

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

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

Absent: Kingsley Blasco,

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Richard Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Demand Response Program

Mr. Chris Pietrowski, Director Energy provided information to the Board of School Directors on the Demand Response Program.

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[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Mr. Barrick asked why such variances in the numbers.
2. Mr. Barrick questioned the demand events. If they call a demand event and we say no thanks, we would be paid nothing.
3. Dr. Fry inquired about event tests and confirmed that they generally occur in late July or early August.
4. Mr. Piper asked if we are changing our electricity generator company. The transition company remains PP&L.
5. Mr. Barrick questioned if we use more electricity during peak demand time, we get charged at a higher rate.
6. Mr. Kerr inquired if Panoramic Power would help us manage our usage.
7. Mr. Wolf asked when you say in the summer you get our base level 5 days, what if that falls over the weekend. Would the base level only be Monday through Friday?
8. Mr. Barrick inquired about the monitoring of these sensors. Who monitors them? If they notice that we have an unusually high event occurring, will someone notify us? If we have a roof unit that all of a sudden starts to draw more energy, how will know this is occurring.
9. Mr. Kerr questioned when we arrive in the morning, we need to space things out so we don't draw max capacity, correct. Morning start up might not matter if peak times fall more around 3:00 pm correct?
10. Mr. Wolf asked for some examples of what we could do to reduce our energy demand.
11. Mr. Kerr inquired about the pool pak at the high school. Would this help us monitor the cost to run that pool pak? At the end of the year, panoramic would help us know what the pool pak actually costs us? Could we monitor any device that we put a sensor on?
12. Mr. Wolf asked how much the panoramic cost.
13. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that this is a discussion item on the agenda tonight. No decision needs to be reached at this time.

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B. Erate Projects Update

Mr. Robert Krepps, Director of Technology reviewed with the Board of School Directors the Erate projects. Three components to Infrastructure Projects – Fiber, Wi-Fi, and Network Switches.

[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Mr. Barrick inquired about the dark fiber in the bid. The proposal they gave us, they would own the fiber and there would be a monthly recurring fee.
2. Mr. Barrick asked if the Integra One HP Aruba bid is a quality product. The Wi-Fi would be district wide of 400 plus.
3. Mr. Barrick questioned how many switches we would be looking for. Will there be back-up if the switches go down?
4. Mr. Barrick inquired if our network is reliable.

C. Director Updates

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation reviewed with the Board of School Directors project updates.

- a. High School Pool Refresh
- b. Middle School Gym Floor Replacement
- c. Newville Abatement
- d. Stadium Track
- e. PennDOT Grant
- f. Mowing Bid
- g. Summer Project Schedules

[Presentation attached.](#)

General Questions:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors moving forward with the pool, we will go to a preventative maintenance schedule.
2. Mr. Kanc inquired if the water will come from the borough or will that go out to bid.

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3. Mr. Wolf questioned if we drain the pool will the water go through the borough. How long will the pool be down, a week, a month?
4. Mr. Deihl asked if you have a timeframe when the pool will be down.
5. Mr. Roush inquired if the bonds are in place and the contracts all signed for the abatement project.
6. Mr. Barrick questioned if West Pennsboro was positive with the PennDot plan. Are they ok with everything?
7. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that the roadwork that needs to be done has to be done over the summer. The sign work could be done this summer. However, the roadwork will probably have to go to next summer because of the when the bids will be ready to go out.
8. Mr. Barrick inquired if we have three contracts for mowing.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barrick to adjourn, seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Deihl, Roush, Barrick, and Kanc. Motion carried unanimously 8– 0.

Robert Lee Barrick, Chairperson