

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

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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 Richard Roush, Co-Committee Chairperson presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Richard Roush, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Piper, Co-Committee Chairperson; William Swanson, Committee Member; Wilbur Wolf, Jr, ex-officio Committee Member; Bob Kanc; Robert Over, Todd Deihl, and David Gutshall.

Absent – Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller, Rick Gilliam Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Time Star and Ms. Kendra Shaffer

### **II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Preliminary Presentation – First Iteration of the Proposed Project for Summer, 2019**

**Chris Barnett, Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architect, discussed the base bid scope items for Oak Flat Elementary School, Mt. Rock Elementary School, Big Spring High School and Big Spring Middle School.**

#### **General Questions/Comments**

1. Dr. Fry communicated to the Board of School Directors that the District has 8.5 million in the budget to work with and administratively they are not comfortable to exceed this budget.
2. Mr. Wolf asked about the operable partitions in the rooms at Oak Flat. Mr. Barnett communicated that the partitions will be manual not electric.

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3. Mr. Wolf commented there will be six small teaching spaces out of three classrooms with the operable partitions.
4. Mr. Wolf asked if the partitions are sound proof? Dr. Fry confirmed that the partitions are sound proof and communicated they will be the same partitions that are being utilized at Newville Elementary School.
5. Mr. Piper asked about the upgrade of the playground components at Oak Flat Elementary School. Dr. Fry communicated that the playground components are a place holder due to the district wanting to take a closer look at the components to make sure they are ADA compliant. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that Oak Flat is the district's regional special education building.
6. Mr. Over asked where is the music room located? Dr. Fry communicated the room is off the end of the gym towards the playground area.
7. Dr. Fry communicated to move the music room to the computer room gives them more flexibility to assist with various programs such as the Oak Flat's genius hour.
8. Mr. Piper asked about ADA compliance? Dr. Fry communicated that codes have changed since the building was built twenty years ago and they need to keep the building up to code.
9. Mr. Wolf asked about how much of the renovation in the Middle School auditorium is seating? Mr. Barnett shared there will be approximately 450 seats.
10. Dr. Fry commented that he wants to get the Middle School where it needs to be.
11. Mr. Piper asked how much of the Middle School auditorium will be educational space? Dr. Fry communicated the educational space will be roughly a third.
12. Mr. Piper asked what is the administration envisioning? Dr. Fry communicated stem and agriculture classrooms for grades 7-12.
13. Dr. Fry shared that all of the renovations within the District aligns with the Strategic Plan.
14. Mr. Gutshall asked about the inspection of the poles and lights at the football stadium which was complete in 2014. Dr. Fry shared that the above ground inspection was a thumbs up but Dr. Fry also communicated with the Board that the poles and lights were installed in 1981.
15. Mr. Piper asked about the emergency generator work at Mt. Rock. Dr. Fry communicated that with the upgrades at Mt. Rock an upgraded generator may be potentially needed.

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16. Mr. Over asked why a generator would be needed. Dr. Fry communicated if the electric shuts down lights are needed as well as the heating and cooling system due to the system being a geothermal system.
17. Mr. Wolf commented about adding a smaller generator? Dr. Fry stated that the engineer will be looking at these options.
18. Mr. Over asked if the Middle School auditorium was upgraded as just an auditorium with seats, stage and lighting, what would the cost be? Mr. Barnett stated that it may cost approximately one million.
19. Dr. Fry communicated to the Board of School Directors that there has been 600 student requests at the High School level for agriculture classes.
20. Dr. Fry communicated that district's our size has one theatrical auditorium.
21. Mr. Over asked about the amount of seats in the High School auditorium. Dr. Roberts commented there are approximately 900 plus seats in the High School auditorium.

**B. Discussion on Options for Newville Elementary School Exterior**

**Chris Barnett, Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architect, discussed the exterior of Newville Elementary School.**

**General Questions/Comments:**

1. Ms. Shaffer, district resident stated that the building looks unfinished and the community is not happy with the looks of the building. Ms. Shaffer requested the Board of School Directors leave the building alone knowing the monies that have already been spent on the building.
2. Mr. Kanc stated that the colors of Newville Elementary School was a poor design.
3. Mr. Over asked if Crabtree, Rohrbaugh came up with the design. Mr. Barnett confirmed that it was a design by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh.

**C. Director Updates – Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Building and Grounds/Transportation, shared updates for Newville/Mt. Rock/Middle School/High School.**

**General Questions/Comments:**

1. Mr. Gilliam shared that Newville Elementary School is 90%-95% complete.
2. Dr. Fry shared that there is always a punch list with large construction projects.
3. Mr. Barnett communicated that weather did hinder the construction projects.

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4. Mr. Krepps stated that the High School auditorium is substantially complete.
5. Mr. Gilliam communicated the work at the District Administration is 95% complete with the hand rails to be installed and lines to be painted.
6. Mr. Gilliam communicated that the Middle School court yard continues to be worked on.
7. Dr. Fry stated that the focal point at the Middle School is to complete the courtyard.
8. Mr. Wolf asked about what doors were not complete at the Middle School? Mr. Gilliam stated that there were exterior doors that were replaced and panel work needs to be complete above the doors.
9. Mr. Kanc asked about the roof work that was complete if the district experienced any leaks. Mr. Gilliam communicated that everything has gone well.

**D. Contract Custodial Subs**

Mr. Gilliam communicated that Mission One the District substitute aide contractor will be utilized for custodial subs. Mr. Gilliam shared obtaining custodial subs is a challenge.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

The Building and Property meeting adjourned at **7:01 p.m.**

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William L. Piper, Secretary