

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

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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. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Bob Kanc, Kingsley Blasco, and William Piper.

Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:04 pm.

Absent: Richard Roush & Todd Deihl

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; William August, High School Principal; Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

### II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Middle School Bulldog Basics** – Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal provided information to the Board of School Directors on the Bulldog Basics.
- B. **High School Dawg Day** – Mr. William August, High School Principal updated the Board of School Directors on the High School Dawg Days.

General Questions:

1. President Wolf inquired what you mean when you say you are doing the clubs differently.

- C. Curriculum Revision Update** – Mrs. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction updated the Board of School Directors on curriculum revisions.

[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. President Wolf inquired if the assessments are individualized or is there a standard assessment for all students.
2. Mr. Swanson questioned if it is a fair statement that the standards are vague or broad. I would hope the standards are illuminating the vagueness.
3. President Wolf asked if Geography is being covered in Social Studies.
4. Mr. Piper inquired where all these standards come from when you talk about unpacking the standards.
5. Mr. Piper asked if all 4<sup>th</sup> graders in all buildings are getting the same standards in all subjects. When teachers write a lesson plan for a certain task to develop an assessment, who reviews this to make sure the assessment is meeting the correct standards.
6. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that principals are reviewing lesson plans which are a formative assessment. We also talk about common assessments. There are common unit assessments that teachers are aware of when writing lesson plans.
7. President Wolf stated when you compare student to students. Is it a better comparison than five years ago?
8. Mr. Blasco asked who reads all this information and brings it to the teachers. Some of the concerns or criticism I have heard is that we are teaching to the test.
9. Mr. Kanc inquired what weighting applies to a teacher's evaluation from the students' test scores.

### **III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A - 1 through A – 5 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 Kanc to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Kanc, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary