

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 7:00 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; Richard Roush; Bob Kanc; and Todd Deihl.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; Mr. William August, High School Principal; Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Bulldog Basics** – Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Sharon Beatty, Middle School Teacher; and Mr. Luke Nerone, Middle School teacher provided information to the Board of School Directors on the Bulldog Basics.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired how many of the parents were in attendance.

2. Mr. Piper asked how many of the professional staff were present.
3. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we provided transportation to students in need. It is a real eye-opener when staff pick up the kids at their homes.
4. Mr. Wolf inquired if there would be anything that the Board could do to support this program.
5. Mr. Piper questioned if there was a charge for the students to participate.

B. Dawg Days – Mr. William August, High School Principal; Mrs. Wendy Hanks, High School Teacher; and Mrs. Sherri Mains, High School Counselor provided information to the Board of School Directors on the Dawg Days.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Piper inquired when this takes place.
2. Dr. Fry reminded the Board that our dropout rate was higher than any other school district in the CAIU. We sit at 1.2 percent now. We have to keep kids and families engaged in order for them to be successful.
3. Mr. Swanson stated that many students have anxiety. He had a friend that was thinking about the first day of school back in July.
4. Mr. Piper inquired what the Board could do to help with this program.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-5 as a single action item. Also, President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, Items E, F, 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 Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Gutshall, Piper, Blasco, Kanc, Roush, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary