

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

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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 7:13 p.m. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush; Kingsley Blasco; Bob Kanc; Todd Deihl and Robert Over.

Absent – David Gutshall

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; Lauren Hetrick, High School Social Studies Teacher; Bob Hankes, High School English Teacher; Wendy Hankes, High School Math Teacher; Heath Myers, High School Science Teacher; Sean Stevenson, High School Social Studies Teacher; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes and Andy Milone, Valley Times Star.

### II. PRESENTATION

- A. Curriculum Update** - Ms. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and High School Teachers provided to the Board of School Directors a presentation on updates in Curriculum and Instruction.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked about the literature that will be chosen for the students.
2. Dr. Fry communicated as we build the student selection into the process for books we will make sure there is parent sign off for student selection.

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3. Mr. Wolf commented that the book can come from our library or the student can bring it from home. Dr. Fry communicated it is student choice.
4. Mr. Diehl asked Mr. Stevenson, High School Social Studies Teacher is this is an elective class? Mr. Stevenson communicated, it is currently an elective.
5. Mrs. Euker added that it is a project based competency course.
6. Mr. Wolf commented that failure is a learning process for students.
7. Mr. Stevenson added that they want the students to learn how to cope with failure.
8. Dr. Fry commented about the importance to expose students to things that may not go right, because that is the real world.
9. Mr. Over asked about computer safety at the elementary level.
10. Dr. Fry spoke in regards to digital citizenship at the elementary level.
11. Dr. Fry commented the next challenge will be a Portrait of a Graduate.
12. Mr. Blasco is amazed by the strategy developments that the District is utilizing.
13. Dr. Fry commented we are going to do what is best for the students.
14. Mr. Over commented after every meeting, "it gets better", and he thanked the teachers and Mrs. Euker.
15. Mr. Wolf thanked the teachers and Mrs. Euker.

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

No discussion

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No discussion

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**VI. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

No discussion

**VII. BOARD POLICY**

No discussion

**VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR**

No discussion

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at **8:12** p.m.

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William L. Piper, Secretary