

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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 7:15 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; William Piper; Kingsley Blasco; Bob Kanc, Richard Roush; and Todd Deihl.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

- A. Summer Programming** – Mrs. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the summer programming.

Presentation attached.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired what grades the teachers in the program currently teach.
2. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that building relationships with families is critical. Many families in the program have younger siblings. As a school district, we are building bridges.
3. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we were capable of more with the old program. Lunches and transportation were the key to getting kids to participate in the program.
4. Mr. Blasco asked if this is something that we plan to do on a regular basis each year.
5. Mr. Wolf questioned how many classrooms were used.
6. Mr. Piper inquired if there was any fee for this. Were the teachers and aides paid to participate in the program? Did we receive any grant money to help run the program?
7. Mr. Piper stated he thinks this program was an outstanding idea.
8. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the base line cost to run this program was \$25,000. We might have gone over this a little. We tried to spend the same as in the past but we needed to grow this program. Our poverty rate continues to grow. It is 40 percent now. We need to provide services to these families.
9. Mr. Blasco inquired if we can work this into the budget. We have more and more families in need.
10. Mr. Kanc stated this sounds like a great program and the staff did a great job. Did you reach out just to students at Newville or the entire district?
11. Mr. Wolf questioned who provided the list of students for this program.
12. Mr. Kanc inquired about following up on the students in this program. How will that work?
13. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that we have a pre-registration for kindergarten students. Through this process, our staff is screening for students and families that would benefit from this program.

14. Mr. Piper asked about the bagged lunches. Did Chartwell provide the lunches free of charge?

**B. District WiFi Update** – Mr. Rob Krepps, Director of Technology provided updates to the Board of School Directors on technology throughout the District.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick asked if the devices for point of sale are all wifi.
2. Mr. Barrick inquired about the problem with parent log in information. Can we give them their username and password at kindergarten registration? If parents have a student in third grade, do they get a new log if they also have a kindergarten student?
3. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that we have delivered technology through Questeq. We will not have a teacher with technology not working with kids come the first day of school. We have come a long way. The system that we have now is so much better with Questeq. Mr. Krepps is doing an outstanding job. He puts information out to staff on a regular basis.
4. Mr. Piper questioned what happens if a student loses their card.
5. Mr. Wolf asked if the cards are collected each day or does the student carry it with them.
6. Mr. Barrick asked if this work impacts Act 26.
7. Mr. Barrick questioned if we have 2 hours on the USP, does this allow us time to get the generators up and operational.
8. Mr. Barrick inquired as a student can I walk from the classroom to the wrestling room and still have wifi access.
9. Dr. Fry informed the Board that you can even walk to the stadium and be connected to wifi.
10. Mr. Barrick asked if everything is now connected through fiber optics. Newville will be all fiber. Is the high school all fiber as well?

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

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-13 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 to executive session for personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Blasco, Roush, Gutshall, Kanc, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary