



September 21, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Open Meeting

- 1.1 Call to Order (President Wolf)
- 1.2 Pledge to the Flag

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the September 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the September 8, 2015 Building and Property Meeting Minutes and the September 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

3. Student/Staff Recognition and Board Reports - Katelyn Jackson/Morganne Frampton

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Payment of Bills

General Fund	\$ 829,900.03
Capital Projects	\$ 975.59
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 14,536.82
Student Activities	<u>\$ 19,986.77</u>
Total	\$ 865,399.21

Motion to approve payment of bills as presented.

4.2 Treasurer's Fund Report

General Fund	\$ 12,000,607.11
Capital Projects	\$ 4,716,309.69
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 387,052.54
Student Activities	<u>\$ 208,507.18</u>
Total	\$ 17,312,476.52

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and budget transfers as presented.

4.3 YTD General Fund Report and YTD Taxes

The administration prepared these reports for the Board. The General Fund report looks at our revenue and expense for this year against the budget and compares those amounts to last year.

The YTD Tax Report shows the monthly collections and cumulative collections and compares that to the two previous years.

Motion to accept Year-to-Date General Fund and Tax Reports as submitted.

5. Pennsylvania Department of Education Correspondence

Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools has received correspondence from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Matthew Stern Deputy Secretary, regarding Pennsylvania Department of Education's determination of Big Spring School District's compliance status with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The correspondence is attached.

6. Recognition of Visitors

7. Public Comment Period

8. Structured Public Comment Period

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Personnel Items – Action Items

11.1 Resignation - High School Club Adviser, Robert Hanks

Mr. Robert Hanks has submitted his resignation as adviser for the High School Clubs listed, effective immediately.

**Shakespeare Troupe
Gears Literary Magazine
Writer's Club**

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Hanks' resignation as adviser for the clubs listed above, effective immediately.

11.2 Resignation - High School Quiz Bowl Club Adviser, Mr. Timothy Kireta

Mr. Timothy Kireta has submitted his resignation as High School Quiz Bowl Club Adviser, effective immediately.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Kireta's resignation as High School Quiz Bowl Club Adviser, effective immediately.

11.3 Coaching Appointment

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director would like to recommend the individual listed as a volunteer coach for the 2015-2016 school year.

Emily Young - Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of the above listed volunteer coach as presented.

Personnel Items – Action Items

11.4 Child-Rearing Leave of Absence - Jessica Dagle

Mrs. Jessica Dagle, Seventh Grade Learning Support Teacher at the Middle School is requesting child-rearing leave of absence from approximately December 10, 2015 through approximately February 1, 2016. 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 that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Dagle's requested child-rearing leave via section 3.07 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement from approximately December 10, 2015 through approximately February 1, 2016.

11.5 Child-Rearing Leave of Absence - Lauren Swigart

Mrs. Lauren Swigart, School is requesting child-rearing leave of absence from approximately January 15, 2016 through approximately April 4, 2016. 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 that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Swigart's requested child-rearing leave via section 3.07 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement from approximately January 15, 2016 through approximately April 4, 2016.

11.6 Recommendations for Title I Coordinator and Reading Department

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Assistant Superintendent would like to recommend the individuals listed as Title I Coordinator and Elementary English/Language Arts Assistant Department Chairperson for the 2015-2016 school year.

Title I Coordinator - Kelly Bales

Elementary English/Language Arts Assistant Department Chair - Jennifer Roberts

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the appointments of the above listed individuals for the 2015-2016 school year, effective immediately.

11.7 Recommendations for High School Musical Stage Manager

The administration would like to recommend Ms. Christina Hagood as High School Musical Stage Manager for the 2015-2016 school year, replacing Ms. Jodi Bistline who has resigned.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Hagood as High School Musical Stage Manager for the 2015-2016 school year.

12. Business Items – Action Items

12.1 Credit Pay

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

Bill August	\$1,816.00
Stacey Kimble	<u>\$1,816.00</u>
Total	\$3,632.00

The administration recommends 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, the Act 93 Agreement and the Big Spring School District.

12.2 Proposed Updated Policy

The administration has updated the policy listed.

819 Suicide Awareness Prevention Policy

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the policy listed.

12.3 Facilities Utilization Request

The Big Spring Renegade Force Wrestling Team Club is requesting permission to utilize the high school wrestling room for club practices throughout the months of September and November, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Because the utilization request involves Sunday's throughout the September and November months, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the Big Spring Renegade Force Wrestling Team Club request to utilize the high school wrestling room for club practices as presented.

12.4 Approval of Big Spring Band Boosters Financial Report

The Big Spring School District has received a copy of the correspondence from Cohick and Associates, advising that the Big Spring Band Boosters audit report was accepted with auditing standards for the 2014-2015 school year. A copy of the correspondence is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors accept the 2014-2015 Big Spring Band Boosters audit report as presented.

12.5 Approval of the Athletic Boosters Financial Report

The Big Spring School District has received a copy of the correspondence from Ms. Nancy Mallein, advising that the Big Spring Athletic Boosters audit report was accepted with auditing standards for the 2014-2015 school year. A copy of the correspondence is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors accept the 2014-2015 Big Spring Athletic Boosters audit report as presented.

Business Items – Action Items

12.6 Approval of Newville Elementary PTO Financial Report

The Big Spring School District has received a copy of the correspondence from Mr. Hurley, advising that the Newville Elementary School PTO audit report was accepted with auditing standards for the 2014-2015 school year. A copy of the correspondence is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors accept the 2014-2015 Newville Elementary School PTO audit report as presented.

12.7 Approval of New Story Tuition Agreement

The Tuition Agreement between the Big Spring School District and New Story has been reviewed by the Big Spring School District Solicitor, Gareth Pahowka and Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools. The agreement is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the New Story Tuition Agreement as presented.

12.8 Approval of Agreement for South Central PA Consortium for Excellence & Equity Services

The Agreement for South Central PA Consortium for Excellence & Equity Services between Capital Area Intermediate Unit and Big Spring School District has been reviewed by Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools. The agreement is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the Agreement for South Central PA Consortium for Excellence & Equity Services between Capital Area Intermediate Unit and Big Spring School District as presented.

12.9 Approval of Proposed Stadium Project – Discussion/Action Item

The Building and Property Committee has been working with engineer, Tobie Wolf in planning for reconstruction of the current stadium. Proposed design has been shared with all Board members.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors authorize the administration to proceed with the proposed construction plan at the current stadium at a cost not to exceed \$2.2 million.

12.10 Approval of Proposed All Weather Track – Discussion/ Action Item

In conjunction with the stadium project, our engineer has provided various options to install an “All Weather Track” on campus. There were three sites reviewed initially that eventually resulted in the consideration of two sites.

- Site 1 – At the stadium
- Site 2 – In front of the High School off of Mt. Rock Road

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors authorize the administration to proceed with design and construction of an “All Weather Track” at Site 2 (In front of the High School) at a cost not to exceed \$725,000 for design and construction.

Business Items – Action Items

12.11 Agreement of Sale and Purchase - Discussion Item/Action Item

Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools would like to continue discussions regarding the Agreement of Sale and Purchase between the Big Spring School District and River Rock Academy, Inc.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors move forward with the approval of the Agreement of Sale of Purchase between the Big Spring School District and River Rock Academy, Inc.

13. New Business - Information Item

13.1 Proposed Updated Bullying/Cyber Bullying Policy

The administration has submitted the updated policy listed for Board review.

238 Bullying/Cyber Bullying Policy

The updated policy will be an action item on the October 5, 2015 Board Agenda.

14. Future Board Agenda Items

15. Board Reports

15.1 District Improvement Committee - Mr. Norris/Mr. McCrea

15.2 Athletic Committee - Mr. Swanson

15.3 Vocational-Technical School - Mr. Wolf/Mr. Piper

15.4 Buildings and Property Committee - Mr. Barrick

15.5 Finance Committee - Mr. Gutshall, Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Blasco

15.6 South Central Trust

15.7 Capital Area Intermediate Unit

15.8 Tax Collection Committee

15.9 Superintendent's Report

16. Meeting Closing

16.1 Business from the Floor

16.2 Public Comment Regarding Future Board Agenda Items

16.3 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at _____ PM, **September 21, 2015.**

Next scheduled meeting is: **October 5, 2015**