

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

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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 in the Big Spring High School Large Group Room, Room 140, at 7:08 p.m. with seven (7) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Robert Over and Frank Myers.

Absent: Wardle

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

II. Presentations:

➤ High School Genius Hour

- Dr. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Matthew Kump, Aquatics Director
- Gabrielle Reifsnyder, High School Student
- Clayton Maiden, HS Student
- Dr. Euker provided an update on K-12 Aquatics curricular changes, the elementary swimming program and an overview regarding Elementary Genius Hour.
- Mr. Kump shared the role's Gabrielle and Clayton played as interns for the Elementary Aquatics Program.
- Mr. Kump discussed Elementary Water Safety with the Board of School Directors.
- Mr. Kump communicated that Gabrielle and Clayton were educated to get to know their peers, teacher and the expectations of the class. They were also taught various swim stroke mechanics, basics of leading a class and role play.
- Mr. Kump indicated that nothing prepares the interns more than the knowledge of hands on experience.
- Mr. Over asked about the enrollment of elementary students.
- Mr. Kump provided an overview of elementary water safety.
- Gabrielle shared her experiences as an intern.
- Gabrielle talked about Genius Hour and shared a video on Genius Hour.

- Gabrielle discussed the planning process listed:
 - Design Thinking
 - Prioritizing
 - What is Genius Hour?
 - What do students want?
 - Theme Discussion
 - Lesson Planning
 - Promotions
- Gabrielle shared that it was important to know what the students wanted. She shared the students love for the freedom of Genius Hour.
- Gabrielle shared that the students chose the theme of “Why things float”.
- Gabrielle communicated the students had a design challenge which required research, experiments, trial and error, planning, design, and then the building of a boat.
- Gabrielle stated there was reflection amongst students after the completion of the project and lots of positive and exciting experiences were shared.
- Gabrielle communicated it was very exciting to lead the class and it was a wonderful experience.
- Clayton shared his experience as an intern and stated it was very rewarding. He shared that he enjoyed teaching the students and he communicated to the administration and Board of School Directors that the experience moved him to change his future plans from nursing to teaching.
- Dr. Euker thanked Gabrielle, Clayton and Mr. Kump for their presentation.
- Mr. Swanson also thanked the students and Mr. Kump for the presentation and stated he was impressed by their work.
- All other board members remarked that the students did a wonderful job.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XIV. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through H 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

Motion by Roush seconded by Deihl to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:59 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary