

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

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

**MONDAY MARCH 15, 2021**

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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 through a Virtual Meeting in the Big Spring School District High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. with nine (9) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer, Robert Over, Richard Roush, Alexis Hurley, Frank Myers and John Wardle.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Caleb Barwin, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes, Rob Krepps, Director of Technology and Darin Baughman, Multimedia Support Coordinator.

### **II. Presentations:**

#### **➤ Updates on Instructional Delivery Options**

- **Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools**
- **Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant**
- Dr. Fry began the meeting communicating that today, March 15<sup>th</sup>, all elementary students were back this week in the Tier 3 Educational Model. Dr. Fry was pleased to share that all buses arrived on time. He stated that the Transportation Department did an outstanding job.
- Dr. Fry shared mitigation information; there were less than 48 students on a bus, plexiglass on each desk, 6 feet distancing and masks were worn.
- Dr. Fry communicated that students did go outdoors; snack breaks were given as well. Dr. Fry stated the atmosphere was much like the first day of school.
- Dr. Fry shared it was a great day at the elementary level for students and staff.
- Dr. Fry shared the information below:
  - Mt. Rock Ele. enrollment is 349; 12 CAOLA; 12 Livestream; with a percentage of 7% not face to face;
  - Newville Ele. enrollment is 349; 11 COALA; 8 Livestream; with a percentage of 5% not face to face;
  - Oak Flat Ele. enrollment is 375; 15 COALA; 15 Livestream; with a percentage of 8% not face to face.

- Dr. Fry communicated that there were 7% livestream or COALA. It was noted that 93% of students at the elementary level were face to face. Dr. Fry stressed the goal is to stay open.
- Dr. Fry shared the information below regarding incident rate and positivity rate:
  - o Cumberland County incident rate: 94      positivity rate 4.8%
  - o Adams County incident rate: 129      positivity rate 8.4%
  - o Franklin County incident rate: 92      positivity rate 5.2%
  - o Dauphin County incident rate: 109      positivity rate 7.8 %
  - o York County incident rate: 105      positivity rate 6.5%
- Dr. Fry communicated that all counties are below 10 percent. Dr. Fry stated, the incident rate is moderate or substantial, it depends on the location.
- Dr. Fry shared information on positivity and incident rate for zip code locations listed:
  - o 17241, Newville positivity rate: 20%      incident rate 79
  - o 17015, Carlisle positivity rate: 22%      incident rate 73
  - o 17257, Shippensburg positivity rate: 9.68%      incident rate 30
  - o 17240 Newburg, positivity rate: 22%      incident rate 51
- Dr. Fry shared the Tier 3 Timeline with the Board of School Directors below:
  - o March 10<sup>th</sup> - Tier 3 Planning Meeting with Secondary Principals;
  - o March 15<sup>th</sup> - Ordering of additional plexiglass shields;
  - o March 18<sup>th</sup> – Tier 3 planning amongst Secondary Principals, Department Leaders which include Food Services, Transportation, Maintenance, Custodians, Curriculum, Pupil Services and Technology;
  - o March 19<sup>th</sup> Virtual Community Update – elementary and secondary;
  - o March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> Custodial staff moving furniture to classrooms;
  - o March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> Family Survey for learning mode confirmation and transportation confirmation;
  - o March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup> Tier 3 Planning continues amongst Secondary Principals and Department Leaders;
  - o April 12<sup>th</sup> Anticipated commencement of Tier 3 learning at the secondary level.
- Mr. Myers inquired about secondary student class rotation. Dr. Fry communicated that students will be changing classes.
- Dr. Fry shared data on the CAIU Tax Levy Revenue and Expenditure Summaries:
  - o County Millage Rate;
  - o Earned Income Rate;
  - o Percentage of Tax limit was shared; BSSD is at 28% which is lower when compared to other rural District's. BSSD in fact, is the lowest.
  - o Total Unreserved Fund Balance;
  - o CAIU Tax Increase summary percentage;
  - o CAIU Tax Levy per \$100,00 Property Assessment.
- Mr. Wardle inquired about the other rural districts which are:
  - o Greenwood
  - o Halifax
  - o Millersburg
  - o Newport
  - o Northern York
  - o Susquenita
  - o Upper Dauphin
  - o West Perry
- Mr. Over inquired about Shippensburg School District not being on the list above. There were discussions amongst administration and the Board of School Directors regarding the rural districts.

- Dr. Roberts stated that the first day back was amazing with phenomenal leadership by Principals and staff. Dr. Roberts shared that Cheri Frank has been outstanding through the process; she was the individual behind the scenes making sure everything was in place.
- Dr. Fry stated that Cheri has been a consistent force since day one; it was a great day back for elementary.
- Dr. Roberts stated; "Although all mitigation were in place, it looked like another day at BSSD."

### **III. Preview of the Agenda**

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through G into one motion.

### **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 Deihl, seconded by Myers to adjourn into Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 9 -0

Motion by Deihl, seconded by Hurley to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 9 -0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7: 27 p.m.**

