

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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 7:20 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Richard Roush; Kingsley Blasco; Robert Over; and Bob Kanc.

Absent – Todd Deihl

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

### **II. PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Update on the Proposed Budget**

Mr. Richard Kerr, Jr. Business Manager, provided to the Board of School Directors presentations on the proposed budget.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board that clean and green causes us to lose 5.2 million. This is an important program for our community but our district is funding this whole program and that seems inherently wrong.

## **B. Financial and Achievement Data**

Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools reviewed with the Board of School Directors financial data and achievement data.

[Presentation attached.](#)

Specific questions regarding tonight's presentation:

1. Mr. Wolf inquired how they made the program work for the special education student at graduation.
2. Mr. Kanc questioned why a huge spike in 4<sup>th</sup> grade with growth with the PSSA test scores.
3. Mr. Kanc thought these were great numbers and we need to get this information out to the public.
4. Mr. Blasco inquired if these numbers were given to us or how did we get this information.
5. Mr. Piper questioned how you generate this information.
6. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we use some computer programs. We use several programs Forecast5 and Eidex. We embrace data. Mr. Kerr does a great job comparing the data and showing how much we get for our buck. PDE shares this data. We contract with companies to help us compare this data. We have 236 staff members and an administration team of 14. We work together.

## **III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-10 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 Roush to adjourn the meeting. The Board of School Directors met in executive session prior to the Committee of the Whole to discuss legal and personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush, Over, Blasco, and Piper. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM

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William L. Piper, Secretary