

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2021

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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 through a Virtual Meeting in the Big Spring School District High School Large Group Room at 7:23 pm with seven (7) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Robert Over, Frank Myers, John Wardle, and Richard Roush

Absent: Alexis Hurley and Dave Gutshall

Others in attendance: Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Superintendent; William August, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Statler, Business Manager; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Darrin Baughman, Technology, Donna Minnich, Board Minutes, Lauren Hetrick, Student Council Advisor; Sherisa Nailor, Student Council Advisor; Jason Shover, High School Principal; and Student Council Members: Kiersten White, Aliyah March, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and Jordan Grandstaff.

2. Presentation:

2.a. Student Council Introductions

Ms. Hetrick, Student Council Advisor, introduced the following Student Council Members to the Board of School Directors:

- Kiersten White – President
- Aliyah March – Vice President
- Elizabeth Wilkinson – Secretary
- Jordan Grandstaff – Historian

The students shared their goals for representing the student body during the upcoming school year with Board members and Mr. Swanson thanked the students for taking the time to speak with the Board.

Mr. Piper, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Deihl asked questions of the students and thanked them for sharing their thoughts and ideas with them.

Dr. Roberts expressed his appreciation to the students and thanked them for being willing to serve in positions of leadership in the Student Council.

2.b. Big Spring School District Health and Safety Plan for 2021-2022 --> Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr. and Mr. William August

Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Roberts reviewed the Health and Safety Plan required by the Department of Education with Board Members by presenting COVID Data – Changing Landscape, Big Spring School District planning of the Health and Safety Plan, the Staying Open Plan and the Resocialization of Athletics and Activities Plan as well as the Resolution Regarding Instructional Minutes. Dr. Roberts also stated the ThoughtExchange is still open for the community to share comments and post questions regarding the plans.

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. William August shared the Requirements of the Health and Safety Plan and both Dr. Roberts and Mr. August answered questions.

Mr. Wardle asked about the temperature check follow-up process and Dr. Roberts confirmed students are sent to the nurse who touch base with a parent/guardian.

Mr. Myers asked who absorbs the cost of sanitizing school busses. Dr. Roberts stated that Deitch Bussing employees apply the products and purchase some cleaning products and the district also purchases some cleaning products to support the cleaning process.

Mr. August shared the value and importance of being able to host special events and the impact on the social and emotional wellness of our students.

Mr. Wardle asked how many students are repeating last school year as a result of parent request and Dr. Roberts confirmed that there are none at this time.

Mr. Piper asked if we find ourselves with increased COVID incidents and had to go revisit masking policy would the board be consulted before the policy would be reinstated and Dr. Roberts confirmed the Board would be consulted.

3. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested that the Board address New Business Personnel Concerns and combine Items 12.a through 12.j into one motion.

4. Other Items

5. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Deihl was seconded by Mr. Roush

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

Motion Carried 7 - 0

The Meeting was Adjourned 7:51 p.m.


