

# BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

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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 8:01 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; Terry Lopp, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; Tarin Houpt; Richard Norris; and William Piper.

Richard Roush was absent.

Others in attendance: Richard Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Denny Clopper, The Valley Times-Star; Brooke Clouse and Douglas Kennedy, Student Representatives to the Board of School Directors; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

### II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

President Wolf led all individuals present in the Pledge to the Flag.

### III. PRAYER

Director Lopp offered a prayer.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 6, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 6, 2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Barrick for approval of the April 19, 2010 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the April 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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### V. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

#### A. Oak Flat Elementary School Presentation

Grade 3, 4, and 5 students from Oak Flat Elementary School offered a scene from The Wizard of Oz, a show that will be presented to the public on May 7, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.

#### B. Student Representatives to the Board Report – Douglas Kennedy/Brooke Clouse

1. Three students competed in the FFA regional public speaking competition. Caitlin Clarke earned second place in the senior category. Amanda Musselman earned second place and Richard Beatty earned third place in the junior category.
2. Collage artist Kathy Stone offered a three-hour session to 14 art students. The event was made possible by a Bulldog Foundation grant.
3. Fifteen Big Spring athletes participated in the Special Olympics on April 7, 2010, at Dickinson College. Approximately 30 volunteers helped supervise the event.
4. On the two-hour delay day, teachers in the English and math departments participated in a "Reading in the Content Areas" training where they learned effective ways to incorporate reading strategies in their courses. Other teachers shared their favorite "extending and refining" skills.
5. Fourth quarter parent-teacher conferences are slated for April 22, 2010, from 3:30 to 7:00 P.M.
6. Student Council members will participate in Youth Day of Caring on April 23, 2010.
7. Student Council and Tempus will show The Blind Side when they host outside movie night behind the commons area on April 23, 2010.
8. Juniors have completed math and reading sections of the PSSAs and will take the writing sections this week over a period of three days. The science portions begin on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. There have been three consecutive years of PSSA improvement at Big Spring. In 2009, the average math score was 52.5 percent and the average reading score was 61.5 percent. In math, the District goal is 56 percent, and in reading the District goal is 63 percent. To provide a PSSA performance incentive, those students who score proficient or above receive a \$20 refund on their parking passes.
9. National Honor Society is sponsoring an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on May 22, 2010. As of today, 12 teams will participate in the event.
10. The outdoor fitness center open house for the elementary schools and middle school is slated for April 29, 2010.

### VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report showed a General Fund ending cash and investment balance of \$10,302,579.78 as of March 31, 2010; an Athletic Fund balance of \$7,227.46 as of March 31, 2010; a Cafeteria Fund balance of \$187,860.17 as of March 31, 2010; Capital Reserve Fund investment balance of \$132,552.23 as of March 31, 2010; and a Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund cash balance of \$150,537.90 as of March 31, 2010.

Motion by Lopp, seconded by Blasco for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**General Fund Account Payment of Bills; Central Treasury Athletic, Cafeteria, and Student Activity/Miscellaneous Account Payment of Bills; and Newville Project Payment of Bills**

Motion by Lopp, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund Account checks #57492-57740 totaling \$215,989.57; Central Treasury Athletic Account checks #14426-14481 totaling \$9,009.21, Central Treasury Cafeteria Account checks #5214-5231 totaling \$110,405.78, and Central Treasury Student Activity/Miscellaneous Account checks #11964-11997 totaling \$20,265.07; and Newville Project Account checks #101-107 and voided check #4428 totaling \$275,133.97. Grand total General Fund, Athletic, Cafeteria, Student Activity/Miscellaneous, and Newville Project: \$630,803.60. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no reading of correspondence.

**IX. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Trent Anderson, Suzanne Brazeau, Gordon Burgett, Raquel Copenhaver, Charlene D'Amore, Kristina Dahlinger, Jacqueree Graham, Tessa Holtry, Jenna Hurley, Kaden Hurley, Kelly Hurley, Norma Keefer, April Messenger, Samantha Moyer, and Sara VanderHeijden.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

A. **Ms. Jacqueree Graham**, 1122 Greenspring Road, Newville, PA, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors. Ms. Graham indicated that her family moved to the Big Spring School District from Chambersburg in 2008. Ms. Graham thanked Mrs. April Messenger for work associated with the positive experience Ms. Graham's younger son had in his Grade 5 experience at Oak Flat Elementary School.

Ms. Graham indicated that the school district change was good for the family at first; however, her children have experienced bullying since they have been in the Big Spring School District.

Ms. Graham outlined several incidents with her children that involved what she would perceive as physical and emotional bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment. Ms. Graham indicated that some of the incidents have been addressed appropriately by District officials; however, her children are quiet with few friends and are now being called derogatory names and labeled by some students and District personnel as being tattletales. This has caused the children to avoid reporting any bullying incidents for fear of retaliation.

Ms. Graham indicated that her two sons have been diagnosed with medical conditions that could cause some of the problems when they are at school. Ms. Graham noted that, in her opinion, the punishments that her children have received at school many times do not fit the infraction, and she offered several examples of this.

Ms. Graham indicated that while she understands that her children do get into trouble from time to time, she believes that they have been targeted unfairly in many situations at school and on the bus. Ms. Graham indicated that a student on her children's bus reported to Ms. Graham incidents where the children were treated unfairly by the other students and the bus driver.

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### X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Continued)

#### A. Ms. Jacquilee Graham (Continued)

Ms. Graham outlined incidents involving the punishment of her children that were inconsistent with Ms. Graham's interpretation of the student handbook.

Ms. Graham indicated that the bullying and name-calling have progressed to the point that she and her husband are considering private school or cyber school for their children, and she described several more incidents involving her children and school students/staff members. Ms. Graham indicated that, in her opinion, there are a lot of double standards at the District's schools, not just involving her children, but other children as well.

In response to a question from President Wolf, Ms. Graham described incidents where her children believed they were trying to help in a situation but were punished for their actions because they did not ask permission first.

Ms. Graham indicated that she appreciated the freshman seminar presentation during this evening's Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting regarding ways the District is encouraging students to graduate high school; however, she noted that she believes staff members could influence students' decisions to a greater degree by approaching incidents in a fair and consistent manner. Ms. Graham added that she believes the information presented this evening would be even more valuable to Grade 8 students.

Ms. Graham indicated that she wants her children to stay in school and graduate; however, she is concerned they will quit school because of the way they are being treated.

Ms. Graham questioned how many other students are in similar situations but are suffering in silence.

In response to a suggestion from President Wolf, Mr. Fry indicated that he would prepare a written summary in response to this situation as understood from the administration's standpoint.

Ms. Graham thanked the members of the Board of School Directors for allowing her to speak this evening.

#### B. Ms. April Messenger, 3504 Ritner Highway, Newville, PA, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and introduced Kaden Hurley, Grade 5 Oak Flat Elementary School student in Mrs Amy Lehman's class. Mrs. Messenger indicated that Kaden is an accomplished actress and author.

Ms. Messenger noted the following with regard to the book Kaden has written entitled The Last Two, a book about two sisters who discover they are the last two elves in existence:

- Kaden began writing a children's book with encouragement from Ms. Jennifer Heishman, Kaden's Grade 4 teacher. Kaden's parents and family encouraged her to write as well.
- Kaden finished the book in the summer of 2009.
- Kaden's mother had the book printed and bound at Staples.
- Kaden's mother is a Grade 5 teacher in the Chambersburg Area School District, and Mrs. Hurley has introduced Kaden's book to her class and to her colleagues' classes of Grade 3 students. Those students do not yet know that the author is a Grade 5 student who wrote the book as a Grade 4 student.
- Kaden will visit Mrs. Hurley's classroom on Friday, April 23, 2010, to read the last chapter of the book to the students. Channel 27 News and The Public Opinion are covering the event.

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### X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Continued)

C. **Ms. Susan Blessing**, Mount Holly, PA, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and presented to each member a five-page document outlining her recent issue regarding child custody and placement of her children in the Big Spring School District. Included in the document are the following:

- A sequence of events regarding school placement of the Blessing children beginning April 1, 2010, prepared by Ms. Blessing.
- A custody order dated and stamped "Received August 30, 2006."
- A September 12, 2006 letter to Oak Flat Elementary School from the Family Law Clinic regarding the custody of Jacob Blessing.
- A September 12, 2006 letter to Big Spring Middle School from the Family Law Clinic regarding Joseph Blessing, Jr.
- A memorandum to Ms. Blessing from Mr. Richard Fry, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 5, 2010, with the subject "Student Placement for Joseph and Jacob Blessing."

Please refer to the attached five-page document.

Ms. Blessing reviewed the attached document and noted that a court order indicates that as long as joint custody is in effect between Ms. Susan Blessing and Mr. Joseph Blessing, the Blessing children are to remain in the Big Spring School District. Ms. Blessing noted that her ex-husband, with whom she continues to share joint custody, resides in the Big Spring School District. Although Mr. Blessing has indicated he would visit with the children only on his terms, the court order remains in effect that the couple must share joint custody.

Ms. Blessing indicated that her daughter, Kacy, will graduate from Big Spring High School this year, and she noted that Kacy has performed well in the dental assistant program at Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School, earning awards and winning competitions related to the dental field.

Ms. Blessing indicated that her youngest child has "shut down" since he learned of the possibility that he would be removed from the Big Spring School District. Ms. Blessing invited Board members to contact her children's teachers for additional information on their performance since the administration's letter to the family on April 5, 2010.

Ms. Blessing requested that the Board allow her two younger children to continue to attend Big Spring, as outlined in the attached court order.

**Mr. Joseph Blessing, Jr.**, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors, and indicated that he would be a senior at Big Spring High School next year. Mr. Blessing indicated that he is "not the most popular guy in school," and he added that it has taken him years to gain the respect of his peers. Mr. Blessing noted that he probably would not handle it well if he were placed in another school district for his senior year, and he indicated that he would more than likely drop out of school if that change were to take place, even though dropping out of school never crossed his mind prior to this incident in the beginning of April 2010. Mr. Blessing concluded that he cannot envision attending a school other than Big Spring High School.

In response to a question from President Wolf, Ms. Blessing indicated that the children are permitted to see their father at any time.

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**X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Continued)**

**C. Ms. Susan Blessing (Continued)**

In response to a question from President Wolf, Mr. Fry indicated that he is aware of this situation and noted that the children would remain in the Big Spring School District because the father resides in the Big Spring School District and continues to have joint custody.

President Wolf indicated that the Blessing boys would begin their 2010-2011 school year at Big Spring, absent any communication from their father with regard to a change in court-ordered joint custody.

Ms. Blessing and Joseph Blessing, Jr., thanked the Board members for allowing them to speak this evening and for providing a swift resolution to this issue.

**XI. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No structured public comment was offered.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**(NOTE: The Board addressed  
XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9,  
following Item A-9.)**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

1. **Amie Szabo** Long-Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher  
Mt. Holly Springs, PA 17065 at the High School  
(replacing Mrs. Heather Detwiler who will be on child-rearing  
leave)

**Education:**

SUNY College at Oswego – Secondary Education (Bachelor's Degree)  
University of Buffalo – Math Education (Master's Degree)

**Experience:**

South Middleton School District – Substitute Teacher  
Stuttgart Germany – Substitute Teacher  
Stuttgart Germany – Math Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Szabo to serve as a long-term substitute math teacher at the high school, beginning April 20, 2010 through the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, replacing Mrs. Detwiler who will be on child-rearing leave. Ms. Szabo's compensation for this position should be established at Master's, Step 3 \$45,398.00, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

**(ACTION ITEM)**

2. **Mrs. Joyce Hemminger**, Newville Elementary School Secretary, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Hemminger's resignation at the April 6, 2010 meeting of the Board of School Directors. Mrs. Hemminger's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Hemminger is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$9,500.00, under option #2.

Option #1:

34 years of service X \$175.00 = \$5,950.00  
(Maximum of \$9,500.00)

Option #2:

215 unused sick leave days X \$50.00 = \$10,750.00  
(\$9,500.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Hemminger's severance allowance of \$9,500.00 as presented.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

3. **Mrs. Anita Smith**, high school learning support teacher, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Smith's resignation at the April 6, 2010 meeting of the Board of School Directors. Mrs. Smith's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Smith is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$11,628.00, under option #2.

Option #1:

32 years of service X \$200.00 = \$6,400.00  
(Maximum of \$13,500.00)

Option #2:

153 unused sick leave days X \$76.00 = \$11,628.00  
(\$13,500.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Smith's severance allowance of \$11,628.00 as presented.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

**(ACTION ITEM)**

4. **Mrs. Judith Creps**, high school counselor/gifted support, requested two days of leave without pay, retroactive to March 31, 2010 and April 6, 2010.

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."

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Creps's request for two days of leave without pay as presented.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

5. **Mrs. Sherisa Nailor**, high school agriculture teacher, requested two days of leave without pay, retroactive to April 1 & 5, 2010.

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."

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Nailor's request for two days of leave without pay as presented.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

6. **Mrs. Jacqueline Springer**, elementary learning support, requested one day of leave without pay, retroactive to April 6, 2010.

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."

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Springer's request for one day of leave without pay as presented.

7. **2009-2010 Lifeguard**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Zachary Stroh**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the individual listed to serve as a lifeguard during the 2009-2010 school year and summer months, pending receipt of all required paperwork.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

8. **Mrs. Sharon Kline**, high school mathematics teacher, submitted her letter of resignation as a high school mathematics teacher, effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

A copy of Mrs. Kline's letter of resignation was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Kline's resignation as a high school mathematics teacher, effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

9. Additional Per Diem Substitute Teacher

(ACTION ITEM)

**Michelle Fisher – Elementary Education**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the addition of the individual listed to the 2009-2010 per diem substitute teacher list as presented, pending all required paperwork.

**VOTE ON XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS**

Motion by Norris, seconded by Houpt to combine and approve XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Credit Pay

(ACTION ITEM)

The professional employees whose names are listed below have successfully completed graduate work and are entitled to the specified amounts in accordance with the negotiated contract.

<b>Amber Brennan</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b>
<b>Amy Henry</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b>
<b>Julie Thumma</b>	<b><u>\$ 790.00</u></b>
	<b>\$ 3,010.00</b>

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize reimbursement for graduate credits as outlined above and as provided in the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Facilities Utilization Request

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Scott Anderson requested permission to use the high school soccer fields from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sundays, for April 11, 18, 25, 2010 and May 9, 16, 23, 2010. Because the utilization dates fall on Sundays, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Anderson's request to use the high school soccer fields as presented.

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Lopp to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

**D. Permission for Panama and Costa Rica Trip**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mrs. Jeannette Jorich, Mrs. Zina Jensen, Mrs. Carol Madden, Mr. Les Stover, Ms. SaraBeth Wanbaugh, and Mrs. Sherisa Nailor requested permission for high school students and other qualified participants for a proposed trip to Panama and Costa Rica in the summer of 2011.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the proposed trip to Panama and Costa Rica, as described, pending final approval of the detailed itinerary by the high school administration.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco to approve the recommendation as outlined above.

Mr. Fry noted that if there is political unrest in either country, the administration would get involved. In response to a question from Director Blasco, Mr. Fry indicated that this recommendation is the "go-ahead" to ensure student interest in such a trip but not the final approval of the trip.

Roll call vote on the motion by Norris and second by Blasco to approve the recommendation as outlined above: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**E. Contractor Payments for Newville Addition & Renovation – Construction Fund**

McKissick Associates reviewed the payment applications from eci Construction, LLC, Whislers Well Drilling, Inc., and Mann Plumbing and Heating, LLC, for work performed on the Newville Addition & Renovation project. These payments will come from the Orrstown Bank loan using a new Construction fund established for this project. A copy of the completed and notarized payment applications in the amount of \$5,868 for Mann, \$64,166.90 for Whisler's, and \$199,207.53 for ECI Construction are included in the Board's agenda packet.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve payment from the Construction Fund to ECI Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$199,207.53, to Whislers Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$64,166.90, and to Mann Plumbing and Heating, LLC, in the amount of \$5,868.00.

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Blasco to approve the recommendation as outlined above.  
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**F. FEMA Snow Assistance**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Cumberland County is one of the counties that had record, or near record, snowfall in the period of 8-11 Feb 2010 and the Commonwealth made a subsequent request for assistance to FEMA. FEMA is still reviewing Pennsylvania's request for snow assistance. In preparation, PEMA requested paper work from applicants in those 19 counties that exceeded both their snowfall and per-capita thresholds. We are required to submit a Request for Public Assistance to initially identify applicants, the Designation of Agent (DAP-02) form and the Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Enrollment form. The DAP-02 requires a board resolution to appoint the District's agent; the resolution is in your agenda packet.

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### XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

#### F. FEMA Snow Assistance (Continued)

**(ACTION ITEM)**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve by resolution the appointment of Richard C. Sample as the District's Agent for this event.

Motion by Lopp, seconded by Norris to approve the recommendation as outlined above.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Houpt, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(INFORMATION ITEM)**

#### G. Updated Year-to-Date Summaries/Taxes and General Fund

The Business Office prepared updated year-to-date summaries for taxes and general fund that are included with the agenda.

### XIV. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future Board agenda items.

### XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. **District Improvement Committee – Mrs. Lopp**

Director Norris indicated that the District Improvement Committee accomplished necessary items at the recent meeting.

#### B. **Athletic Committee – Mr. Swanson**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

#### C. **Vocational-Technical School – Mr. Wolf/Mr. Piper**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

#### D. **Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

#### E. **Finance Committee – Mr. Blasco**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

#### F. **South Central Trust – Mr. Blasco**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

#### G. **Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Wolf**

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

### XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### A. Property Tax Relief

Superintendent Fry reported that the estimated statewide property tax relief is \$772.5 million. The administration will have the final number for Big Spring in May. Mr. Fry anticipates that Big Spring's share of State money would be approximately the same as last year.

#### B. BAT Meeting

A Building Advisory Team meeting is slated for Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

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XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

C. West Pennsboro Township Meeting

Mr. Fry indicated that a meeting with West Pennsboro Township officials is scheduled for April 26, 2010, where planning documents for Plainfield Elementary School would be reviewed.

D. Spring Performances

Mr. Fry invited everyone to Oak Flat's production of The Wizard of Oz on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fry encouraged Board members to check the school calendar for information on the upcoming spring concerts and art shows at the four elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school. Mr. Fry noted that most of the end-of-the-year events at Newville Elementary School would be held at alternate locations because of the construction.

E. Newville Elementary School Topsoil

Superintendent Fry indicated that Mr. Harry Barrick, a District resident, donated more than 200 loads of topsoil for backfill at Newville Elementary School. Mr. Fry has asked ECI to provide a value estimate for the topsoil so that the Board could send appropriate documents to Mr. Barrick for tax purposes.

F. Oak Flat Elementary School Presentation

Mr. Fry thanked the Oak Flat Elementary School students who attended this evening's meeting to invite the Board to their May 7, 2010 presentation of The Wizard of Oz. Mr. Fry noted that more than 167 students are involved in the production. Mr. Fry commended the staff, students, and families for their hard work. Mr. Fry added that the show would be well worth the minimal admission price.

XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Welcome, Mr. Burgett!

Mr. Barrick welcomed Mr. Gordon Burgett, who is attending this evening's meeting as an intern in the Shippensburg University principalship program.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

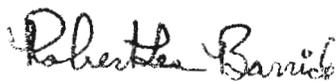
High School Prom

In response to a question from Mr. Clopper, Mr. Fry indicated that the high school prom would be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to adjourn. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Hought, Norris, Piper, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, May 3, 2010