

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY MARCH 15, 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 Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. with nine (9) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer, Robert Over, Richard Roush, Alexis Hurley, Frank Myers and John Wardle.

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

II. Presentations:

➤ Updates on Instructional Delivery Options

- **Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools**
- **Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant**
- Dr. Fry began the meeting communicating that today, March 15th, all elementary students were back this week in the Tier 3 Educational Model. Dr. Fry was pleased to share that all buses arrived on time. He stated that the Transportation Department did an outstanding job.
- Dr. Fry shared mitigation information; there were less than 48 students on a bus, plexiglass on each desk, 6 feet distancing and masks were worn.
- Dr. Fry communicated that students did go outdoors; snack breaks were given as well. Dr. Fry stated the atmosphere was much like the first day of school.
- Dr. Fry shared it was a great day at the elementary level for students and staff.
- Dr. Fry shared the information below:
 - Mt. Rock Ele. enrollment is 349; 12 CAOLA; 12 Livestream; with a percentage of 7% not face to face;
 - Newville Ele. enrollment is 349; 11 COALA; 8 Livestream; with a percentage of 5% not face to face;
 - Oak Flat Ele. enrollment is 375; 15 COALA; 15 Livestream; with a percentage of 8% not face to face.

- Dr. Fry communicated that there were 7% livestream or COALA. It was noted that 93% of students at the elementary level were face to face. Dr. Fry stressed the goal is to stay open.
- Dr. Fry shared the information below regarding incident rate and positivity rate:
 - o Cumberland County incident rate: 94 positivity rate 4.8%
 - o Adams County incident rate: 129 positivity rate 8.4%
 - o Franklin County incident rate: 92 positivity rate 5.2%
 - o Dauphin County incident rate: 109 positivity rate 7.8 %
 - o York County incident rate: 105 positivity rate 6.5%
- Dr. Fry communicated that all counties are below 10 percent. Dr. Fry stated, the incident rate is moderate or substantial, it depends on the location.
- Dr. Fry shared information on positivity and incident rate for zip code locations listed:
 - o 17241, Newville positivity rate: 20% incident rate 79
 - o 17015, Carlisle positivity rate: 22% incident rate 73
 - o 17257, Shippensburg positivity rate: 9.68% incident rate 30
 - o 17240 Newburg, positivity rate: 22% incident rate 51
- Dr. Fry shared the Tier 3 Timeline with the Board of School Directors below:
 - o March 10th - Tier 3 Planning Meeting with Secondary Principals;
 - o March 15th - Ordering of additional plexiglass shields;
 - o March 18th – Tier 3 planning amongst Secondary Principals, Department Leaders which include Food Services, Transportation, Maintenance, Custodians, Curriculum, Pupil Services and Technology;
 - o March 19th Virtual Community Update – elementary and secondary;
 - o March 19th – March 21st Custodial staff moving furniture to classrooms;
 - o March 25th – April 1st Family Survey for learning mode confirmation and transportation confirmation;
 - o March 31st & April 7th Tier 3 Planning continues amongst Secondary Principals and Department Leaders;
 - o April 12th Anticipated commencement of Tier 3 learning at the secondary level.
- Mr. Myers inquired about secondary student class rotation. Dr. Fry communicated that students will be changing classes.
- Dr. Fry shared data on the CAIU Tax Levy Revenue and Expenditure Summaries:
 - o County Millage Rate;
 - o Earned Income Rate;
 - o Percentage of Tax limit was shared; BSSD is at 28% which is lower when compared to other rural District's. BSSD in fact, is the lowest.
 - o Total Unreserved Fund Balance;
 - o CAIU Tax Increase summary percentage;
 - o CAIU Tax Levy per \$100,00 Property Assessment.
- Mr. Wardle inquired about the other rural districts which are:
 - o Greenwood
 - o Halifax
 - o Millersburg
 - o Newport
 - o Northern York
 - o Susquenita
 - o Upper Dauphin
 - o West Perry
- Mr. Over inquired about Shippensburg School District not being on the list above. There were discussions amongst administration and the Board of School Directors regarding the rural districts.

- Dr. Roberts stated that the first day back was amazing with phenomenal leadership by Principals and staff. Dr. Roberts shared that Cheri Frank has been outstanding through the process; she was the individual behind the scenes making sure everything was in place.
- Dr. Fry stated that Cheri has been a consistent force since day one; it was a great day back for elementary.
- Dr. Roberts stated; "Although all mitigation were in place, it looked like another day at BSSD."

III. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through G 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 Myers to adjourn into Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 9 -0

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

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

Motion carried unanimously. 9 -0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7: 27 p.m.**


