

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Buildings and Property Committee of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Large Group Room, Room 140, of the Big Spring High School at 6:00 P.M. with Robert Barrick, Chairperson, presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Robert Lee Barrick, Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf.Jr, ex-officio Committee Member; David Gutshall, Board Member; William Piper, Board Member; John McCrea, Board Member; Richard Norris, Board Member; and Richard Roush, Board Members.

Richard Norris arrived at 6:30 pm.

Absent: Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Project Updates on Oak Flat HVAC & District Fire Alarm

Mr. Gilliam will do an update for the Oak Flat project and District Fire Alarm Replacement.

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[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board that the building principal did communicate with her staff concerning the loss of closets in some classrooms.
2. Mr. Fry stated that there is no flexibility in this schedule. We will be looking at some Act 80 Days for relief from the state. Once we have gotten through the winter, I will provide information to the Board.

B. Replacement of Oak Flat Gymnasium Operable Door

Mr. Gilliam will discuss the replacement of the Oak Flat Gymnasium Operable Door. The door was broken for a period of one month. Makeshift repairs were made to get the door back in operation. Parts for the door are no longer manufactured and total replacement is recommended. The quotation for the removal and replacement of the operable partition wall at Oak Flat is \$85,535.

General Questions:

1. Mr. McCrea asked if there would be an improvement in less sound transmission.

C. Middle School Tunnel Dehumidification

Mr. Tobie Wolf will discuss the dehumidification project in the Middle School Tunnel. Mr. Wolf is here to review the project schedule. Construction is planned for the summer of 2014. The estimated cost of the project should not exceed \$190,000.

D. Update on Mt. Rock Parking Lot Lights

Mr. Rick Gilliam will discuss the Mt. Rock Parking Lot Lights. The lighting located in front of the old Middle School Office needs to be replaced with multiple head lights to provide more illumination to the parking lot.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry informed the Board that this light post is the most critical in that area. Without this light, the end of the parking lot is very dark and creates a safety concern.

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E. Mowing Contract 2014

Mr. Rick Gilliam will discuss the mowing contract for 2014. The recommendation is to expand the mowing contracts to four contracts to include Newville, Oak Flat, Mt. Rock and the Middle School.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf asked if there are any prices to compare the cost from school employees doing the mowing to contracted services.
2. Mr. Fry informed the Board that a cost comparison was reviewed last year and there was quite a savings to the District. We can provide that information to the Board to compare the cost.
3. Mr. Gutshall stated that the gentleman that received the contract last year could not have made much money with how low the bid was.
4. Mr. Fry informed the Board that the gentleman did a good job. Our maintenance department supervised the job and were pleased with the results.
5. Mr. McCrea inquired if last year's contract would have to be rebid for this year.
6. Mr. McCrea asked if we would have equipment that we would need to dispose of because of contracting the services.

F. Replacement of High School Pool and Mechanical Room Roof

Mr. Marc Harder will discuss the replacement of the High School Pool and Mechanical Room Roof.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry asked if the project will still allow the District to use this area in the summer. We can make some traffic flow changes.
2. Mr. Wolf asked if about the hot asphalt versus the kool adhesive.
3. Mr. Fry reminded the Board the purpose of the spray is for sound proofing.
4. Mr. Piper asked who will be overseeing this project.
5. Mr. Fry informed the Board it is the same process that we had at Oak Flat.

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G. Paving Project CenterPoint

Mr. Chris Beauregard and Mr. James Bridges will discuss the paving project. The project will be done in phases. Phase one will be started in the summer of 2014.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf asked how the gravel edge limits the problem.
2. Mr. Wolf questioned if there would be any new structure.
3. Mr. Fry inquired how much time does maintenance repairs add to the life of asphalt.
4. Mr. Barrick asked how much base work needs to be done behind the maintenance.
5. Mr. Barrick questioned if the work needed to be done would be included with this project.
6. Mr. Gutshall asked what the difference in cost would be to include a sprinkler system at Mt. Rock.

H. Other

Mr. Rick Gilliam will discuss any other items of concern. Frankford Elementary school is having some roofing issues.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Fry stated that we got a call from Yellow Breeches concerning saturated ceiling tiles. The students were removed from the building.
2. Mr. McCrea asked if three days of warm weather would allow the repair of the roof.
3. Mr. Wolf questioned the gypsum board that was used for the roof. At this point, is there any danger to the students at that school?
4. Mr. Piper inquired on the roof structure of that building.
5. Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that it is been a very expensive winter. We will have added expenses to heating, snow removal, overtime, and salt.

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III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson