

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

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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. Nine (9) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; John McCrea; Richard Norris; William Piper; and Richard Roush.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Supervisor of Transportation and Buildings and Grounds; Nick Hasse and Shania Radabaugh, 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. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2013 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 18, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco for approval of the February 18, 2013 Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting minutes and the February 18, 2013 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS – Shania Radabaugh
Nickolas Hasse**

The students offered the following report:

- A.** Mr. Smith and the counselors held class meetings on February 18-19, 2013. Mr. Smith commended students for their hard work, leading to positive trends in the school's academic achievement. PSSA, SAT, attendance levels, and NOCTI pass rates are at either all-time highs or at their best in many years. Students taking AP, honors, and dual-enrollment courses have more than doubled over the last three years. The faculty has been focusing on four key practices of the *High Schools That Work* initiative over the last two years that are likely contributing to the high school's academic achievement gains. Counselors encouraged students to continue to select challenging courses and note that colleges and technical schools value students who take rigorous courses over SAT scores and grade point average. Counselors reviewed the course selections sheet that is structured around the five pathways.
- B.** Seven students were inducted into Big Spring High School's first National Technical Honor Society on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. The students inducted exceeded the criteria of having taken at least three courses in technology education, agriculture, or business; having an overall GPA of 88 or higher; and having exhibited leadership, character, and service in high school activities. Big Spring's inductees far exceed the 88 minimum GPA with an overall GPA of 94.1. Mr. Messersmith, Mr. Barnouski, and Mrs. Fulton organized the induction ceremony for our inductees and their parents. The inaugural class of inductees included senior Tim Bear and juniors D'mytri Kingsborough, Bradley Lay, Keith Miller, Noah Smith, Cheryl Swope-Stitt, and Chad Wickard.
- C.** The Tempus Club hosted its third "Coffee Klatch with a Veteran" on Friday, February 22, 2013. This session in a series of informal conversations with area veterans featured Brigadier General Wilbur E. Wolf III. Two social studies classes participated, and Brigadier General Wolf shared his experiences on such topics as military life during the Cold War, witnessing the fall of the Berlin Wall, and handling the death of soldiers in his own unit.
- D.** On Friday, February 22, 2013, Big Spring High School hosted the area's Special Olympics swim meet. More than 150 athletes from six school districts enjoyed the day of swimming fun, competition, and lunch together. Nearly 50 Big Spring students served as volunteers for the Special Olympics event.
- E.** The Lady Bulldogs basketball team played three district playoff games, including an upset win over West Perry. The girls finished the season 16-10, including their deepest run in the playoffs in 20 years.
- F.** The Bulldog wrestlers had an outstanding showing in the District III wrestling tournament, finishing third as a team of the 57 schools participating. Five Bulldogs advanced to the PIAA State Championship this weekend in Hershey, including Greg Warner, Cody Seibert, Chad Wickard, Tommy Rayhart, and Dustin Rook.

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IV. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS (Continued)

- G. Both the boys' and girls' swim teams finished sixth in the team standings at this past weekend's district swim meet. Four girls and five boys earned medals, and five swimmers will compete in the State meet in two weeks. Nick Boyd will compete in the 50 freestyle event, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Lexi Walker, Kelsy Fickes, Madeleine Flory, and Mackenzie Miko will also compete at Bucknell. Three Bulldog divers qualified for the state diving competition, Amanda Negley, Rachel Kerver, and Jesse Valencia.
- H. Spring sports started today: track, baseball, and volleyball.
- I. In FFA news in February, 14 Big Spring enterprises were entered in the State Record Book Contest with outstanding results: 2 golds, 7 silvers, and 5 bronze awards. Sixteen FFA members participated in the ACES Conference. Some highlights of National FFA Week included daily trivia questions and educational videos about agriculture on the Channel 3 News, service project at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, favors in faculty mailboxes, and a teacher appreciation dinner for faculty during conferences. In March, five members of the FFA will participate in the State Legislative Leadership Conference. Fifteen students are participating in the area speaking contest.
- J. Last week the cast and crew of Hello Dolly performed preview shows for all district students. Over the weekend, there were three Hello Dolly performances. The cast and crew included 41 students directed by Mr. Chad Feeser.
- K. On Saturday, March 2, 2013, 80 participants raised just under \$1,000 for the kids in a pre-Mini-Thon kickoff fundraiser. In response to a question from President Wolf, the students indicated that the public auction/silent auction associated with the Mini-Thon would begin on March 9, 2013.
- L. Club Care's seventh annual dodgeball tournament will be held this Saturday, March 9, 2013, in the gym. Approximately 30 teams are expected to participate. Club Care will donate all proceeds to the Four Diamonds Mini-Thon.
- M. The annual Music in Our Schools Concert will be held on Friday, March 15, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the high school gymnasium.
- N. The Big Spring Band Boosters are hosting the Big Spring Color Guard Show on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at Big Spring Middle School. Color guards from several area schools will participate, as well as the Big Spring Dance Team.

President Wolf thanked the students for the report.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is presented at the second Board meeting each month.

VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$ 1,800,619.67	Checks #68937-69063 and 2151301
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 111,074.00	Checks #5686-5687
Student Activities Fund	\$ <u>14,700.87</u>	Checks #13712-13733
TOTAL	\$ 1,926,394.54	

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Capital Projects payments of bills as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

VIII. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Bill Beck, Linda Bowles, William Bowles, Charlene D'Amore, April Messenger, Sam Sheeler, Lori Todaro, Kathy Witmer, and Nicole Witmer.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- A. **Pastor Bill Beck**, 108 Lawrence Lane, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17105, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and offered a prayer of encouragement for the Board members and community.

President Wolf thanked Pastor Beck for attending this evening's meeting and offering a prayer.

- B. **Mrs. Lori Todaro**, 605 Roxbury Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and thanked the members for "all you do for our kids." Mrs. Todaro noted that she is grateful for the "amazing things you do every day."

Mrs. Todaro indicated that she is here this evening to share information about an incident with a banner that was made by a parent for Vinny Todaro when he was the 2012 fall state champion in cross country. After multiple emails to members of the administration and after another resident who had the banner made and was told in November 2012 it would be displayed in the gymnasium, Mrs. Todaro indicated that she was advised by the administration that the banner could not be displayed in the high school gymnasium because Vinny won the title as an individual and not part of a team and that there is a policy that only team banners were permitted to be displayed in the gymnasium.

Mrs. Todaro added that Vinny indicated that he has never felt support for his cross country efforts from Big Spring High School, and he doesn't need it now by having the banner displayed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Continued)

B. Mrs. Lori Todaro (Continued)

Mrs. Todaro indicated that she believes the Board should be aware of these types of situations that occur. For example, buses have been rented for state wrestling championships and state softball championships; however, last year when the team and 25 to 30 fans arrived at 7 a.m. to leave for a State cross country event, the school van that had been reserved by the cross country team had been taken by the wrestling team to a recruiting event. The group made some calls and acquired several family vans to transport the group instead. Mrs. Todaro indicated that he son questioned at that point why the District cares nothing about its runners.

Mrs. Todaro questioned how her son's state championship was any different from the girls' softball team that won the state championship. Mrs. Todaro indicated that in emails she was told her son was "just a runner" and it's an "individual sport" that is not the same as a team sport and that it "takes more to win a championship as a team sport." Mrs. Todaro begged to differ and noted that her son worked hard even to the point of being blown into a ditch because he was running during a hurricane in preparation for states.

Mrs. Todaro indicated that, in her opinion, the school district should promote good, successful student athletes and "send them into the world as well-rounded kids, dedicated, honest, and of good character and with a strong background and sense of community and a sense of pride," no matter how they are gifted.

Mrs. Todaro indicated that several students on the cross country team are vying for the top five spots academically. In addition, she noted that when her son was in the hospital, the entire team came and stayed at the hospital. Mrs. Todaro noted that shows team spirit; and just because one member goes on to win a championship, they did it as a team.

Mrs. Todaro questioned, "Which member of the softball team did Vinny not work as hard as to earn his victory?"

President Wolf indicated that the Board would investigate this issue.

Mrs. Todaro encouraged the District that there should be a policy that if we take pride in some, we should take pride in all.

Mrs. Todaro indicated that, several months after his championship, Vinny's name was added last week to a banner of state champions in the gymnasium; however, Vinny's name was spelled incorrectly and the year of his championship was incorrect.

In addition, Mrs. Todaro indicated that the cross country coach offered to have banners made for every state champion to hang in the gymnasium. Mrs. Todaro concluded that she believes the District is sending the wrong message to student athletes when we should be promoting their accomplishments.

President Wolf thanked Mrs. Todaro for bringing this issue to the Board's attention.

Mrs. Todaro thanked the Board for allowing her to speak this evening.

X. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No structured public comment was offered.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

**(NOTE: The Board addressed
XII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-6,
following Item A-6.)**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

- 1. Anne Starr Whitten**
Carlisle, PA 17013

Long-Term Substitute Seventh Grade
Reading Teacher at the Middle School

Education:

University of Georgia (Bachelor's Degree History and English)
University of North Carolina (Master's in Education)

Experience:

Big Spring School District – Long-Term Substitute Emotional Support Teacher
Big Spring School District - Long-Term Substitute Eighth Grade English Teacher
71st Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, NC - Middle School Social Studies Teacher
71st Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, NC - Tutor/Remediation Teacher
71st Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, NC - Student Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Whitten to serve as a Long-Term Substitute Seventh Grade Reading Teacher at the Middle School, replacing Mrs. Katie Magee who will be on child-rearing leave of absence from approximately April 29, 2013, through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Ms. Whitten's compensation for this position should be established at Master's Degree Step 2, \$48,850.00, prorated, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

- 2. High School Pit Director Appointment**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Steven Smith, High School Principal, recommended the individual listed as High School Pit Director for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. Jacob Heck

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Jacob Heck as High School Pit Director for the 2012-2013 school year.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

3. Coaching Appointments

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director, recommended the individuals listed as coaches for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mike Cook	Assistant Varsity Football Coach
Emily Breneman	Junior High Volleyball Coach
Randy Roth	Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
Trevor Dalton	Junior High Boys Soccer Coach
Brett Black	Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
Patrick Sherman	Volunteer Softball Coach
Jim Miller	Volunteer Junior High Football Coach

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of the above listed coaches as presented.

4. Additional Per Diem Substitute Teacher

(ACTION ITEM)

James Redington Chemistry

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the addition listed to the 2012-2013 per diem substitute teacher list as presented.

5. Classified Transfer

(ACTION ITEM)

As per Board Policies 3850.1-3850.4, the administration will transfer the classified employee whose name is listed below:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ms. Theresa Boegel	Seven Hour Per Day One-on-One Instructional II Aide At the High School	Seven Hour Per Day One-on-One Instructional II Aide At the Middle School

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the transfer of the above listed individual as presented.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

6. Approval of Chartwells' Big Spring School District Food Service Employees

Per the contract Big Spring School District initiated with Chartwells, the District must approve all employees. Ms. Michelle Mattern, Chartwells Food Service Director is recommending the individuals listed as cafeteria employees.

**Angelic Alajlouni
Tina Mae Sipe**

**High School Cafeteria
High School Cafeteria**

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the above listed Chartwells' employees for the 2012-13 school year.

VOTE ON XII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to combine and approve XII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-6, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. 2013-2014 Capital Area Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget

(ACTION ITEM)

A summary of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2013-2014 is included in the agenda. A copy of the proposed budget was provided to the members of the Board of School Directors at the February 18, 2013 Board meeting.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the Capital Area Intermediate Unit's 2013-2014 General Operating Budget as presented.

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

Mr. Fry indicated that the overall general budget for the CAIU is \$4.8 million. Big Spring's contribution is \$26,500. Mr. Fry indicated that he would provide the members of the Board of School Directors with information recently received from the CAIU regarding their marketplace of services and the costs associated with each service.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. 2013-2014 Capital Area Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget (Continued)
(ACTION ITEM)

In response to a question from Director Norris, Mr. Fry indicated that he would put the information on DocuShare.

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

C. New F& M Account for the Cafeteria Account **(ACTION ITEM)**

The Business Office is working with the Food Service account and moving it to F&M and collocate it with the General Fund. This will enable easy transfers to PSDLAF and provide an increased service level. F&M requested the Board formally authorize the fund account and stipulate the signers and other permissions.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize the opening of the F&M bank account for the Cafeteria Fund. The three signers for the account are Mr. Richard W. Fry, Mr. Richard Kerr, and Mr. Rick Gilliam. Mr. Michael Statler will have ACH transfer, wire transfer, and account viewing capability.

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

D. UV Light Install and (3) HW Heater Replacement **(ACTION ITEM)**

The District needs to replace 3 hot water heaters and install a UV light in the HS pool. Each item would exceed the bid limit; rather than 3 separate bids the District entered into a consulting agreement with Barton Associates to prepare a single bid specification containing all four items. Barton is presented the project as part of the Building & Property meeting. Pending Solicitor approval, Barton would like to release the bid spec now for best pricing for a summer completion date. The Board will be required to select the winning bidder and fund the project once all bids are received.

The administration recommended Board of Directors authorize the release of the bid specification to replace the High School and Oak Flat hot water heaters and install a UV light into the High School Pool water system.

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

E. Amended Consolidated Federal Programs
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(ACTION ITEM)Error!

Mrs. Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent, received notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that the Big Spring School District's Consolidated Federal Programs Application was recently amended. Adjustments were made to Title I and Title II. Listed below are the differences.

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Title I	\$478,110.00	\$461,874.00	\$16,263.00
Title II	\$131,345.00	\$130,717.00	\$ 628.00

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize the administration to establish all of the required accounts for revenues and expenditures and to expend funds on behalf of the amended Consolidated Federal Programs as specified.

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

Mr. Fry indicated that the sequestration information in the local and national news lately has nothing to do with this item. Sequestration will affect Big Spring to the tune of \$65,000 less in funds through IDEA, Title I and Title II.

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

F. Tenure Status

(INFORMATION ITEM)

The following professional employees have completed the required years of service as temporary professional employees and have earned tenure based on their satisfactory performance.

Amanda Frankford
Michael Ginter

High School Science
High School Mathematics

Additional information regarding the professional employees has been prepared by Mr. Steven Smith, High School Principal.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

G. Updated Policies

(INFORMATION ITEM)

The administration has submitted the updated policies listed below for Board review.

- 100 Strategic Plan
- 101 Vision/Mission/Belief Statements
- 102 Academic Standards
- 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Contract Practices
- 105 Curriculum Development
- 105.1 Curriculum Review by Parents, Guardians and Students
- 105.2 Exemptions from Instruction
- 106 Guides for Planned Instruction
- 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- 108 Adoption of Textbooks
- 109 Resource Materials
- 110 Instructional Supplies
- 111 Lesson Plans
- 112 Guidance Counseling
- 113 Special Education
- 113.1 Behavior Support
- 114 Gifted Education
- 115 Vocational Technical Education
- 116 Tutoring
- 117 Homebound Instruction
- 118 Independent Study
- 119 Current Events
- 121 Field Trips
- 122 Extracurricular Activities
- 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- 124 Summer School
- 125 Adult Education
- 126 Class Size
- 127 Assessments
- 129 Music
- 130 Homework
- 137 Home Schooling/Home Education Program
- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 138 Limited English Proficiency
- 140 Charter Schools
- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter and Cyber Charter Students
- 142 Migrant Students
- 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 146 Student Services

The updated Policies are included with the agenda. The updated policies will be an action item on the March 18, 2013 School Board Agenda.

XIII. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. District Improvement Committee – Mr. Norris/Mr. McCrea

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

A District Improvement Committee meeting is slated for April 11, 2013.

B. Athletic Committee – Mr. Swanson

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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

President Wolf indicated that a white coating similar to what has been applied to Big Spring's roofs would be applied to the vo-tech schools in an effort to save energy.

Mr. Justin Bruhn has served well as the acting director and may be the person to continue in that role in the future.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick (ACTION ITEM)

High School and Oak Flat Elementary School Water Heater Replacement, UV Light Filter, Trash Removal, Recycling, and Mowing

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Blasco to approve this item as an action item and authorize the administration to release the bid specification for the replacement of two hot water heaters at the high school, one hot water heater at Oak Flat Elementary School, and the installation of a UV light filter at the high school pool and authorize the administration to release request for proposal documents for trash removal and recycling and for the mowing of the grounds at Oak Flat Elementary School and Newville Elementary School. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

G. Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Wolf

The Harrisburg School District has approved the charter application for the Capital Area School for the Arts. This takes considerable pressure off the CAIU for the rental of Strawberry Square. The students would attend half-day academic classes at a Temple University facility and stay for the arts part the other half of the day.

Susquehanna Township has opened an internal arts program, a more economical option that would students at the home school for this training.

H. Tax Collection Committee (TCC) – Mr. Wolf

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered. The Tax Collection Committee is slated to meet on March 12, 2013.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Student Enrollment

Superintendent Fry indicated that the District's enrollment is down by 21 students from January 31, 2013, to February 28, 2013. Mr. Fry indicated that these students moved out of the District and did not merely enroll in cyber options.

Mr. Fry noted that the District's enrollment has decreased by 553 students over the last 11 years, going from 3,243 students to 2,690 students today. The State projected that 2,679 students would be enrolled today. State projections that extend as far as 2019-2020 show that Big Spring would have 2,043 students enrolled in 2019-2020. Mr. Fry added that this trend was the impetus for the recent staff reduction.

Mr. Fry noted that he does not see this trend changing based on conversations he has had with townships and developers.

B. PSBA Legislative Night

Mr. Fry encouraged Board members to advise him of the intent to attend PSBA's legislative night on March 20, 2013.

C. Kudos to Winter Athletes!

Superintendent Fry congratulated the girls' basketball team, swimmers, divers, and wrestlers for their accomplishments this past season. Five wrestlers and eight swimmers and divers qualified for state competition, and the basketball team was one game away from advancing to state competition.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

D. Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program

Mr. Fry indicated that he would address the EITC program at the March 18, 2013 Board meeting. The EITC program permits students who are enrolled in "failing schools" to enroll in neighboring schools, upon agreement between the districts. Shippensburg Area Senior High School is now on the failing list, and Big Spring has been contacted by students from that district seeking to enroll at Big Spring. Each year Big Spring has the opportunity to accept or deny enrollments via the EITC program.

XVI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Big Spring Phone Message

Director McCrea announced that Big Spring placed on its phone message for six to eight weeks a statement announcing that Big Spring was the home of Vinny Todaro, State cross country champion.

B. Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

Director McCrea indicated that Chambersburg Area School District's Board of Directors denied the application for a GSA club in that district with a 5-4 vote. Mr. McCrea surmised that the directors would likely change the vote at the next meeting and approve the club as Big Spring did this past fall.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, March 18, 2013