

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 7:00 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; William Piper; Kingsley Blasco, Bob Kanc; and Todd Deihl.

Bob Kanc arrived at 7:03 pm

Absent: Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; William Gillet, Director of Pupil Services; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

A. Hire Me Program Update – Mr. William Gillet, Director of Pupil Services, Dr. Gibbon, Shippensburg University, and Ms. Ashley Gleeson, High School Special Education Department Chairperson presented information to the Board of School Directors on the Hire Me Program. The Big Spring School District and Shippensburg University are working with the community to provide transitional services for students with disabilities.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf asked what is the percent of students who stay in-school until they reach the age of 21.
2. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that 3 percent of special education students would be equal to around 20 students.
3. Mr. Piper asked when this law originated for students to transition to work.
4. Mr. Piper asked where the OVR offices are located.
5. Mr. Wolf asked if this is competitive to students who could not get minimum wage jobs.
6. Mr. Wolf asked how large the classes that meet with you two days a week.
7. Mr. Kanc asked when student go the university is it a regular classroom.
8. Ms. Gleeson informed the Board the students stock shelves, wash silverware, serve Starbucks products, set up for sporting events, and help do laundry just to name a few things they can do.
9. Mr. Barrick asked how the college students interact with the high school students.
10. Mr. Wolf asked if this is a one on one program.
11. Mr. Kanc asked if the college students are getting paid for these services.
12. Mr. Piper asked how long we have been working with Shippensburg University in this kind of a program.
13. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the program was started before he came to Big Spring. I believe it is around 13 years for this kind of a program.
14. Mr. Wolf asked if this takes place during the school day or after the school day.
15. Mr. Kanc asked if all the placements are paid for the students.

16. Mr. Piper asked if we are still taking part in CIT with the CAIU.
17. Dr. Fry stated we have had 5 requests from neighboring districts to get students into this kind of a program.
18. Mr. Piper asked if there are only so many slots available.
19. Mr. Wolf asked about the students who are going to the Hire Me program. Are they 9th or 10th graders?
20. Mr. Wolf asked if they go through this program for one year or more.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-3 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 for legal issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Kanc, Piper, Gutshall, Blasco, Deihl, and Barrick. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary