

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring High School Large Group Room, Room 140, at 8:00 P.M. with Eight (8) Board of School Directors present: William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Bob Kanc, Kingsley Blasco, Richard Roush and John Wardle

Absent: Robert Over

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr. Assistant Superintendent, Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager, Rick Gilliam Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes; Andy Milone, Valley Time Star.

### **II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

President Swanson led all individuals present in the Pledge to the Flag.  
A moment of silence was offered for honor Johnathan Kuhn.

### **III. Approval of the February 18, 2019 Building and Property Meeting Minutes, the February 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.**

Motion by Roush, seconded by Kanc for the approval of the February 18, 2019 Building and Property Meeting Minutes, the February 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Roll call vote: Voting yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Kanc, Guthall, Roush, Deihl and Wardle  
Motion Carried unanimously. 8- 0

### **IV. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports – Seth Franklin and Colin Boyd**

Seth and Colin shared with the Board of School Directors the events listed below.

- **Bocci Ball**

Bocci Ball competed for the last time this season in the regional competition at Mechanicsburg High School. The team finished 4th in the competition. It was a great inaugural season for the athletes and they all look forward to next season.

- **Club CARE Dodgeball Tournament**

The final push for teams is in full effect as the annual Club Care dodgeball tournament is next weekend. Students and community members will gather on this coming Saturday starting at 3 to participate and watch all the action. Proceeds benefit Mini THON so we encourage everyone to come out!

- **Special Olympic Swimming**

Held at Big Spring, the Special Olympic swim meet is a great experience for all involved. Students get the chance to volunteer to help in the pool or gym area where students can either compete in swimming events or do coloring and other non-pool related games.

- **Mini THON Silent Auction**

Clubs from the high school as well as local businesses came together to make baskets of different themed items for a silent auction to be held this upcoming Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM for initial bids. It will also be taking place on Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 14th for final bids.

- **Scotland Guest Speaker**

Last week a guest speaker by the name of John Caswell came to visit Big Spring to talk about different cultures around the world. With him, he brought food native to his home country of Scotland. It is called Haggis and is used as a meal to feed a lot of people with a little amount. Everyone who attended got the opportunity to try it as well as gained a lot of information about another country.

- **Teaching Wrestling**

Wrestling seniors Abi Sweger and Lyra Clark were visited by a local sports media reporter for some quick wrestling tips. Abi enjoyed being able to teach a sport that she has learned so much about from her coaches and teammates.

- **Rally For JT**

Over the weekend students and community members gathered at the Newville Church of the Brethren for prayer and fellowship for our fellow Bulldog JT Kuhn. It was widely attended as many wished to show JT he was not alone in his fight. He was loved by many and will be missed.

## V. Financial Reports - Payment of Bills

General Fund		
Procurement Card	\$	26,470.02
Checks/ACH/Wires	\$	3,029,292.14
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$	188,156.77
Mount Rock Projects-2018 Fund	\$	0.00
Newville Projects Fund	\$	102,070.06
Cafeteria Fund	\$	208,524.80
Student Activities Fund	\$	<u>10,825.01</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,565,338.80</b>

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Mt. Rock Projects Fund, Newville Projects Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund payments of bills as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Kanc, Guthall, Deihl, Roush and Wardle Motion carried unanimously. 8 - 0

## **VI. Reading of Correspondence**

### **a. Correspondence from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management**

Mr. William Piper, Board Secretary, received correspondence from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management regarding PlanCon Part H, Project Financing. The materials for PlanCon Part H, "Project Financing" has been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management. The Bond issue for PlanCon Part H is \$12,635,000. Correspondence is included with the agenda detailing this information.

## **VII. Recognition of Visitors**

Charlene D'Amore, Carol Graham, Dave and Joanne Schoonover, Andrew Koman, Bridget Burnhisel, Lori Shover, Isabelle Chestnut

## **VIII. Public Comment Period**

Mrs. Carol Graham, 2565 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, offered a prayer of encouragement for the Board of School Directors, administration, staff, students and community.

## **IX. Structured Public Comment Period**

## **X. Old Business**

## **XI. New Business**

### **a. Resignation - Mrs. Jane Kingsborough**

Mrs. Jane Kingsborough, Elementary Art Teacher for Oak Flat and Newville Elementary School has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 7, 2019.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Kingsborough resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 7, 2019.

### **b. Resignation - Mr. Rick Gilliam**

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation submitted his letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective September 30, 2019.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Gilliam's resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective September 30, 2019.

### **c. Child-Rearing Leave - Mrs. Rebekah Reisinger**

Mrs. Rebekah Reisinger, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, is requesting child-rearing leave of absence to begin approximately May 30, 2019 through approximately June 7, 2019. According to Section 3.07 of the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the District, a professional employee may request up to one year of child-rearing leave upon the birth of a child. In addition to the duration of the leave period, her request meets all provisions for a child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Reisinger's requested child-rearing leave of absence to begin approximately May 30, 2019 through approximately June 7, 2019.

## **XI. New Business (. . .continued)**

### **d. Leave Without Pay - Mr. Anthony Casella**

Section 3.09 of the contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District provides that "The Board may grant leave without pay to an employee who requests prior approval for such leave. Mr. Anthony Casella is requesting nine days leave without pay to begin March 5, 2019 through Friday, March 15, 2019.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the following request for leave without pay, as presented.

### **e. Recommendation for Head Football Coach**

Dr. Kevin Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, would like to recommend Mr. Joseph Sinkovich, Athletic Director/High School Assistant Principal, as the head football coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Sinkovich for the head football coach, as presented.

### **VOTE ON XI., NEW BUSINESS A-E PERSONNEL CONCERNS**

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Roush to approve Item a through e as outlined and recommended above. Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush, Deihl and Wardle. Motion carried unanimously. 8- 0

## **XI. New Business (. . .continued)**

### **a. Recommended Approval of the 2019-2020 Therabilities Agreements**

The proposed 2019-2020 Therabilities Occupational and Physical Therapy Agreements and the Speech Agreement have been reviewed by Mr. William Gillet, Director of Pupil Services and Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools. The agreements are included with the agenda.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the 2019-2020 agreements as presented

Motion by Deihl, seconded by Roush as outlined and recommended above.  
Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Deihl, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush and Wardle  
Motion carried unanimously. 8- 0

## **XI. New Business (. . .continued)**

### **b. Proposed Approval for Pre-K Counts License Agreement**

The administration would like to recommend approval for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Pre-K Counts agreements. The 2018-2019 agreement has been modified to include elements of necessary communication that Pennsylvania Department of Education would like to see within the agreements. These agreements are with Shippensburg University an educational program to provide services within the geographical area of the Big Spring School District. The agreements have been included with the agenda and will serve to provide said services to this population at Big Spring School District.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the modified 2018-2019 Pre-K Counts license agreement and the 2019-2020 license agreements with Shippensburg University to continue the implementation of this educational program known as Pre-K Counts.

Motion by Roush, seconded by Wardle as outlined and recommended above.

Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Deihl, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush and Wardle

Motion carried unanimously. 8- 0

### **d. Approve Payment from the Newville Projects Fund**

The District received the following application for payment:

<u>Proj</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
NV	Honeywell	HVAC Prof Svc	\$7,654.40	\$3,055.19

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the payment of \$7,654.40 to Honeywell.

Motion by Roush, seconded by Blasco as outlined and recommended above.

Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Deihl, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush and Wardle

Motion carried unanimously. 8- 0

### **e. Approve Chartwells Proposed Budget and Meal Prices for 2019-20 and Meal**

The administration worked with Chartwells to develop a new budget for next year. This does include a 5-cent increase in lunch prices but also increases the employee starting wage at \$10/hour over the next 6 months in two steps.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Chartwells budget and meal prices as shown in the agenda.

Motion by Deihl, seconded by Roush as outlined and recommended above.

Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Blasco, Deihl, Kanc, Gutshall, Roush and Wardle

Motion carried unanimously. 8- 0

### **13. New Business - Information Item**

### **14. Future Board Agenda Items**

### **15. Board Reports**

#### **a. District Improvement Committee - Mr. Kanc, Mr. Over**

- Next meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **b. Athletic Committee - Mr. Swanson, Mr. Gutshall, Mr. Deihl**

- Next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **c. Vocational-Technical School - Mr. Piper and Mr. Kanc**

- Mr. Piper shared the resolution was passed to change the name of the CPAVTS to Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center. The resolution will be submitted to all 14 member school districts to be voted on.
- Mr. Piper shared CPAVTS is emerging into a Health Profession Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Students could earn 8 college credits while enrolled in the program.

#### **d. Building and Property Committee - Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Roush, Mr. Over**

- No report

#### **e. Finance Committee - Mr. Blasco, Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Gutshall**

- Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **f. South Central Trust - Mr. Blasco**

- No report

#### **g. Capital Area Intermediate Unit - Mr. Swanson**

- The association inserted language into the contract thanking Mr. Wolf for his contributions.

#### **h. Tax Collection Committee - Mr. Swanson**

- No report

#### **i. Future Board Agenda Items**

- No items

#### **j. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Fry shared the February Enrollment Report.
- Dr. Fry talked about the fantastic winter sports season.
- Dr. Fry shared spring sports have now started their season.
- Dr. Fry communicated dates for the musical, Seussical, being held on March 28, 29, 30th.
- Dr. Fry thanked the Board of School Directors for their support and commended students and staff for their strength throughout this past week.

## **16. Meeting Closing**

### **a. Business from the Floor**

- Mr. Piper shared Mr. Gilliam's resignation letter with all and thanked Mr. Gilliam for his positive comments within the letter.
- Mr. Kanc shared blessings and peace to the Kuhn family.

### **b. Public Comment Regarding Future Board Agenda Items**

### **c. Adjournment**

Motion by Blasco seconded Deihl to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Blasco, Deihl, Roush, Wardle and Kanc. Motion carried unanimously. 8-0

Meeting adjourned at **8:20 p.m., March 4, 2019.**

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William L. Piper, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting is: **March 18, 2019.**