

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

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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 6:52 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; Richard Roush; Bob Kanc, Robert Over 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; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

A. Making Middle Grades Work – Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal provided an overview to the Board of School Directors on Making Middle Grades Work.

- System of Support-Student Organization & Study Skills - Barb Dellinger
- STEM Lab Based Instruction - Heather Magee
- Comprehensive Guidance and Career Exploration-Parent & Community Involvement - Charlene D'Amore
- STEM-Maker Space - Stacey Gibb

- Comprehensive Guidance and Career Exploration-Transition - Shawn Britcher
- Comprehensive Guidance and Career Exploration-Advisement - Shane Miller and Sarah Roller
- System of Support-Building Morale - Megan Hall
- STEM-4C - Scott Penner/Crystal Grossman

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked when the groups are able to meet.
2. Mr. Over questioned how much time the kids are putting into this program.
3. Mr. Over inquired if you have all the equipment that you need to make students successful.
4. Mr. Piper questioned how are we tracking success for this entire concept.
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we are spending more time with the curriculum revision process. The 4 "C" process is very important. The next phase of this is the performance tasks for students. This will help us address student assessments. This will bring all these things to light.

- B. Profile of Graduate** – Dr. Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent led the Board of School Directors in a discussion on the profile of a graduate and how the Thought Exchange can assist in gathering information.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if the survey would inform us who completed the questions. Will we know if it is a student, a parent, a teacher or someone else?
2. Mr. Piper inquired if any information is coming out of the Ed Leader 21 that we are part of.
3. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that this is a process nationally. Progressive school districts are moving in this manner.
4. Mr. Piper asked if they are multi-choice questions.

5. Mr. Kanc inquired if a family would not have access to a computer is there a hard copy that they would be able to complete.
6. Mr. Wolf questioned if you considered putting down what our current attributes are for graduations. We need to put something in the Valley Times to notify people of this survey.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIV. NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-12 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, Piper, Gutshall, Blasco, Roush, Kanc, Over, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

William L. Piper, Secretary