

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 7:05 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Eight (8) 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.

Absent: Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; William Gillet, Director of Pupil Services; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rob Krebbs, Director of Technology; Rick Gilliam, Director of Grounds, Buildings, and Transportation; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. **K-12 Counselor Services** – Mr. Bill Gillet, Director of Pupil Services and Jocelyn Kraus, Sherri Mains; Anne Fulker, Amy Craig, Danielle Bingman, and Susie Ryan, Guidance Counselors updated the Board of School Directors on counseling services that are available and provided to student's kindergarten through 12th grade.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired about the concussion monitoring program and how long is the typical monitoring program. I understand this is a unique protocol. This is all something new in the scheme of things.
2. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors there is a unique protocol for athletes. The athletic trainer, athletic doctor and school nurses work together in conjunction with our athletes. They have impact testing for the athletes. This doesn't apply to regular education students.

B. Sheldon – Mr. Bill Gillet, Director of Pupil Services provided an overview of alternatives for students on homebound instruction. Mr. Gillet provided the Board of School Directors with a demonstration on how Sheldon works and how it benefits students. Sheldon is a computer device that provides students who are on homebound instruction with access to a classroom. It is a two-way device that students can communicate with their teacher and the students in their classroom without being in the classroom.

Mr. Gillet informed the Board of School Directors that we had 27 students last year needing homebound instruction. We have approximately 3 to 4 students per week on homebound. This device is more for students on homebound for long periods of time like 6 months or more.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the School Code by law states we have to provide homebound instruction that is based on a doctor's note. It is our responsibility to provide a free and appropriate education. All districts struggle with this. It is a challenge. We don't send a teacher for each subject. We send one teacher to cover all subjects.
2. Mr. Kanc inquired if this is two-way monitor. Is it just a one-way device?
3. Mr. Kanc questioned the dollar cost for this unit.
4. Mr. Wolf stated it is a remarkable thing when you think about it. They have interaction with the students in the class and are still at home.

5. Mr. Wolf inquired how many students need homebound instruction during the year.
6. Mr. Barrick stated that if we had these devices we could use them. This time of year lots of kids are out for surgeries.
7. Mr. Blasco inquired why not just give the students their computers.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-8 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 Kane to adjourn the meeting.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Kanc, Deihl,
and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary