

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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; Robert Over, Todd Deihl, David Gutshall, and Richard Roush.

Absent – Bob Kanc

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager, Rick Gilliam Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Time Star.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2019 Project Updates and Advertisement of Bids

- Mr. Kerr talked about the 2019 project bids, bid process, advertising bids and the deadline of the bids for phase two of the building projects.
- Mr. Kerr shared a copy of the bid information with the Board of School Directors.

b. Elementary Furniture Concept

- Dr. Fry talked about the concepts of the flexible furniture at the elementary level.
- Dr. Fry shared that all three elementary buildings will be very similar with furniture and technology. Dr. Fry communicated that Newville Ele. teachers assisted with the style of furniture.
- Dr. Fry communicated that the teachers want the ease of moving furniture.
- Mr. Wolf asked about the total seating limit within the elementary classrooms.
- Dr. Fry stated that the limit is approximately 24 seats in the classroom.
- Dr. Fry communicated that the students like the flexibility of the furniture.
- It was communicated that Oak Flat PTO has assisted with the flexible seating within Oak Flat Elementary School.
- Dr. Fry communicated that all teacher desks and chairs will be the same in all

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the elementary buildings.

c. Middle School Courtyard Drainage

- Mr. Gilliam talked about the middle school courtyard drainage and shared that Blue Mountain Excavating received the bid to assist with the middle school courtyard.
- Mr. Wolf talked about the gravel/stone base and piping within the courtyard.

d. Stadium Pole Inspection

- Mr. Gilliam communicated the bids for the stadium poles and the estimate from Reese Tower Services (RTS).
- Mr. Gilliam talked about the age of the poles which are 30 to 40 years old.
- Mr. Gilliam shared that the pole structures appear to be in satisfactory condition with no major defects per the inspection techniques.
- Mr. Gilliam communicated that the condition of the electrical conduits on the pole structures have been observed to be poor and in need of repair. It was recommended by Reese Tower Services that the lights should be replaced.
- Mr. Gilliam shared if the poles were to remain in service they should be re-inspected in three years or after any significant wind event greater than 70 mph.
- Mr. Over asked who looked at the lights.

e. Act 39 – Lead in Drinking Water

- Mr. Gilliam talked about Act 39 of 2018 which encourages schools to test for lead in drinking.
- Mr. Gilliam communicated that it is not mandated to test the water at this time and talked about a plan for future testing of the water.
- Dr. Fry stated that every year the board must communicate to the public the water testing.
- Dr. Fry communicate that proactive items are in place such as a water filtration system.
- Mr. Roush talked about getting rid of the water fountains. He also communicated that water fill stations were implemented in the buildings.

f. Mt. Rock Elementary Panel Fix

- Mr. Gilliam updated the Board of School Directors on the panels at Mt. Rock which were part of the window replacements.
- Mr. Gilliam shared that there were dents in the panels which will be removed and re-installed and there will be no fee to fix the panels.

g. PennDOT Grant Update

- Mr. Gilliam shared that the District now has the permits to move forward with the signal contractor to start construction. The contractor is waiting for an opening in the weather to begin to dig.
- Mr. Gilliam shared that residents had concerns regarding the light installation.
- Mr. Over asked who picked the area where the light will be installed. Mr. Gilliam shared the engineer picked the area of installation.
- Mr. Piper questioned how many lights will be installed on West Street. Mr. Gilliam

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shared there would be a possibility of two lights.

h. Updates on Roof and Other Work within the District

- Mr. Gilliam shared that all roof projects are complete.
- Mr. Gilliam talked about the work that will be completed during Christmas break within the buildings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Building and Property meeting adjourned at **6:49 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary