

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

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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 7:10 P.M. with Vice President William Swanson presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf Jr, President; William Swanson, Vice-President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Richard Roush, Kingsley Blasco, Bob Kanc, and William Piper.

Wilbur Wolf Jr. arrived at 7:28 PM

Absent: Todd Deihl.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. High School & Middle School Chorus** – Mr. Edward Wilson, HS Music Teacher; and Ms. Lori Shover, MS Music Teacher presented to the Board of School Director a short Choral Presentation.

- B. Technology Updates** – Mr. Robert Krepps, Director of Technology updated the Board of School Directors on Technology throughout the District.

[Presentation attached](#)

- Elementary Buildings
 - K-3 - mix of iPads, Chromebooks and Desktops
 - 4-5 - 1:1 Chromebooks – devices do not go home
- Middle School
 - 1:1 Chromebooks – students take devices home
- High School
 - 9th and 11th – 1:1 Windows laptops
 - 10th and 12th – 1:1 Chromebooks
- Elementary Buildings K-2 Tech
 - Kindergarten – remove desktops – replace with iPads
 - First Grade – remove desktops – replace with iPads & Chromebooks
 - Second Grade – Mostly Chromebooks – some iPads
 - Third Grade – Chromebook on carts
 - Fourth & Fifth Grade – 1:1 Chromebooks
 - Reading Rooms – mix of iPads and Chromebooks
- Middle School Technology
 - 1:1 Chromebooks
- High School Technology
 - Rising 9th & 11th graders – Windows Laptops
 - New Windows for rising 8th & 10th graders
 - Learning Commons Media Technology – full service learning

eRate Review

- Category 2 Projects
 - Each school cap of \$153 per student – 5 years
- BSSD Projects
 - Replace Wi-Fi network
 - Upgrade wired network switches
 - Rack-based uninterruptible power supplies
- Issued a PEPPM Mini Bid in February

General Questions:

1. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that from a literacy prospective Kindergarten and First grade is very iPad driven. This is why you see those devices much more at the primary level. This technology comes back at the back end of our students schooling when you look at different things at the high school.
2. Mr. Barrick inquired if this will complete the transition to windows.
3. Mr. Barrick questioned if there was a discussion about creating stand up work areas.
4. Mr. Barrick asked if the iPads gets software updates.
5. Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we have looked at some furniture that will support the standup work areas. When we went to Questeq, we were fully aware of Myrocki. We just could not support it ourselves. What he just described sounded so easy; we just could not do it without help. It works quite seamlessly now.
6. Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors of the independent assessment that we had done roughly 18 months ago. Many of the items are being done with Federal dollars and the \$250,000 that we set aside in support of the agreement. This is not an easy process to get through and still be within \$5,000 of your cap.
7. Mr. Barrack asked about the cap for eRate and if it rolls. We are done for 5 five years.
8. Mr. Kerr reminded the Board this is for category 2 only.
9. Dr. Fry reminded the Board the design work for the towers was done by Tobie Wolf. Mr. Tobie Wolf will be supervising the process.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Wolf requested that the Board address NEW BUSINESS, PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A - 1 through A – 7 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 to executive session for legal and personnel issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Gutshall, Blasco, Kanc, and Piper. Motion carried unanimously 8 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary