

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY JUNE 3, 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 7:02 p.m. with eight (8) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Kingsley Blasco, Bob Kanc, Richard Roush, Robert Over and John Wardle  
Absent: David Gutshall

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star;

### **II. PRESENTATION:**

#### **A. Walk Through of Final Budget – Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent and Mr. Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager**

- Mr. Kerr talked about Central Trust and Medical Insurance.
- Mr. Kerr shared a summary of the budget.
- Mr. Kerr stated he utilized the 2.25% tax increase while preparing the budget.
- Mr. Kerr shared the budget for 2019-2020 will be \$52,354,735.
- Special Education cost and programs were discussed as well as each department's budget.
- Mr. Kerr communicated that one of the district's challenges is tuition paid outside the district and Cyber school expenses continues to be the driver of tuition expense.
- It was communicated that Cyber school tuition went up in 2018-2019 and may exceed the projected 2019-2020 budget amount.
- Mr. Kerr talked about PSERS challenges and the increase of cost for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- Mr. Kerr communicated the personnel changes and increases for 2019-2020.
- Mr. Blasco asked about dues and fees costs; it was communicated they are utilized for professional organizations by guidance counselor, principals, technology education, agriculture, etc.
- Mrs. Kelso, Accounting Controller provided the definition of cost for professional services.
- Mr. Over questioned the electric cost within the district.

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- State and federal revenue sources were discussed.
- Special Education cost and budget was discussed.
- Mr. Kerr discussed the healthcare budget with the Board of School Directors.
- It was stated that most of the local effort is from real estate taxes. Mr. Kerr noted that the Board elected not to collect the individual per capita taxes this year.
- Mr. Kerr talked about the 2019 local municipal assessments.
- Mr. Kerr stated that one of the challenges unique to Big Spring is the significant amount of farm property that is clean and green which results in a loss of approximately \$5,622,496 in tax revenue.
- The state net debt service, debt service expense and the PA state reimbursement was discussed.
- Mr. Kerr communicated that Big Spring School District remains a district that depends on property tax which is the largest source of revenue.
- Professional education service cost was discussed.
- Mr. Kerr communicated that the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution and the Homestead and Farmstead Resolution are on the Board agenda for approval.
- The bond funds were defined by Mr. Kerr.
- Capital projects fund and the Newville projects fund was reviewed and discussed.
- Mr. Kerr shared the enrollment as of April 30, 2019 is 2,524.
- Dr. Fry shared that the budget packet discussed is posted on the District website.

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through I 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

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Roush, Deihl, Blasco, Wardle, Kanc and Over

Motion carried unanimously. 8-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:43 p.m.**

*William L. Piper, Secretary*