

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 7:00 p.m. with nine (9) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Robert Over, John Wardle, Bob Kanc and 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. Introduction of 2019-2020 New Teachers

- Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools
 - Dr. Fry introduced the new teachers and shared their educational background.
 - Dr. Roberts took pictures of new staff with President Swanson and Vice President Deihl.

B. 2019-2020 FFA Program Activities

- FFA Students, Ms. Wanbaugh & Ms. Nailor, Advisors
 - Dr. Fry introduced the FFA Officers and FFA Advisors, Ms. Wanbaugh and Ms. Nailor.
 - The students shared their positions and jobs they are involved with the FFA.
 - The students communicated the fundraisers for the year as well as the upcoming events for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - The past state convention was talked about amongst students and the Board of School Directors.
 - An early invitation was extended to the Board of School Directors for the FFA Banquet being held in May, 2020.
 - Mr. Over asked about the total FFA members that are active. The students share there are 40 active members at this time and hoping to grow.
 - Mr. Kanc commented that the FFA students and the organization make the district proud.
 - Mr. Swanson commended the students for an outstanding presentation.
 - The students thanked the Board of School Directors for the opportunity to present this evening and allowing them to build the leadership and career skills through many activities, events and competitions.

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C. Bulldog Basics - Mrs. Clarissa Nace, Middle School Principal

- Mrs. Nace introduced teachers involved with Bulldog Basics, Luke Nerone and Sharon Beatty.
- Mrs. Nace commended the teachers involved with Bulldog Basics for their positive attitudes while the middle school was under construction.
- Mrs. Beatty and Mr. Nerone talked about the program and the events that took place during the day.
- Mrs. Beatty shared that bulldog basics begins at the end of the student's 5th grade year.
- Mr. Nerone communicated staff responses were very positive regarding the day.
- Mr. Nerone also communicated parent responses were very positive as well and students showed a lot of excitement during the day.
- It was communicated that the 6th grade teachers volunteer their time for this event.
- Mr. Nerone thanked the Board of School Directors for their support.
- Mr. Swanson and all Board members thanked all involved with the event and commented that it is a great event for the students.

Dawg Days Updates - Mr. Charles Smith, High School Assistant Principal and Ms. Christie Katora

- Mr. Smith and Ms. Katora talked about events that took place during Dawg Day.
- Mr. Smith shared that any student that does not have transportation for Dawg Day is picked up in a district van by high school administration.
- Ms. Katora talked about the banners that are made by the student groups which follows them throughout their 4 years in high school.
- Ms. Katora talked about flex time with the Board of School Directors.
- The scavenger hunt was talked about and the excitement students show during this event.
- Mr. Smith shared there are student volunteers who assist with Dawg Day.
- It was stated that dedicated staff make this day happen for the students.
- Dr. Fry stated that staff do volunteer their time for the event.
- The Board members thanked the staff for all they do.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through I is one motion and J 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

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VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR

No discussion

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco , seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 9-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:50 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary