

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

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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 7:01 p.m. with Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Bob Kanc; Todd Deihl, Richard Roush and Robert Over.

Absent – Kingsley Blasco

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Vonda Kelso, Accounting Controller; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Times Star; Charlene D'Amore, Courtney Rickabaugh

II. PRESENTATION

- a. **Update on Title I Reading Program** Mrs. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction described the Title I Reading Program as well as the federal guidelines and requirements. Ms. Lauren Swigart, Assistant Reading Department Chair shared the building blocks of reading, the intervention model, parent engagement, resources, communication and events.

General Questions/Comments:

1. Mr. Kanc asked how does the district involve parents? Mrs. Euker stated that parents are individually contacted.
2. Mr. Piper asked what grade levels are involved with the program? Ms. Swigart stated the program involves grades 1-5 students.
3. Mr. Wolf asked how big are the reading groups? Ms. Swigart communicated there are five groups.
4. Mr. Piper asked how many reading teachers are in the District? Ms. Swigart shared there are nine reading teachers within the District elementary school schools.
5. Dr. Fry communicated that Title I funds cover 4.5 of the District reading teachers.

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6. Ms. Swigart thanked the administration and the Board of School Directors for their continued support for the intervention programs of phonological awareness, phonics, fluency and/or comprehension.
7. Mr. Piper asked if these programs are in place in all the elementary buildings. Ms. Swigart communicated that all the elementary buildings are involved with these programs.
8. Ms. Swigart shared that the program resources for parents are located on the District website.
9. Ms. Swigart shared with the Board of School Directors the 2018-2019 Title I events which are: Back to School Night, Fall Title Event, Winter PAC Meeting, Spring Title I event and the Spring PAC Meeting.
10. Mrs. Euker shared that parents are very supportive of the Title I program.
11. Mr. Piper asked about tracking the students and their progress in the program. Dr. Fry stated that the District is looking at an audit process for the program.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address XIII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-8 as a single action.

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 Swanson to adjourn seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Kanc, Deihl and Over.

Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

Absent – Kingsley Blasco

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:53 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary