

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newville, Pennsylvania
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2021

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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 through a Virtual Meeting in the Big Spring School District High School Large Group Room at 7:23 pm with nine (9) Board of School Directors present; William Swanson, Board President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; Alexis Hurley, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Robert Over, David Gutshall, Frank Myers, John Wardle, and Richard Roush

Absent: No one was absent.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Rob Krepps, Director of Technology; Donna Minnich, Board Minutes, Caleb Barwin, Account Controller, Michael Statler, Business Manager, and Bill August, High School Principal.

II. Presentation: End of Year Updates – Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr.

Dr. Roberts shared photos and updates of year-end activities – Prom, Powder Puff, Middle School Fun Run, Elementary Field Day, Fifth Grade Promotion, and Elementary Spotlight on Learning. Upcoming events are: Senior Awards, Senior Parade, Final Student Day, Commencement, and Post Grad Party.

Dr. Roberts presented COVID updates for Pennsylvania and Cumberland County and updated CDC recommendations. CDC recommended face coverings will remain in place through the final day of school. Beginning June 12, face masks will not be required for vaccinated individuals and will be optional for staff because of a reduced summer workforce. Additional guidance from the CDC is expected June 28.

The July 19 Board meeting will focus on an updated Health and Safety Plan required by the Department of Education and a Staying Open Plan which will be presented to the Board.

The June 21, 2021 Board Meeting will be in person and held in the High School Auditorium to allow appropriate distancing.

Mr. Myers asked if temperature checks will be required during the summer and Dr. Roberts confirmed we will continue to use temperature scanners which are useful to identify illness other than COVID.

Dr. Fry shared he will make the call if graduation has to be postponed because of weather and will communicate via several options including the Global Connect calling system.

Dr. Fry shared that some Post Grad events will be held Friday night even if graduation is postponed but a Post Grad party will follow graduation regardless of the day or time.

Mr. Piper asked if Dr. Roberts would share that a petition circulated around the community calling for a change to voluntary mask wearing which he confirmed and stated that our adjustment following the conclusion of the school year was not driven by the petition.

Dr. Fry shared Board action will be in the approval of the upcoming Health and Safety Plan for 2022.

III. Preview of the Agenda

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. New Business Personnel Concerns and combine 12a through 12p into one motion.

IV. Building & Property Committee

V. Finance Committee

VI. District Improvement Committee

VII. Board Policy

VIII. Items from Floor

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Deihl seconded by Mr. Roush to adjourn to Executive Session

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Hurley, Piper, Over, Gutshall, Myers, Wardle and Roush

Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm


