

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 7:09 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; Bob Kanc, Richard Roush; and Todd Deihl.

Absent – William Piper

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Rob Krepps, Questeq Director of Technology; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

### II. PRESENTATION

**A. Flexible Professional Learning** – Mrs. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided information to the Board of School Directors on professional learning.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Barrick inquired about the 129 people that responded to the survey. How many people would need to respond for us to be 100 percent?

2. Mr. Wolf questioned what a teacher agency is.
3. Mr. Blasco asked where we are in this process from start to finish.
4. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we have two days of flexible learning. We have teachers that would like to have all there learning this way. We still have traditional in-service programs and teachers that prefer the traditional programs.
5. Mr. Blasco inquired what the biggest challenge is with this process.
6. Mr. Blasco questioned the changing of culture for our district. When this process is complete, we will have a model that is developed.
7. Mr. Wolf inquired about the approval process. How many hours are involved with flexible learning?
8. Mr. Blasco asked how wellness and professional development were merged.
9. Dr. Roberts informed the Board of School Directors that we always had a wellness day built into a professional learning day. The two committees got together and decided to join. We still bring people in from Green Ridge Village for cooking, Zumba, etc.
10. Mr. Barrick inquired if we have any money set aside if someone wants to go for professional learning over the summer.
11. Mr. Blasco asked about the 234 submissions that has been reviewed to date. What does that mean?
12. Mr. Barrick asked what happens if a group of teachers try something and it just doesn't work.
13. Mr. Blasco inquired if this is an ongoing exercise.
14. Mr. Barrick questioned where the instructional coach comes into this process.
15. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Director that we were doing some of this pretty well through our building goals. We hired Mrs. Euker and she gets it. We are moving in a good direction. They want the instructional coach in every building to work with the different programs.

- B. Technology Update** – Mr. Robert Krepps, Questeq Technology Director provided information to the Board of School Directors on technology items.

[Presentation Attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked how you identify a custody issue on a certain parent.
2. Mr. Barrick inquired if this system is what Waynesboro is using.
3. Mr. Blasco questioned if we are using this system or we want to use this system.
4. Mr. Wolf inquired if we use this now.
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we are piloting this now at the high school.
6. Mr. Kanc asked the cost for this system.
7. Mr. Blasco questioned if only visitor will go through this system and get a badge.
8. Mr. Barrick asked if the QR badge system would show the student's information on a phone. We are only using this for kindergarten and first grade at this point, correct.
9. Mr. Wolf asked if a person doesn't want to do on-line registration what happens. They still have to come to the office to complete the enrollment process.
10. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we have the money in capital projects for the technology items discussed. This would qualify for an item under capital projects.
11. Mr. Barrick asked if you are doing simulcast from the pool to the gymnasium.

**III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-6 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, Blasco, Roush, Kanc, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary