

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 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 7:00 p.m. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Bob Kanc, Todd Deihl, and Robert Over.

Absent – David Gutshall, Kingsley Blasco and Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Jr. Business Manager; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star; Charlene D'Amore.

II. PRESENTATION

a. Updates on the Social Studies Program, Grades 6-12

- Ms. Lauren Hetrick, High School Social Studies Teacher, provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the Social Studies Program at the High School level.
- Ms. Morgan Yealy, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, provided updates to the Board of School Directors on the Social Studies Program at the Middle School level.

General Questions/Comments:

1. Ms. Yealy stated that the middle school goal is to have students be able to write more deeply, critically, and make personal connections. Students will collaborate to recognize connections between classroom learning and their application to real-world situations.
2. Ms. Hetrick communicated that the high school students will regularly use the skills of interpreting bias and differing perspectives. Students will collaborate to recognize between classroom learning and their application to real-world situations.
3. Ms. Hetrick talked about the current courses in grades K-5.

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4. Mr. Wolf asked if there were textbooks associated with the K-5 subjects or are there current materials that have been developed? Ms. Hetrick stated there are specific topics within each of the K-5 subjects and shared those topics as well reviewed the curriculum with the Board of School Directors.
5. Ms. Hetrick stated World Studies is no longer a required class and numbers have not gone down. Ms. Hetrick shared there have been more AP students enrolled in this specific class.
6. Ms. Yealy shared with the Board of School Directors the 13 Colonies Website Builders that the 8th graders worked on.
7. Mr. Wolf asked if this was a full year project. Ms. Yealy stated that this was just a snapshot of the year and the colonies website builder was 4 days only. Ms. Yealy communicated the students learned about the colonies, researched and then presented to their fellow students.
8. Mr. Kanc asked if the students did the colony project as a group. Ms. Yealy stated the students had a choice of working in groups of 2-3 students or to work independently.
9. Ms. Hetrick thanked the Board of School Directors and Administration for the High School Innovation Lab.
10. Ms. Hetrick talked about the oral history projects and invited board members to participate in this project.
11. Ms. Hetrick talked about Jazz Studies taught by her and Mr. Nobile, High School Music Teacher.
12. Ms. Hetrick invited the Board of School Directors to a Mock Trial which are held in the courthouses of Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin Counties.
13. Ms. Hetrick shared they are educating Seniors on the voting process.
14. Ms. Hetrick thanked the Board of School Directors and Administration for allowing them to travel with the students within the state as well as international travel.
15. Mr. Swanson commented the students are in great hands.
16. Mr. Wolf congratulated Ms. Hetrick and Ms. Yealy on a great presentation.
17. Ms. Hetrick commented their doors are always open and students and staff would love to have you engaged in their classes.

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III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9 as a single action.

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 Swanson to adjourn, seconded by Deihl to adjourn the meeting.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Kanc, Deihl and Over.
Motion carried unanimously 6 – 0.

Absent – David Gutshall, Kingsley Blasco and Richard Roush

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:42p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary