

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met through a Virtual Meeting in the Big Spring School District High School Large Group Room at 7:00 p.m. with seven (7) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Robert Over, Richard Roush, Alexis Hurley and Frank Myers.

Absent: Gutshall, Wardle

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; and Cathy Seras, Board Minutes.

II. Presentations:

➤ Business Updates – Mr. Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager

- Mr. Kerr began his presentation with discussions on the HS boiler. During the discussions, Mr. Kerr stated the boiler needs to be addressed by summer, 2021.
- Mr. Kerr spoke about the Clean and Green roll back.
- Mr. Kerr shared information regarding the items listed:
 1. RX Claims
 2. Drug Utilization
 3. Understanding and describing BSSD high cost users.
 4. Total Medical Spending
- Mr. Kerr shared a transportation update with the Board of School Directors.
- Mr. Kerr discussed the refinancing Resolution.
- Mr. Kerr communicated information on Cyber Charter Schools and the annual cost. It was noted at this time there are 132 regular education and 40 special education enrolled in Cyber Charter, which puts the District at a 3.1-million-dollar expense if the numbers listed above stay the same.
- Mr. Kerr stated EIT is on target and the District is in good shape in regards to this Revenue stream.
- Mr. Kerr shared a summary of FY21 Budget Performance and discussed the trend.
- Mr. Kerr shared detailed data on the FY 21 budget and Pandemic expenses were discussed.
- Mr. Kerr stated there are a lot of Pandemic expenses, but the District continues to be in good shape with these expenses.

- Mr. Kerr shared information on the Education Funding of ESSER II monies. Mr. Piper asked if there is a criteria for the ESSER monies. It was noted that there are criteria's for the monies.
- Mr. Kerr shared information on the 2021-2022 Vo-Tech budget.
- Mr. Kerr talked about the FY 22 Property Tax Assumptions and defined information for the upcoming year. PSERS average was shared and Medical increases were communicated.
- Mr. Kerr concluded his presentation with the projection for the 2022 year.

➤ **Administrative Updates**

– Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent and Dr. Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent

- Dr. Fry began his presentation in communicating that currently there are approximately 35 individuals in quarantine based on exposure or travel which includes students and staff. It was noted there are 4 confirmed positive cases with 3 suspected cases which totals 42 individuals in quarantine.
- Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that BSSD has pivoted to the Tier 2 Instructional Model. Dr. Fry communicated that there has been a change at the secondary level in the Tier 2 Instructional Model. The change requires grades 6-12 students to have 4 distinct days of instruction.
- Dr. Fry shared information and discussed with the Board of School Directors Livestreaming and Hot Spots. It was noted that technology is in support of the education delivery model.
- Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that we need to continue to have patience and grace.
- Dr. Fry stated that the elementary level will be reviewed for the Tier 3 Model, if feasible. It was noted that secondary will stay in Tier 2.
- There were discussions on the vaccine and the availability of the vaccine for staff.
- Dr. Fry stated that as of 3 p.m. today Vo-Tech will pivot to virtual, which will last the rest of this week.
- Dr. Fry communicated that the girls' basketball team has been shut down for 10 days due to a positive case.
- Dr. Fry defined information regarding sending students back in the hybrid model.
- Dr. Fry shared the regional data listed:

1. Cumberland County – Incident Rate = 296.8	Positivity Rate = 14.6%
2. Adams County – Incident Rate = 380	Positivity Rate = 21%
3. Dauphin County – Incident Rate = 320	Positivity Rate = 15.5%
4. Franklin County – Incident Rate = 490	Positivity Rate = 24%
5. York County – Incident Rate = 370	Positivity Rate = 18%
- Dr. Fry communicated that he will be releasing a video to the community this weekend.
- Dr. Fry stated that the 2021-2022 calendar is on hold knowing the District does not have a clear vision on what is ahead.
- Dr. Roberts shared his thoughts regarding the current educational model.

III. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through F into one motion.

IV. BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No discussion

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE

No discussion

VI. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

No discussion

VII. BOARD POLICY

No discussion

VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR

No discussion

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of School Directors adjourned to Executive Session which was motioned by Deihl seconded by Hurley. Motion carried unanimously by the Board of School Directors to adjourn to Executive Session. 7-0

Motion by Deihl, seconded by Myers to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Over, Piper, Roush, Hurley and Myers.

Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:42 p.m.**


