

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 7:00 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Six (6) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice-President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Bob Kanc, Kingsley Blasco, and William Piper.

Absent – Robert Barrick, Todd Deihl, Richard Roush

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; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

A. **Track and Field Discussion** – Mr. K. John Gazsi, RLA Turf, Track & Court, LLC provided information to the Board of School Directors on the High School Track.

- Conduit from the District administration office runs along Mt. Rock Road and a 'T' connection is anticipated on the track side of the drive intersection to serve the site. No direct data connection to the High school needed.
- Project scope will include extending communication conduit to the site but fiber will be provided by the school district. Dauphin Data

Communications will coordinate with a separate district contractor outside of this bid contract.

- Primary power (high voltage) runs through an existing easement along the West side of the high school drive to a MH south of the future track entrance drive and to a transformer behind the high school.
- Two options for power connections were discussed:
 - Connect from the high school, assuming the existing board has enough capacity.
 - Coordinate a new service with PP&L from a pole at the Southwest corner of the intersection of the high school drive with Mt Rock Road.
- The existing athletic fields east of the high school use a panel board. If timing of the future structure proposed on the track site aligns with construction, either a small interior room or an exterior wall panel on the structure is the best option. Communications will utilize this termination location for internet connection. If building is unavailable, a small secured heated box is required.
- Scope for the future building would include storage, concessions and rest rooms.
- A site plan sketch of general track & field data layout and needs:
 - Bid documents will include data conduits and in-ground box installations (inside and outside track). More specific information on the water tight boxes will be required.
 - Wiring and fiber will be run.
 - Internet access will occur at the future structure or temporary provision until building is completed.
 - Future scoreboard will be operated by Wi-Fi. Power provision needed.
 - Security cameras (2) will be located on security light poles and will require Ethernet connections which will be run back to the panel.
- A single flagpole will be included on the West hill and will require lighting. Scoreboard will be closer to the track fence, beyond the underdrain conveyance but not aligned directly in a 'kick zone'.

[Presentation attached.](#)

[Track Budget](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if the flagpole would be part of the bid in the scope of the project. Would we have power to take the flag up and down?

2. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the flag in front of the building was too far for people to see while they play the national anthem. We play the national anthem at all varsity events that have a PA system.
3. Mr. Kanc inquired where would stadium lighting go.
4. Mr. Piper questioned if the track would be open for public use.
5. Mr. Fry informed the Board it would be dusk to dawn lighting once the sidewalks are complete. Public access will be available for the track. The community uses the cross country course now.
6. Mr. Fry stated we have the old concession stand from the boosters that could be used if we need for the time being for the electrical panel.
7. Mr. Wolf questioned if we are looking at a block building like the stadium for this area.
8. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that in February the Board will have several options to consider.
9. Mr. Kanc inquired the standard choice of the three options for the track surface at other districts.
10. Mr. Wolf asked if we are looking at number 1 you will need the trench drain. Is it true that number 2 would be cheaper because no trench is needed?
11. Mr. Fry said that within the next month the board needs to set the parameters for the alternatives to go to bid.
12. Mr. Kanc asked how many years before the respray is required. How much life would you get out of each system?

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

Snow removal – we changed the RFP to reflect inches of snow. Only one bid was received, it was from Blue Mountain. We asked the school solicitor if we could go back to the original bid that was based on time and materials. It was determined to be the best value for the District.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary