

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 15, 2019

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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 William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco, Richard Roush, Robert Over and Bob Kanc

Absent: John Wardle

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star; Luke Nerone, Middle School Teacher; Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal; Lauren Hetrick, High School Teacher; Crystal Grossman, Middle School Teacher; Sharon Diehl; Rebecca Fickel; Bentli Burke; John Mettler; Diana Mettler; Dee Davis

### II. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Mini-Thon Updates – Ms. Lauren Hetrick, High School Social Studies Teacher, Bentli Burke and Rebecca Fickel Students

- The students talked about the fundraisers which were:
  - o Reindeer Run
  - o Mr. Mini-Thon Pageant
  - o Gold Out Game
- The students shared some of the evening events which were; hair cutting, DJ/rave hour, karaoke, face painting, back yard games, Zumba, mid-night breakfast.
- It was communicated that the student's goal was 52,019.00. The students surpassed their goal and raised \$53,046.12.
- Mr. Over asked about the number of students involved. The students shared there were approximately 399 students that attended mini-thon.
- Mr. Swanson and Mr. Over complimented the students for a great presentation.

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**B. Big Spring Music Department Updates** - Mr. Adam Nobile, Music Director, Mr. Edward Wilson, High School Music Teacher and High School Music Students

- Jazz Band performed
- Mr. Noble and Mr. Wilson talked about Tri-M Society.
- Mr. Noble, Mr. Wilson and students provided information on the Elementary and Secondary Music Department events and programs within the 2018-2019 school year.
  - o Elementary – General Music, Chorus and Band for Grades K-5. Fourth and Fifth grade students are required to join chorus. Elementary also has an Honors Chorus made up of volunteer 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from all the elementary schools. The ensemble is made up of about 18 students.
  - o Elementary Band has 172 members.
  - o Middle School 6th grade choir performed at the Capitol building on March 16<sup>th</sup> with the Cantabile
  - o It was shared that the Middle School Band is growing and getting bigger.
  - o The students talked about the High School Choir and Instrumental Festivals they attended.
  - o The Color Guard has a JV guard which is the first in five years.
  - o The Color Guard traveled to a WGI Regional Event which was the first in twenty-five years and placed 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Erin Hurley and Skylar Diehl represented Big Spring in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in California with the Cavalcade of Bands Tournament of Roses Honor Band. The Honor Band consisted of over 120 students from 20 different schools in the Mid-Atlantic Region.
  - o Seven High School students went on the 2018 summer Youth Music Abroad, traveling through six different countries and performed in each one.
  - o The students thanked the Board of School Directors to allow them to go to Orlando, Florida to perform at Disney World
  - o Board members communicated their praise to the students for their presentations and performance.

**C. Updates from Middle School EdLeadership Team** – Mrs. Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal, Crystal Grossman, Instructional Coach, Jen Gregoris, Luke Nerone and Scott Penner Middle School Teachers.

- Ms. Grossman briefed the Board of School Directors on the demographics of South Central PA.
- Ms. Grossman shared the activities they were involved in at EdLeader.
- Ms. Grossman, Ms. Gregoris, Mr. Nerone and Mr. Penner shared the energy they experienced at the EdLeadership Conference.
- It was shared how they enjoyed the hands on experience and collaboration amongst colleagues.
- The teachers want the students and staff to experience a welcoming environment at the Middle School.
- They shared the district vision and the middle school mission.

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- The problems of practice was discussed and the professional capacity to effectively implement the 6Cs into instruction at Big Spring Middle School.
- They communicated by 2021, Big Spring Middle School will reflect a positive learning environment where 6C experiences have been created and embedded within the existing curriculum to ensure the continuous growth of the students, both socially and academically, as evidenced by:
  - o Climate Survey
  - o Curriculum Embedded Experiences
  - o Rubrics created to access the 6Cs and core content knowledge

Link to Presentation -- [Big Spring MS ~ EdLeader21 Leadership Academy](#)

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through H as a single action item.

**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 Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Deihl, Blasco, Kanc and Over  
Motion carried unanimously 8– 0.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **8:16 p.m.**

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William L. Piper, Secretary