

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

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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 through a Virtual Meeting in the Big Spring School District High School Large Group Room in the at 7:00 p.m. with seven (7) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Frank Myers and John Wardle.

Absent: Hurley, Over

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes.

II. Presentations:

➤ Review of Guidelines for Spectators at Athletic Events

- Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Fry shared updates on the Resocialization of Sports and Activity Plan and talked about the challenges of the spectator attendance guidelines of 25/250 set by Governor Wolf and the Department of Health. Dr. Fry discussed the challenges with the guidelines and shared that the updated plan will need a motion from the floor this evening regarding the changes/updates to the plan.
- Dr. Fry stated that varsity football attendance has been increased with masks required with social distancing protocols. An increase in attendance to volleyball games were discussed with thermal scanning in place before entering the gym as well as a mask being worn the entire game.
- Dr. Fry talked about the public attendance at board meetings and stated at this time we need to be patient and continue to hold meetings virtually until more guidance is in place.
- Mr. Myers asked about the upcoming wrestling season. Dr. Fry stated, at this time the Administration is working through specific protocols with wrestling and swimming. It was noted that the Board will be updated as the season develops. Discussions continued with the Board of School Directors and the Administration regarding the wrestling and swimming season.

- **Elementary Tier 3 Transition Planning** - Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools
 - Dr. Fry began the presentation stating that the incident rate is moderate in the area. He shared that BSSD has 1 student confirmed positive and 3 staff confirmed positive.
 - Dr. Fry shared that the Administration is beginning to look at how the District can bring back the elementary students face to face, but it was noted that families still have the option of livestreaming and CAOLA.
 - Dr. Roberts communicated that October 6th marks four weeks that students and staff have been back in session.
 - Dr. Roberts talked about Elementary Tier 3 Transition Planning sharing the information listed:
 - Analysis of District cases;
 - Transportation;
 - Cross District Collaboration
 - Dr. Roberts stated that the nurses have been outstanding. All the protocols that have been put in place are going well.
 - Dr. Roberts shared that transportation is in the planning process in the instance that the Administration moves forward with Tier 3.
 - Dr. Roberts continued in walking the Board through the upcoming week's transition planning process.
 - Dr. Fry stated that anything can change, but the District feels there may be a possibility they could bring back elementary students full time face to face in November. Dr. Fry strongly stressed that anything can change and the date could be pushed further out. He reminded the Board this is a day to day process.
 - Mr. Myers asked about the possibility of students choosing to livestream if brought back face to face. Mr. Myers continued discussions regarding transportation. Dr. Fry stated there are 80% of families using transportation. Dr. Fry shared that BSSD is 200 square miles and communicated the challenges it brings when it comes to transportation. Mr. Myers shared his thoughts on the challenges and difficulties of transportation.
 - Mr. Myers asked about the specific districts in the surrounding area who are back face to face at the elementary level. Dr. Fry communicated that South Middleton, Cumberland Valley and Northern are back face to face with elementary students only.
 - Discussions continued amongst the Administration and the Board of School Directors regarding the challenges ahead.

III. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through D into one motion.

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 Deihl, seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Wardle and Myers.

Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:34 p.m.**


