

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 21, 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 7:04 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.

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, the Valley Times Star.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. EdLeader Leadership Teams – Three Elementary Teams presented information to the Board of School Directors on EdLeadership. The Mount Rock Team was comprised of Shannon Arnold, Lindsay Graham, Leah Richwine, and Karen Ward. The Newville Team was represented by Mike Spears, Leslie Locy, Heather Housel, and Clarissa Nace. The Oak Flat Team included Megan Frantz, Alisha Willis, and William Wonders. Mrs. Stacy Kimble was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation

1. Mr. Kanc stated this was a good presentation.
2. Mr. Kanc inquired what code club is.
3. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that coding is basic computer code. We have tried to challenge ourselves in how can we reach every student. Most of us are not comfortable with coding so we have looked at some different computer programs. We haven't found the right fit just yet.
4. Mr. Wolf asked the biggest obstacle for implementing and planning.
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board of Directors that since 2001 public education has built a system that has completely moved away from the whole child. It is all about test scores. Every bit as important is how we grow our young people to be productive citizens well-schooled within the 4C's. This becomes more and more important as technology improves.
6. Mr. Piper in observing these three presentations there is individualism and uniqueness in each presentation. What degree of cooperation do we have between the three schools?
7. Dr. Fry advised the Board of School Directors that everything has to tie to the Districts strategic plan. The Profile of a Graduate is going to be about our students. They are all Big Spring students. We work together and collaborate as a group. We want to personalize plans that affect those needs based on where we are at and where we want to go. At the end of the day, it is all about that student walking across that stage with a set of competencies that prepare them for the next step in life.
8. Mr. Piper thanked the elementary groups for their outstanding presentation.
9. Mr. Wolf questioned if they had an opportunity to visit other elementaries outside our district.
10. Mr. Piper inquired how many other districts are doing this.
11. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that what you have in front of you are three high achieving elementaries. We are not sacrificing academics for soft skills. We have to plan collaboratively in order for them to visit other district. We were the first district in PA. There are 162 districts throughout the country.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9 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 8:03 PM

William L. Piper, Secretary