

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

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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 7:09 p.m. with eight (8) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Robert Over, John Wardle and Bob Kanc

Absent: Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, VTS Reporter

### **II. PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **A. Update on the Revised District Improvement Committee Structure**

- Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Roberts began the meeting with the background of the District Improvement Committee.
- Dr. Roberts shared the members who are involved on the committee, see below.
  - District Administration
  - Building Administration
  - Board of School Directors Members
  - Parents
  - Students
  - Community Members
- Dr. Roberts talked about the rationale for change.
- Dr. Roberts communicated the three key outcomes of ThoughtExchange.
  1. Greater Reach
  2. Virtual Engagement
  3. Enhanced Focus
- Dr. Roberts shared the revised District Improvement Committee structure and meeting structure for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Dr. Roberts talked about ThoughtExchange to the school community and requesting topics to update which will include campus safety and security.
- Dr. Roberts communicated the tentative Community Forum/District Improvement Committee Meeting dates for the year:
  - October 29, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
  - January 23, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
  - April 23, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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- Dr. Roberts shared the tentative items that will be on the meeting agendas for the year.
- Mr. Kanc communicated that the committee is headed in a smart and positive direction. Mr. Kanc talked about PTO participation.
- Mr. Over inquired about the advertisement of the meetings.
- Dr. Roberts communicated that the meetings are advertised utilizing, Blackboard Connect, Website, Twitter, Facebook and the local newspaper was discussed as well as a sign posted within the community.
- Mr. Over stressed the importance of the community seeing the positive things going on within the District. Mr. Swanson agreed with Mr. Over's comment.
- Mr. Wardle talked about email communication.
- Administration communicated that it is a challenge to engage the community but agreed as well to involve more community members.
- Dr. Fry shared that parent teacher conferences will be at the football game Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The parent/teacher conferences were talked about amongst administration and the Board of School Directors.
- Dr. Fry stated that the evening begins with a tailgate and meet and greet.
- Dr. Roberts communicated there will be a District Improvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through K as a single action item and excluding item i to make it a stand-alone 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 Roush, seconded by Kanc to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Wardle, Over, Gutshall, Roush and Kanc

Motion carried unanimously. 8-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:41p.m.**

*William L. Piper, Secretary*