

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

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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 7:03 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Richard Roush, Todd Deihl, Bob Kanc, Kingsley Blasco, and William Piper.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Grounds, Buildings, and Transportation; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **Personalized Learning - Veritas** – Mr. William August, High School Principal and Mrs. Mallory Farrands, High School English Teacher did a presentation for the Board of School Directors on Personalized Learning.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Kanc asked how you decide what book to read in each group.
2. Mr. Wolf inquired about the topic of poverty. Are you looking for people who have escaped poverty?
3. Mr. Fry questioned how the accountability piece is going from a grading perspective. One of the challenges is it is non-traditional from a teaching perspective.
4. Mr. Fry asked about their final project. Exhibition Night is scheduled for January 9, 2017 in the HS Auditorium. The Board is invited to attend.
5. Mr. Piper inquired how many students are in the class.

President Wolf thanked Mrs. Farrands for her hard work with this course and the students.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-7 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 to executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Kanc, Deihl, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary