

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 24, 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. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; William Piper; Kingsley Blasco; Richard Roush; and Todd Deihl.

Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:07 pm.

Richard Roush arrived at 7:10 pm.

Absent – Bob Kanc, David Gutshall

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Summer Project Review** – Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Building, Grounds, and Transportation and Mr. Richard Kerr, Business Manager provided updates to the Board of School Directors on summer projects.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

1. Newville Asbestos Abatement
 - Abatement 95% complete
 - Removing the mastic
 - Mastic thicker on ground floor
 - Review condition of concrete floor for sealant
 - Need itemized list for change order
 - Cleaning will start after air quality testing
 - Technology needs to be updated – need 2 weeks to complete
2. Middle School Roof
 - Problem with insulation board
 - Rainy weather
 - Membrane is scheduled for completion middle of September
 - Other roofing tasks need completed
 - Parking lot vacate of all materials by August 11th
 - Office staff has been returned to the building
 - Mason arrived today to replace bricks around the chimney
3. Middle School Gym Floor
 - Completed July 12
 - No one on floor until after July 24, 2017
 - Inspection to follow once we can get on the floor
4. Track & Field
 - On schedule for completion middle of August
 - Drainage is working
5. Pool Refresh
 - Work begins July 24
 - Draining pool, acid wash, repairs, new heat exchanger
 - New diving board installed
 - Deck tiles repaired by Fluss Flooring
 - Preventative maintenance
 - Back in service start of school – August 22
6. Hand Dryers
 - Installed at DAO, MS Gym restrooms, HS locker room
 - Project saves money

7. Fire Monitoring Contract
 - Renew with Siemens – yearly cost - \$2,310

8. Budget Update
 - Spending plan was passed
 - No revenue plan has been put in place
 - Level-fund transportation
 - Financial Recovery Light
 - PlanCon moratorium
 - ESSA State Plan
 - School board/trustee training – 4 hours of training
 - Lunch shaming

9. Technology Updates – Mr. Robert Krepps
 - HS Auditorium Sound System
 - Light board at the control booth
 - End of life
 - Sound mixer is out of date technology
 - Secure Audio rack on the stage
 - Hanging mics are not working
 - House speakers need to be re-aligned
 - Video Projector end of life
 - Estimate - \$31,667 - AV Solutions
 - Long Term – Summer 2022

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick talked with Mr. Roush about a sealant. He stated we need to make sure the sealer is compatible to whatever we put down.
2. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that we generally use a fair amount of floor wax. We were advised not to use the floor wax. I have been in communication with the contractors about the flooring at Newville.
3. Mr. Wolf inquired if there is any more materials and equipment that we need to store for the roof at the middle school.
4. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the traffic flow would be the issue for the parking lot. At the beginning of the day and at the end of the day, we need traffic to flow for the buses, vans, staff and parents. All along we thought the roof might be a two-year project at the middle school. Work will need to continue after the students return.

5. Mr. Piper asked what happens if the installation board gets wet. Is there any heat restrictions on the roof materials? We have had 4 days of 90 degree weather. Is that a concern?
6. Mr. Roush advised the Board of School Directors that the entire first floor at Newville will be done by the end of the week. It is taking them longer on the first floor because the mastic is quicker. There will be a change order for this project. I would like to ask for an itemize list for the change order if the board agrees.
7. Mr. Wolf stated as far as the floor at Newville if the floor is a high traffic area I think we should use a sealant and err on the side of caution.
8. Mr. Swanson reminded the Board that it is a whole lot easier to clean something that is sealed.
9. Mr. Barrick inquired if the stripping on the floor is complete.
10. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the change order for the drainage at the track was the smartest thing that we did. There is a spring through there and with all this rain we have had no issues.
11. Mr. Barrick questioned where we are putting all the water with draining the pool.
12. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that nothing has been acted on for the revenue portion of this state budget. This is just information that we are hearing. ESSA is proving more flexibility to the states.
13. Mr. Blasco asked how the tax credit will work. If they don't have the money, how can they do the tax credits.
14. Mr. Wolf inquired about the Keystone exams and not counting toward graduation.
15. Mr. Barrick questioned if students can get their NOCTI.
16. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that the proposed changes to the auditorium can fit into the project schedule of 2022.
17. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that these changes lends itself to the 2022 renovations. In 2022, the building would be 20 years old. Technology changes. We have tried to band aid the system. There are nights that things do not go as well as it needs too with the sound. I feel this gets us the system that we need.

18. Mr. Wolf asked if the auditorium sound system will be on the next agenda.
19. Mr. Piper inquired when they will be doing the work for the sound system.
20. Mr. Blasco asked if we can put this item on the agenda tonight so we can move forward with correcting this issue.
21. Mr. Piper thanked Mr. Krepps for all his hard work with the technology program and spearheading this project. We have needed this for years.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-7 as a single action item. Also, President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, Items F, G, and 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 Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Blasco, Roush, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary