

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 1, 2019

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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 in the Big Spring High School Large Group Room, Room 140, at 7:00 p.m. with William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco, Richard Roush, Robert Over, Bob Kanc and John Wardle

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Exhibition Night Updates - Elizabeth Sheriff, Grade Nine Student and Mr. August, High School Principal

- Mr. August and Elizabeth gave an overview on exhibition night and the logistics and planning process.
- Mr. August talked about teacher expectations such as identifying an interesting activity/assignment/product students have prepared (socratic, debate, lab simulation etc.)
- Elizabeth walked through the planning process for Exhibition Night. She stated it was a 2-3 month planning process.
- Students and teacher's thoughts and impressions of the evening were shared with the Board of School Directors. The overall exhibition/transition night was an improvement over previous conference formats.
- Mr. August communicated that he wanted the evening to represent the entire school. Slides of student projects were shared as well as an explanation of each project presented.
- Mr. August communicated that teacher's thoughts and comments were positive.
- Mr. August communicated the evening ended with a community dinner and a chorus/band concert.
- Elizabeth was pleased with the evening and felt it was a success.
- It was communicated that the next Exhibition Night will be Tuesday, May 14th.
- Mr. Swanson commented; the planning of the evening would have been a difficult task for any student and Elizabeth did a great job!

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- Mr. Blasco stated that Elizabeth did very well in planning the evening.
- Mr. Over shared that he was in attendance and he loved the evening and was very impressed by the student projects. He also stated that Elizabeth did a good job.
- Mr. Over asked about the number of parents in attendance. Mr. August shared, it was the most parents he has seen in attendance than any prior conference.
- Mr. August communicated the Valley Times Star did a very nice article on the evening which was very much appreciated.
- Mr. August talked about the process of parent teacher conferences moving forward.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through G as a single action item.

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 Blasco to adjourn, seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Deihl, Blasco, Kanc, Over and Wardle

Motion carried unanimously 9– 0.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **8:03 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary