

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2022



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1. 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 School District Middle School Auditorium at 7:02 pm with eight (8) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Frank Myers, Treasurer; Kenneth Fisher, Robert Over, Richard Roush, and Donna Webster who participated virtually.

Absent: John Wardle

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Nicole Donato, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Chris Harris, Solicitor; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, and Donna Minnich, Board Minutes

2. Presentation:

2.a. ESCO Update - Michael Statler

Mr. Statler presented a Capital Project Planning Update to the Board:

Energy Savings Performance Contract Timeline

Future Capital Project – Hybrid

Upcoming – Project Financing

Mr. Swanson asked if it is correct there will not be change orders with an ESCO and Mr. Statler said that is correct that ESCO's do not have change orders. Mr. Swanson said that is really important because historically change orders have cost the district a lot of money during building projects.

Dr. Roberts stated this evening, the Board will consider authorizing to move forward with the Investment Grade Audit which would evaluate our systems for energy savings to compile a list of projects to realize those savings.

Mr. Piper asked for confirmation that voting for the Investment Grade Audit will not expend any funds for the audit and Dr. Roberts said that is correct that an Investment Grade Audit is free of charge for the ESCO to do an assessment then if we move forward with the projects, they would be involved in executing the work.

Dr. Roberts said as we move through this project, we will lean heavily on the Buildings and Property Committee which is made up of people who are familiar with the construction process. He said we will also consult with Tobie Wolf for an engineering as well as tax payer's perspective.

2.b. Middle School STEM and Middle School Technology Education/Agriculture/FFA - Jenna McIntire and Dave Roberts

Jenna McIntire presented a description and photos of the middle school Ag/Technology classes in each grade level as well as FFA highlights to the Board.

Dr. Roberts said Mrs. McIntire came to us when we had a traditional technology program which has evolved by her infusion of agriculture education which has been very exciting and successful for our students.

Dave Roberts presented an overview and photos of the middle school STEM program for each grade level to the Board.

Mr. Swanson said our students are extremely fortunate to be able to do the kinds of activities Mrs. McIntire and Mr. Roberts have shown us this evening and we are very lucky to have such talented teachers for these classes.

Dr. Roberts said the Technology Education/Agriculture/FFA and STEM classes fit the District Profile of a Graduate and the focus of the 6 C's are evident in what Mrs. McIntire and Mr. Roberts are teaching. He also shared kudos to Mrs. Nace for her support of these programs and for pushing the elective experience at the middle school.

3. Other Items – Nothing Offered

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Roush

Meeting Adjourned at **7:32 pm**


