

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

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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 7:00 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr. presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, William Piper, Kingsley Blasco, and Richard Roush.

Absent: John McCrea, Richard Norris.

Kingsley Blasco arrived at 7:21 pm

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, and Transportation; Brandie Shatto, Director of Educational Technology; Niki Donato, District Literacy Coach; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

- A. Communication – Carlisle Syntec** – Mr. Rick Carns, 17 B. Burgners Mill Road Carlisle, PA. Mr. Carns is a resident of the Big Spring School District and an employee of Carlisle Syntec. Mr. Carns is here to discuss the issues concerning the HS roof. Mr. Carns disagrees with the assessment of the roof. Mr. Carns recommends the Board repair the roof and not replace the roof. He is recommending to the Board that

they rebid the project with a single ply system. The Garland roofs are very expensive and in his opinion not necessary.

General Questions:

1. Mr. Wolf asked to have the no cost to the District explained with the new membrane to the roof.
2. Mr. Wolf inquired if they would have to lift the current roof to put a new membrane down.
3. Mr. Wolf questioned the letter from Carlisle Syntec stating that they would have to drill down into the concrete to place fasteners to the roof. Is that correct?
4. Mr. Wolf asked what the difference is between single ply and Garland.
5. Mr. Wolf inquired if they are just willing to repair one part of the roof at the boiler room.

Mike DuCharme – 6185 Run Cross Lane Enola, PA. Mr. DuCharme is the Marketing Director for Carlisle Syntec. He also recommends that the Board relook at the high school roof project. He encouraged the Board to rebid the project with a single ply roof and compare the Garland roof to the single ply roof.

- B. K-12 Literacy Plan** – Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Niki Donato, District Literacy Coordinator will present information to the Board on the K-12 Literacy Plan.

[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Mr. Piper asked if we are using the same program at all three elementaries schools.
2. Mr. Piper inquired if the centers are teacher created or if we purchased a program that they use.
3. Mr. Wolf questioned if all the students get the diagnostics test.

General Questions continued:

4. Mr. Wolf asked if the second diagnostic test is based on information from the first test.
5. Mr. Piper inquired if the comprehensive issue is based on fluency.
6. Mr. Wolf questioned how long the diagnostic test takes.
7. Mr. Piper inquired who designed the assessments.
8. Mr. Wolf asked if 2 1/2 hours per day have been designed for reading.
9. Mr. Wolf questioned how much time is left for all the other subjects.
10. Mr. Wolf asked what the PLN program cost the District.
11. Mr. Piper inquired who is reviewing all this data.
12. Mr. Fry stated that K – 8 is universal. High School is where you need to see the literacy incorporated in the curriculum.
13. Mr. Barrick stated that we have been working to improve reading at the elementary level. Are we seeing results?

**C. Shippensburg University School Study Council Award for RtII** – Mrs. Niki Donato, District Literacy Coordinator was presented the Shippensburg University School Study Council Award for her work with RtII. President Wolf and Vice-President Swanson presented Mrs. Donato with a certificate from Shippensburg University.

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

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-19 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 to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Wolf, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary