

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 7:02 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; William Piper, Richard Roush, Kingsley Blasco, Bob Kanc, and Todd Deihl.

Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:24 pm.

Absent – Robert Barrick, 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. FFA Presentation** – Mrs. Sherisa Nailor & Mrs. Sara Beth Fulton, Agriculture Teachers provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the FFA program.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired the items the FFA will be selling this year.

2. Dr. Fry questioned how the milkshakes have met their expectations after two home football games.
3. Mr. Kanc asked how many hours do you practice this information. Mr. Kanc told the FFA members they have already had a successful year and we look forward to them having another successful year.
4. Mr. Wolf thanked the FFA officers for representing our school district so well.
5. Mr. Piper inquired about the teacher awards that our FFA teachers received.

**B. Strategic Plan and Building Goals Update** – Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent and Dr. Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the District Strategic Plan and Building Goals.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we sit in a private setting and culture is part of the building goals at all schools. Our staff is working together to set goals and make sure the learning culture and the management culture are healthy.
2. Mr. Wolf inquired about the management of classrooms and how that works towards building goals.
3. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that most of our students are pleasers. Just tell me what you want and I will do it. We want them to problem solve and be challenged. We are trying to make them think and create things on their own.
4. Mr. Swanson questioned the reason our highest GPA students are girls. Girls generally work harder and take ownership.
5. Dr. Fry reminded the Board that we are trying to teach students at the high school that you can disagree over an issue and discuss it. We want our students to realize that you do not need to shout over each other. The students should be open to each other opinions. This is a challenge in the world right now.
6. Mr. Kanc questioned if this is a new element to project productive struggles. Is this difficult to teach, as it would be to receive?

7. Mr. Piper asked if the students know the expected result of this process. If we don't tell them what to do, are they aware of the results that we are looking for?
8. Mr. Kanc inquired if you can put students at Mt. Rock from Oak Flat and Newville to give them the same opportunity at the Middle School for advanced classes as Mt. Rock students.
9. Mr. Wolf asked if we are doing this to balance class sizes. What we are doing now is not best for our students to do all this transportation.
10. Mr. Blasco inquired why we are the only school district doing these college credits.
11. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors the building goals align with the strategic plan. This aligns to plans for our teachers. This sets the course for PLC. Our principals are doing a ton of work. We are in great shape. We review regularly the building goals. Principals work with their staff to ensure the building goals are met. Everyone comes together to review their goals from last year. They walk us through their achievements, glows, grows, vision for this year, and how they plan to get there. We talk about where they want to go in three years.
12. Mr. Piper asked where we are with common core assessments.

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

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, XIII. PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-6 as a single action item. Also, President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, XIII. Items D, E, and F as a single action item and NEW BUSINESS, XIII. Items G, H, and I 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 Roush to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Kanc, Blasco, Roush,  
and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM

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Wilbur Wolf Jr., Board President