

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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 7:00 p.m. with six (6) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Richard Roush, Frank Myers and John Wardle.

Absent: Over, Blasco-Hurley, Piper

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Caleb Barwin, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes.

II. Presentation:

➤ Music in Our Schools/Music Department Update:

- Tri-M Honor Society Members

- K-12 Music Department Members

- Mr. Nobile, High School Music Teacher and Band Director opened the presentation with the introduction of the students.
- The students involved in the presentation were: Madicyn Barnes, Maycy Davis, Madalene Hoffman and Logan Magee. Each student shared information on the Music Department.
- The students shared information on Elementary Music and walked the Board of School Directors through General Music that is taught in grades K-3.
- Students communicated that it is required that 4th and 5th students join choir. Elementary also has an honors chorus made up of volunteer 5th grade students from all elementary schools. There are eighteen members in honors chorus.
- The students shared information on the elementary band program and the curriculum that is taught in the first and second year of the program.
- Information on the Middle School Music Programs listed were shared:
 - 1. Middle School Chorus
 - 2. Middle School Band
 - 3. Middle School Honors Ensemble
 - 4. Middle School Jazz Band
- The Twilight Jazz Band was discussed; stating there are multiple performances throughout the season such as the Boiling Springs Jazz Festival and the Millersville Jazz Festival.

- The students talked about the Music Electives listed:
 1. Intro & AP Music Theory
 2. Jazz Studies
 3. Music in Film
 4. Piano and Guitar Labs
 5. Music Technology Lab I & II
 6. Voice Lab
 7. Lighting and Sound Design
 8. Music History
- Concert Choir was defined and focus areas were shared.
- It was shared that Cantabile performs the National Anthem at Home Sporting Events and Senator's Games.
- Students communicated that Cantabile holds the performances listed:
 1. High School Winter and Spring Concerts
 2. Church Performances
 3. Green Ridge Village
 4. Lions Club Dinner
 5. Harrisburg Capitol
- The students shared information on the Choir Festivals; Anna Hankins and Tyler Hunt were District Choir Participants and Tyler Hunt was a Region Choir Participant.
- It was shared that the High School Concert Band continues to grow each year. In 2014 there were 48 members and in 2020 there are 70 members.
- Seven students represented Big Spring at the CCMEA County Band Festival at Messiah College. The students were Madi Barnes, Emma Shughart, Anna Hankins, Dalton Eberts, Gavin Hunt, Elise Eddy and Jack Patterson.
- Information was shared on the High School Instrumental Festivals at the District and Region Level which are listed:
 1. Four students represented BSSD at the PMEA District 7 Upper Band Festival.
 2. One student was chosen to participate in the PMEA District 7 Orchestra Festival.
 3. At the Region Level two students re-auditioned and earned a spot in the PMEA Region 5 Band Festival and one student re-auditioned and earned a spot in the PMEA Central Region Orchestra Festival.
- It was shared that there are 52 members in the Marching Band.
- The students continued discussions on the information listed:
 1. Spring Musical – **Annie Get Your Gun** – April 2-4, 2020.
 2. Tri-M Music Honor Society – 30 members from both band and choir.
 3. Color Guard
 4. Silhouettes and Reflections
 5. Parades
 6. Trip to Florida – April, 2019
 7. Youth Music Abroad – three students will be traveling on the 2020 summer YMA tour; Danielle Mooney, Emma Shughart and Madi Barnes.
 8. PA Leadership Conference Concert at Hershey, Pa. Dr. Fry stated the students represented BSSD well at the PA Leadership Conference and it was an outstanding performance.
- Mr. Wardle asked the students their plans for the future after graduation.
- Mr. Swanson stated the students did a great job on their presentation and it was nice to have them in attendance.
- Mr. Nobile shared that the Music in Our Schools Concert will be held Tuesday, March 10th in the Middle School Auditorium. Mr. Nobile invited the Board to attend.
- The Board of School Directors thanked students and staff.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through D 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 Deihl, seconded by Roush to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting to Executive Session.

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Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Gutshall, Wardle, Roush and Myers.

Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:21 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary