

**BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Newville, Pennsylvania**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2021**

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**1. Call to Order**

The Finance Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring School District High School Auditorium at 6:00 pm with six (6) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Robert Over, Frank Myers, and John Wardle

Absent: Dave Gutshall, Alexis Blasco-Hurley, and Richard Roush

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Caleb Barwin; Account Controller, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

**2. Presentation:**

**2.a.** Fiscal Update and Future Capital Improvement - Mr. Mike Statler, Business Manager and Mr. Caleb Barwin, Account Controller

Year End Spend by Function and Object  
Year End Spend by Cost Center  
Year End Spend by Object  
Year End Revenue by Function  
General Fund Balance June 30, 2021  
FY21 Audit Update  
Fiscal Year 22  
Earned Income Tax Comparison  
Charter School Struggle  
South Central Trust  
FY23 First Look  
Expenditures  
Revenues  
Act 1 Resolution – Stay Within Index  
Other Quick Notes  
Future Capital Improvement Considerations  
Summer 2022 & 2023 Projects  
Future Major Project  
Long-Term Projects  
Project Considerations  
Existing Debt Outstanding  
Hypothetical 2023 Borrowing Study

Dr. Roberts stated the instructional format and schedule last year resulted in cost savings in transportation and energy costs. In addition, the ESSER grant monies were used strategically to cover known expenditures which has freed up money for the transfer to capital projects being proposed.

There was discussion about the financial impact of students billed to us at the special education rate by outside cyber charter schools.

Mr. Piper asked about the LST referenced in the presentation and Mr. Statler explained the Local Services Tax charged in some townships.

Mr. Wardle asked if there has been an uptick in students and staff requiring mental health services and Dr. Roberts explained the Terrace Metrics Survey process and the availability of mental health services to students and staff.

There was discussion about the annual Act 1 Index process and required Resolution. Mr. Piper requested a chart of the Act 1 Index history for clarity and future discussions.

Mr. Over asked a question about custodial pay and discussion followed about the proposed custodial incentive pay and future salary negotiations.

There was discussion about future capital projects and projects that had previously been discussed and paused due to COVID.

**3. Preview of the Agenda –** Nothing offered

**4. Other Items –** Nothing offered

**5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Myers

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

Motion Carried unanimously. 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

  

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