

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

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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 President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Bob Kanc, Todd Deihl, Richard Roush, Kingsley Blasco, William Piper.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Troy Okum, Valley Times Star; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **School Resource Officer Overview/Update** – Dr. Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Brian Grzyboski presented information to the Board of School Directors on the School resource Officer.

[Presentation attached](#)

General Questions:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors we did a threat assessment. Deputy Grzyboski helped us with the threat assessment. If we have an incident, we are trying to reassure our families and educate our families. Having that level helps our parents understand where we are and where we are going.
2. Mr. Wolf stated that you took something brand new and made it work really well.
3. Mr. Barrick declared that it is always good to see you guys dressed professionally at all of our events. It is very much appreciated.
4. Mr. Piper asked if you have a nickname. How much time would you say you spent involved in incidents?
5. Dr. Fry thanked the Board for their support for this program. It takes the Boards willingness to make things work. We did the right thing. Thank you.

- B. Budget Hear** – Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager presented information to the Board of School Directors on the budget.

[Presentation attached](#)

General Questions:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that IDEA B is going to continue going down.
2. Mr. Wolf inquired about the non-public schools.
3. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that the non-public schools are your River Rocks and Yellow Breeches.
4. Mr. Barrick asked if our transportation funding went down for next year. Is this still new money in the BEF?
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board that districts that are winners with this formula it will take about 20 years. Districts that are growing with large poverty it will take time. With our declining enrollment, we become less a winner each year.

6. Dr. Fry and Mr. Kerr led the Board of School Directors in a discussion on the tax rate increase for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board was given several options including 3.2%, 2.8%, or 2.5%.
7. Dr. Fry reviewed with the Board of School Directors the procedures for Foreign Language at the Middle School. He led a discussion with the Board on how courses are offered and provided for all students and at the different levels.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A - 1 through A – 9 as a single action items.

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 Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Blasco, Kanc, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary