. Blasco inquired, if we do or don't reconfigure we would have approximately 80 minute bus routes? Dr. Fry stated if we do reconfigure.
2. Mr. Blasco asked, how does transportation change if it is the same number of kids? Dr. Fry stated it is not the number of kids it is the bus routes.
3. Mr. Swanson stated that the biggest thing is that all kids would be on a shuttle if the configuration took place.
4. Mr. Wolf states if enrollment continues to decline does this become more of a problem?
5. Dr. Fry touches on Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) enrollment predictions for Big Spring, which have been pretty accurate.
6. Mr. Kanc questions what is the District's longest bus route now? Dr. Fry states there are some bus routes that are 58 minutes.
7. Mr. Gilliam shares that 50 minutes is the District's threshold.
8. Mr. Kanc inquires how many routes are that long? Dr. Fry shares there are 6-9 routes that can be that long.
9. Mr. Blasco states you don't want to move forward with the reconfiguration?
10. Dr. Fry shares the administration is not in support of grade reconfiguration right now.
11. Mr. Gutshall asked, should we move forward with the renovation of Mt. Rock which will take 1.2 million so we are ready in 5 years down the road to move to grade reconfiguration?
12. Mr. Blasco asked the "have to list" at Mt Rock must be done and is it all part of budget?
13. Dr. Fry states our challenge is transportation.
14. Mr. Piper asked how would this change our curriculum development and academics in the buildings? Dr. Fry states the District is in a good place and we would be in a great place if we would put grades 4-5 together. From a curricular perspective the reconfiguration improves that.

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

15. The District is in a great place now with planning across the buildings than we were 10 years ago and technology is a part of that. Dr. Fry is convinced the District would take steps back if we would go with grade reconfiguration at this time based on the challenges we would face with transportation.
16. Mr. Gutshall asked are there any school districts in Pennsylvania that have grade reconfiguration?

### **B. Roof Projects Summary & Bid Recommendation for HS Coating**

Mr. Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager led a discussion with the Board of School Directors on upcoming projects and bid recommendations.

#### [Presentation](#)

#### **a. Roof Summary**

- High School roof coating bid were accepted last week.
- Did not place on Board agenda for this evening. The acceptance of the roof bid will probably be on the next board agenda.
- Mt Rock had a pre-bid last week. It has been recommended by our roof consultant that we install a built up roof on the major roof areas, which are the biggest parts. The reason for the recommendation of a built up roof is to assist with drainage.
- Mr. Blasco asked the question about the warranties for a single membrane roof vs. a built up roof.
- A built up roof will last longer than a single membrane roof. A built up roof can be guaranteed for approximately 40 years.

### **C. Newville Expansion & Reno Project Bid Discussion**

Mr. Chris Barnett, CRA reviewed with the Board of School Directors Bids and Inspection Services.

#### **a. Review of Bids**

#### **b. Inspection Services**

- Soils and Earthwork
- Building Structure
- Monthly Reporting and Distributions
- Indoor air quality monitoring - \$9,677
- HVAC Commissioning - \$22,220

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

### General Questions:

1. Mr. Blasco inquired about the removal of the tank at Newville.
2. Mr. Piper asked why the existing tank removal is under two contractors?
3. Mr. Over inquired about the lock down system for all classroom doors.
4. Dr. Fry states the air quality will be closely monitored during the project.
5. Mr. Blasco asked what is done when air quality levels are elevated?
6. Chris Barnett states precautions are taken to keep air quality levels low.
7. Mr. Over asked will the construction begin while kids are in the building?
8. Mr. Piper asked will the HVAC Commissioning be for the entire building?

### **D. Director Updates**

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation led the Board of School Directors on updates throughout the District.

- a. Current Active Bids
  - Middle School and Mt. Rock Asbestos Abatement
  - Pedestrian Safety Plan
  - Middle School Roof Project
- b. Storm Water Plan with the Borough of Newville
  - There is a proposed MOU with the Borough regarding the Storm Water Plan which they will review and act on and then return to the District for BSSD Board of School Directors review and act on.
- c. Lighting of Track & Stadium
- d. Cost of Competition Lighting @ Track

### General Questions:

1. Mr. Piper stated the HS roof restoration will be moved to the next Board meeting, February 19, 2018.

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

2. Dr. Fry states the security lights for the new track are on all night for security reasons.
3. Mr. Swanson states the security lights are cheaper than having a police drive by.
4. Dr. Fry states that competition lights for the track and field hockey field are not in the budget.

### **E. Technology Project**

Mr. Robert Krepps, Questeq Director of Technology provided updates to the Board of School Directors on technology projects.

- The included COSTAR proposal of \$17,804.32 in the high school auditorium is to remove the following:
  - Existing speaker cones and replace with new
  - Mount the new speakers left and right of the stage along with sub-woofer mounted up in the ceiling.
- The COSTAR proposal will be on the February 19, 2018 agenda for approval.

#### **General Questions:**

1. Dr. Fry stated the timeframe of the work will be done prior to the musical in the spring.
2. Mr. Kanc asked how many speakers are an issue?

## **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:12 P.M.**

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William L. Piper, Secretary