

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY MAY 6, 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 nine (9) directors present; 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 Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star; Clarissa Nace, Heath Myers, Lauren Swigart, Denise Ginter, Noelle King, Bill Wonders, Crystal header, Lindsay Graham, Theresa Yilek, Bill August, Lauren Hetrick, heath Myers, Michael Ginter, and Karen Ward

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Newville Elementary School – Title I Distinguished Program

- Mr. Wonders talked about the Title I program and the role of the Reading Specialist. It was stated the award is reflective of last year, while Mrs. Nace was the Principal of Newville Elementary School.
- Dr. Fry stated the high achievement schools are the highest 5% of Title I schools, based on English, Language Arts and Math PSSA proficiency.
- Mr. Swanson, School Board President, presented the award to the Reading Teachers; Ms. Denise Ginter, Ms. Lauren Swigart, Ms. Noelle King and Mr. Wonders, Newville Elementary School Principal.

B. Exemplary Programs

- Mr. August, High School Principal, talked about innovation and personalization within a traditional high school. The courses/programs align closely to the district's Profile of a Graduate. The set of classes being described includes an elective that teaches the design thinking process to students and allow them to apply it to authentic problems. The programs listed were honored by the Shippensburg University Study Council on March 27, 2019.
 - Jazz/History Study Collaboration Class
 - Mathematical/Science Lab Modeling Collaboration Class
 - Veritas –Truth through Literature Class
 - Design and Thinking Class

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- Mr. August communicated that High School Exhibition night that will showcase these programs will be May 14th from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Ward, Mt. Rock Elementary School Principal, talked about the Kindergarten Outdoor Classroom Program which began three years ago and was also recognized by the Shippensburg University Study Council.
 - Mrs. Ward communicated the Kindergarten Outdoor classroom was to get students outside to play and discover the world around them.
 - It was shared that there were no special items as they just wanted the students to explore and learn from nature.
 - Mrs. Ward shared as the program evolved, staff has identified ways to infuse other curriculum elements into the outdoor learning experience. Staff has deepened student learning while outdoors and found that additional personal exposure enhances the opportunity for investigation and exploration of nature.
 - The program begins in late September and is offered once a week.
 - Ms. Header, Kindergarten Teacher, shared her positive experiences with her students the first year the outdoor classroom was implemented.

Pictures were taken of all the groups that were recognized for the Exemplary Programs. The picture included; Crystal Header, Lindsay Graham, Theresa Yilek, Mrs. Karen Ward, Mr. August, Lauren Hetrick, Michael Ginter and Heath Myers

C. Middle School FFA Program – Ms. Jenna McIntire

- Ms. Jenna McIntire, Middle School Agriculture Teacher shared her experiences with the Middle School FFA Club.
- Ms. McIntire shared her interest in expanding the Middle School FFA Club at the District level.
- Middle School FFA Club members; Catherine Miller, President; Jadyn Klinger, Vice President; and Delaney Barrick, Secretary shared the proposal for a Middle School FFA Club and shared a description of the FFA Club.
- Students thanked the Board of School Directors for the opportunity to talk about the FFA Club.
- Mrs. Nace, Middle School Principal, stated how proud she was of the students.
- The FFA club members listed were recognized.
 - Joshua Barrick – Sentinel
 - Eli Parthemore – Treasurer
 - Nickson Gatch
 - Clayton Hetrick
 - Charlee Schock
 - Memphis Zucatti
- Dr. Fry communicated that there is an item on the board agenda for approval of the Middle School FFA Chapter.

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D. School Safety Update – Dr. Kevin Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent

- Dr. Roberts talked about the safety updates throughout the district.
- Dr. Roberts shared the key partnerships of Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Pennsylvania State Police, Newville Borough Police, MG Tactical Advantage and the Cumberland County Safe School Consortium.
- Dr. Roberts discussed a safety tool for schools: Safe2Say Something. Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or other and to "say something" before it is too late.
- Navigate Prepared was discussed and shared that it is an emergency response application that gives administration and first responders the ability to share information proactively.
- Dr. Roberts shared the All Hazards District/School Safety Plan.
- Dr. Roberts talked about the current and future structure of the School Resource Officer Program.
- Dr. Roberts communicated that a Big Spring Emergency Responders meeting will be coordinated in early fall, 2019.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A through O 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

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roush to adjourn, seconded by Deihl to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Deihl, Blasco, Kanc, Wardle and Over
Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **8:02 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary