

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

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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 7:17 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Richard Roush; Robert Over; Kingsley Blasco; and Todd Deihl.

Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:17 pm.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts Jr, Assistant Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes. Andy Milone, Valley Times Star.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Furniture Mock Up** – Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent reviewed with the Board of School Directors proposed furniture.

B. ThoughtExchange Results – Dr. Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent led the Board of School Directors through a presentation on the ThoughtExchange process.

[Presentation attached](#)

- Data Collection complete
- White page
- Website available
- Profile of a Graduate
- Three questions: What are some important things we could improve at our school or district? What are some important things that you appreciate about our school or district? What do students graduating from BSSD need to be successful in life?
- Properly disciplining bullying
- Positive behavior
- Offer unique and rewarding learning opportunities.
- Support of additional guidance counselor
- Collaborative culture
- School Environment
- Parent and school involvement
- Develop into independent lifelong learners
- Critical thinkers to creatively solve problems.
- Communication – written format and speaking publicly
- Life Skills – personal finance, budgeting, balance checkbook

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation

1. Mr. Blasco inquired how economically disadvantaged fits in with all of this and what would you do with this information.
2. Dr. Fry advised the Board of School Directors that getting to those families earlier will make a difference. Pre-K program or the summer program helps these students with an equal playing field. We need to know how we can grow this program and start making a difference earlier.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XI. NEW BUSINESS, 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.

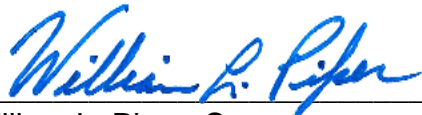
VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR

No discussion.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Over, Blasco, Kanc, and Deihl. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM



William L. Piper, Secretary