

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JUNE 17, 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 7:02 p.m. with six (6) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; Bob Kanc, Robert Over and John Wardle

Absent: David Gutshall, Richard Roush and Kingsley Blasco

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

II. PRESENTATION:

A. Dedication of Service Years for Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr. – Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent

- Dr. Fry introduced the members of the different entities listed below.

○ Pennsylvania School Boards Association Staff (PSBA)

- Mr. Nathan Mains, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms. Karen Devine, Director of Member Services
- Ms. Erin Eckerd, Member Services Manager
 - Mr. Nathan Mains, Chief Executive Officer, thanked the Board of School Directors for their many countless hours they give to the public school education system, striving to provide the best possible education for the children of the community they serve. Mr. Mains stated that Mr. Wolf exemplified the idea of giving back to the community through this public service. Mr. Mains honored Mr. Wolf for his dedicated services to the school and community. He stated that on average fewer than 5% of the 4,500 school directors that serve across the Commonwealth will serve for more than twenty-one years. Mr. Mains shared that Mr. Wolf served twenty-nine years as a Board of School Director and of those twenty-nine years he served as Board President for sixteen years. Mr. Mains stated that Mr. Wolf was known for his commitment to stability. He communicated that Mr. Wolf always listened to individual's opinions and respected them; but also knew how to bring everyone together to a common ground. Mr. Mains shared that at PSBA Mr. Wolf was known as a strong advocate for public education. Mr. Wolf was PSBA's advocacy influence.

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On behalf of PSBA Mr. Mains expressed his deepest gratitude and deepest respect to the Wolf Family for Mr. Wolf's many years of dedication to public education. He stated Mr. Wolf was passionate in advocated for the children of Pennsylvania. Mr. Mains presented the plaque to the family and pictures were taken.

- Capital Area Intermediate Unit Staff (CAIU)

- Dr. Andria Saia, Executive Director
- Mrs. Jean Rice, CAIU Board President
 - Mrs. Jean Rice, CAIU Board President, shared that she served with Mr. Wolf for twenty-eight years of the twenty-nine years Mr. Wolf served.
 - Dr. Andria Saia, Executive Director, shared that she worked with Mr. Wolf for only a year and stated, she is richer for it. She shared that Mr. Wolf had a big spirit as he interacted and engaged with the CAIU staff. She communicated that Mr. Wolf assisted with negotiating their teacher contract, which took three hours. Dr. Saia shared the teacher contract was named in honor of Mr. Wolf. Dr. Saia presented the Wolf family with a set of wind chimes and pictures were taken.

- Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School Staff (CPAVTS)

- Mr. Justin Bruhn, Vo-Tech Executive Director
- Mr. Patrick Shull, Vo-Tech Board President of the Board and Vice President of Newport School District
- Mrs. Jean Rice, Board of School Directors, Vice President of West Perry School District
- Mr. Piper, Board of School Directors, Secretary of Big Spring School District
- Mr. Kanc, Board of School Directors Member, Big Spring School District
 - Mr. Justin Bruhn, Vo-Tech Executive Director honored Mr. Wolf and thanked the family for the commitment and dedication Mr. Wolf gave to Vo-Tech. Mr. Bruhn stated that he was a large advocate for CPAVTS and was always committed to the student's needs. Mr. Bruhn presented a picture to the family that hung in CPAVTS board room for many years.
 - Mrs. Rice, Board Director stated that she always relied on Mr. Wolf's expertise and respected his love for public education.
 - Mr. Shull, Vo-Tech Board President commented that Mr. Wolf taught him the importance of listening. He commented that Mr. Wolf stated; the impact of what you say and what you do, impact far beyond the walls you are sitting in. Mr. Shull shared Mr. Wolf was his mentor and was very grateful for him. Pictures were taken with Vo-Tech Staff and the family.

- TEMPUS Club

- Mr. Scott Anderson, Faculty Advisor
- Mr. Randall Ackerman, Penn State Mt. Alto Director of Campus Development and Alumni Relations
- Adam DeGregorio, Big Spring High School TEMPUS Club Student and Adams parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeGregorio

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- Mr. Anderson, TEMPUS Faculty Advisor shared Mr. Wolf was the man behind the scenes. He never wanted to take credit for anything just wanted to make sure everyone had what they needed. Mr. Anderson stated that Mr. Wolf always had words of wisdom which you would carry throughout your life. Scott commented that Mr. Wolf lived the definition of the word character; character is defined as doing the right thing when no one else sees you. Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. and Mr. DeGregorio, Adam DeGregorio and Mr. Randall Ackerman, Penn State Mt. Alto Director of Campus Development and Alumni Relations
- Adam shared that Mr. Wolf represented what it's truly like to be a Bulldog. Adam shared that a plaque will be added in Mr. Wolf's honor at the Veterans Memorial at Penn State Mt. Alto Campus. Adam shared some history of Mr. Wolf while attending Penn State Mt. Alto. On behalf of the TEMPUS Club Adam presented a check of \$1,440.47 to Mr. Ackerman to place a plaque in honor of Mr. Wolf at the Veterans Memorial on the Penn State Mt. Alto Campus.
- Mr. Ackerman, Penn State Mt. Alto Director of Campus Development and Alumni Relations, commented that a fundraiser was never conducted by high school students for the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Ackerman shared history of the Veterans Memorial and stated that Mr. Wolf's marker will be phase II of the memorial. Mr. Ackerman invited everyone present to the Veterans celebration on November 11, 2019 to see Mr. Wolf's marker and to celebrate his service in the military. Mr. Ackerman concluded in thanking the school district for raising the money. Pictures were taken with the family.
- Further remarks were made by Dr. Fry and the Big Spring Board of School Directors. Dr. Fry shared that the 2018-2019 yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Wolf. Dr. Fry presented the yearbook to Mrs. Wolf. Dr. Fry thanked all the organizations for taking the time to be in attendance this evening to honor Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr. Dr. Fry shared that the Board President and the Superintendent have a unique relationship and Dr. Fry was thankful for Mr. Wolf's service to the district. Dr. Fry thanked Mrs. Wolf for her support as well. Mr. Swanson stated he was fortunate to sit beside Mr. Wolf as Vice-President and was thankful as well for all he learned through his relationship with Mr. Wolf. Mr. Piper shared that he sat on the Vo-Tech Board for nineteen years with Mr. Wolf and was quite honored to do so. Mr. Over stated the Wolf family was blessed to have Mr. Wolf. He stated he was a very special man. Mr. Wardle shared that Mr. Wolf was very supportive of the community. Mr. Wardle commented that Mr. Wolf had rich values, character and a great ability to help others. Mr. Wardle thanked the family. Mr. Kanc and Mr. Deihl thanked the family as well.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

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

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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 Deihl by to adjourn, seconded by Wardle to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:46 p.m.**



Board Secretary Signature