

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

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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 seven (7) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Richard Roush, Robert Over and Frank Myers.

Absent: Blasco, Wardle

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star Reporter

II. Presentations:

➤ **Buddy Benches** – Bly Welker, High School Student

- Bly shared that he was working on his Eagle Scout rank and the final requirement for Eagle Scout is a service project. Bly also noted that it had to be a project that will help his or her local community. Bly shared that his project will be to build buddy benches.
- Bly communicated that bullying is a common problem in many schools across America and in many schools buddy benches have been implemented.
- Bly shared that the benches will be a space for children to sit at recess and signal to teachers and or students that they need a friend or a playmate.
- Bly is hoping to have a bench at each elementary school within the District.
- Dr. Fry communicated that he would like to have a plaque on each bench and cemented into the ground. All board members approved Dr. Fry's thoughts regarding the plaque and cementing the bench in the ground.
- Discussions took place amongst, Administration, Board of School Directors and Bly regarding the benches. Mr. Over communicated that he would like to donate \$100.00.
- Mr. Swanson and all other Board of School Directors thanked Bly for his presentation.
- Bly thanked the BSSD's Board of School Directors for their time.

- **Audit Review** – Greenawalt & Company, P.C., Scott Christ, CPA & Christen Shradley, CPA
- Scott gave an overview of the audit and stated it is a clean report. Scott introduced Christen Shradley, CPA.
 - Christen talked about the sources of information which Mr. Kerr, Business Manager of BSSD assisted with.
 - Christen defined the audit information below:
 - Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities within the Audit
 - Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
 - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 - Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
 - Proprietary Funds
 - Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
 - Statement of Cash Flows
 - Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
 - Christen defined GASB (Government Accounting Standard Board) to the Board of School Directors.
 - Christen discussed capital assets and long-term liabilities.
 - Christen stated that Mr. Kerr, BSSD's Business Manager and Mrs. Vonda Kelso, BSSD's Accounting Controller were very helpful throughout the audit process.
 - It was stated again by Christen that there were no findings in the audit and it was a clean audit.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address X. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through I into one motion.

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 Roush seconded by Deihl to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Roush, Over, Gutshall, and Myers

Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:31 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary