

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 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 6:02 P.M. with Richard Roush, Co-Committee Chairperson presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Richard Roush, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Piper, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf.Jr, ex-officio Committee Member; David Gutshall, Committee Member; Todd Deihl, Robert Over, and Bob Kanc.

Absent – Kingsley Blasco

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Director Update

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation, provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the projects.

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- Projects out for Bid or Preparing to go out to Bid
 - Removal asbestos floor tile
 - New Roof/Partial Replacement
 - VCT Replacement
 - Replace Windows
 - Replace Interior Doors & Hardware
 - Replace Toilets in Classrooms
 - Group Restroom Renovation
 - Courtyard Renovation
 - Emergency Generator
 - Parking Lot Repairs
 - Widen Path at Stadium
 - Stadium Interior - Convert Part of Cinder Track to Macadam
 - Drainage at the DO
 - IEFS Repair
 - MS Auditorium Remove Asbestos
 - Brick Repointing
 - Parking Lot Repair at Stadium
 - Remove Carpet & Install VCT
 - Exterior Doors
 - Replace Dishwasher
 - Address Air Infiltration at DAO
 - HS Safety Barriers
 - Auditorium Upgrades
 - Replace Natatorium Lights
 - Improve Acoustics Band & Practice Room
 - Remove Corridor Lockers

- Summer Work Task & Plan
 - Need an additional 7 and 8 people to get all summer work done.

 - High School Roof Coating and replacement of roof drains
 - Replacement of Mt. Rock Elementary Roof areas 4, 5, and 7
 - Middle School Courtyard renovation and exterior door replacement
 - Asbestos abatement Mt. Rock, MS Auditorium, Old Music Room
 - Recoating of HS Gym Floor
 - Pedestrian Safety PennDOT Grant
 - Mt. Rock asbestos abatement, windows, and floors
 - Newville Renovation
 - Coordination with Mt. Rock and Newville staff for summer projects
 - Custodial and maintenance summer staffing

- Tecta/Detweiler – Initial Construction Meetings
 - Work Begins June 4, 2018
 - Complete prior to start of school

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- Furniture Update – new furniture at Newville. Old furniture will be removed and taken to auction.
- Summer Auction
Auction of district surplus furniture, kitchen equipment & misc. items
Hurley Auction Company, Greencastle

General Questions:

1. Mr. Kanc inquired about the replacement of the exterior doors at the Middle School.
2. Mr. Piper inquired about the middle school parking lot. The parking lot at the stadium is also included in this estimate. The numbers are solid numbers. We won't have any change orders.
3. Mr. Kerr reminded the Board of School Directors that everything is an estimate at this point. The amount you are seeing is for the stadium parking lot and the water filtration repair that is needed at the stadium. After we get bids, the numbers will reflect the actual expenses.
4. Mr. Kanc questioned the project for roof coating. Are we locked into compliance with prevailing wage?
5. Mr. Gutshall stated the Mennonite family is our best choice. They will get the job done and serve the payroll.
6. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we have the capability of recoating the high school gym floor. This summer our staff will be overwhelmed with all the building projects. In the future, our staff will be applying the coating for the gym floor.
7. Mr. Piper asked for clarification on how the auction will be handled.
8. Mr. Kanc informed the Board that he has knowledge of the Hurley Auction Company on-line. They are very successful and very organized. They do a really good job.
9. Dr. Fry inquired if the asbestos company would remobilize to finish this project. Would it be worth putting an alternative bid in to cover this project?
10. Dr. Fry reminded the Board that we still have three more months of school. Our students will be unable to use the current playground. The Newville Boro has offered us to use the Boro Park if we need until school is complete. Zion Lutheran Church is allowing our staff to park in their parking lot.

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11. Mr. Wolf inquired if the same material is being used at the District Administration Office for landscaping as the courtyard.
12. Mr. Piper inquired if they are putting drains in so it runs to the end of the building.
13. Mr. Piper asked if we have a date for the on-line auction.

B. Other

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

- Bond Update
Sold bonds for \$9.5 million
Ratings - AA-
Comparison of recent school districts with the same rates.
2.958 percent

General Questions:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the percentages coming in very low for the bond in very positive for the District.
2. Dr. Fry reviewed the calendar with the Board of School Directors. March 19 is a health care meeting. March 22 is a 7:00 am meeting on taxing options. April 3 the Committee of the Whole will be a review of the budget. Final adoption of the budget is June 4th.
3. Mr. Piper inquired what the April 15 item with the Secretary releasing information on the gaming slots.
4. Mr. Wolf questioned if PSERS is down for this coming year.
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors this could be the year with more flexibility for a tax increase with PSERS being down. The big picture is what we need to look at three to five year down the road. The millage will not be built to reflect PSERS going back up in a few years. Don't lose sight on a one year budget but rather a three or four year budget.
6. Mr. Swanson feels the health care news is good but he also remembers a 27.5 percent increase.
7. Mr. Wolf stated that we need to stay the course and wait to see what the warehouses are doing. Then relook at things.

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8. Mr. Piper asked if anyone has any information about a mini casino in South Newtown.
9. Mr. Kanc questioned if there is a deadline to inform the public on the site.
10. Mr. Piper inquired about the debt service chart.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

William L. Piper, Secretary