

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newville, Pennsylvania
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2021

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The Finance Committee 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 7:00 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: There were no absences

Called to order at 7:00 pm

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; Mike Statler, Business Manager and Bill August, High School Principal.

Presentations:

I. 2021 – 2022 Budget – Mr. Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager

Mr. Caleb Barwin shared 2021 Budget Updates and presented slides on Year-End Fund Balances including a balance of \$7,564,301 in the Capital Project Reserve Fund and an ending balance of \$346,876.31 in the cafeteria fund. Balance updates were also provided for the South Central Trust, Earned Income Tax, Investment Income, 2021 PCCD, GEER, CARES ESSER I, CRRSA ESSER II, ARP ESSER III, and Year-to-Date 2021 Projections.

Mr. Richard Kerr presented slides on 2022 Charter School, CAOLA and PSERS projected costs, Special Education historical numbers and projections, 2022 Debt Service, USI Healthcare Costs, Warehouse Tax Updates, Projected Expenses, Projected Revenue, and Real Estate Tax Options with General Fund Projection Summaries.

Mr. Swanson explained that he previously favored the 3.7% increase for the 2021-2022 budget; however, professional staff reductions and earned income tax dollars have enabled him to feel comfortable supporting a 3.25% increase which he now suggests.

Mr. Over asked if a 3% increase could be considered, Mr. Deihl, Mr. Wardle, Mr. Gutshall, Mr. Myers, Mr. Roush, Ms. Hurley, and Mr. Piper shared their support for the 3.25% increase to support a manageable budget. Mr. Over responded that he does not support a 3.25% increase for the proposed budget.

Adjournment

The Board Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm and immediately proceeded to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

William L. Piper