

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

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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 8:00 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Eight (8) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; John McCrea; Richard Norris; and William Piper

Richard Roush was absent.

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, Food Service and Transportation Director; Trish Grace, The Valley Times-Star; Sammi Burke, Student Representative to the Board of School Directors; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to address legal and personnel concerns this evening from 7:11 P.M. to 7:58 P.M.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. PRAYER

Director Piper offered a prayer.

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IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2012 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE MARCH 20, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco for approval of the March 20, 2012 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the March 20, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCreary, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

V. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

Student Representative to the Board Report – Sammi Burke

Miss Burke offered the following report:

- A. On Tuesday, March 20, 2012, Juniors Emily Joyce, Hunter Kissel, and Josh Foster, represented Big Spring High School in the Shippensburg University Math Competition. Mr. Chapman accompanied the students to the competition, and the mathematicians held their own against the other competitors.
- B. Junior Brett Young was part of a team of vo-tech horticulture students who earned “Best in Show” at the 2012 Pennsylvania Garden Expo. Seniors Zack Connors and Adam Brossman teamed up to finish second in the Pennsylvania Automotive Technology Competition. The team members each earned a \$1,000 scholarship and automotive technology equipment and tools.
- C. On Monday, March 26, 2012, Big Spring hosted the consortium’s swimming Special Olympics, including 155 elementary, middle, and high school students. More than 30 high school students from the National Honor Society, Club CARE, and the swim team volunteered their time as lifeguards and helpers in the water.
- D. The National Honor Society hosted its annual Easter egg hunt for the community on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Although rainy weather forced the activity into the gym, approximately 130 preschool and elementary children enjoyed the morning of Easter egg hunting, face painting, a coloring station, and a petting zoo.
- E. The Big Spring indoor drill team capped off an enormously successful indoor season by winning their classification in the Keystone Indoor Drill Association Championships at the Farm Show Saturday night. The competition included teams from Harrisburg to Hagerstown. Team members include the high school students Kevin Smith, Sabrina Wenger, Maria Baldoni, Jesse Valencia, Michael Daniel, Skyler Meyer, Alicia Chamberlin, Kaeri Bowser, and Taylor Cramm and eighth graders Katie Wenger and Gina Baldoni. The indoor drill team was coached by Ms. Brooke Feldman.
- F. On Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29, 2012, the cast and crew of Into the Woods performed mini-musicals for all students in the District. They also performed the musical for Green Ridge Village residents on Thursday evening and performed the show for the community on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The show was fantastic because of the more than two months of hard work by the 22 cast members, 11 crew members, the pit band, Mr. Feaser, and Mr. Wonders.
- G. The FFA will conduct its officer elections on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.
- H. A dance team showcase is slated for April 14, 2012, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Student tickets are \$1.00, and adult tickets are \$3.00.
- I. The PSSA proctors generally reported excellent effort by juniors on the reading and math sections of the PSSA. PSSAs continue for juniors with writing on April 16, 18, and 19, 2012, and science on April 24, 25, and 26, 2012.

President Wolf thanked Miss Burke for the report.

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VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$ 369,009.76	Checks #65740, 3211201, BG031201-BG021202, MF031201-MF031203, MS031201-MS031204, MS031206-MS031218, MS31205C, and SE031201-SE031213
Miscellaneous Fund	<u>\$ 18,420.57</u>	Checks #13169-13193
Total		\$ 387,430.33

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

VIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

IX. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Stephanie Cramer, Charlene D'Amore, John Epley, Danielle Graham, Michael Hippensteel, Bob Kanc, Scott Penner, Elizabeth Richwine, Sam Sheeler, and Jean Wadlinger.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was offered.

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.)**

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1. **Mrs. Mary Stonebraker**, middle school cafeteria manager, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2012. Mrs. Stonebraker's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Stonebraker is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$4,003.50, under option #2.

Option #1:

$$20 \text{ years of service} \times \$178.00 = \$3,560.00 \\ (\$9,690.00 \text{ maximum})$$

Option #2:

$$78.5 \text{ unused sick leave days} \times \$51.00 = \$4,003.50 \\ (\$9,690.00 \text{ maximum})$$

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Stonebraker's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement and her severance allowance of \$4,003.50 as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

2. **Ms. Virginia Cairns**, part-time elementary instrumental music teacher, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Ms. Cairns' resignation at the March 5, 2012 meeting of the Board of School Directors. Ms. Cairns' severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Ms. Cairns is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$4,148.00, under option #2.

Option #1:

$$0 \text{ years of service} \times \$217.00 = \$0.00 \\ (\text{Maximum of } \$14,950.00)$$

Option #2:

$$61 \text{ unused sick leave days} \times \$68.00 = \$4,148.00 \\ (\$14,950.00 \text{ maximum})$$

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Cairns' severance allowance of \$4,148.00 as presented.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

3. Volunteer Coaching Appointment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director, recommended the individual listed as a volunteer coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Adrienne Fedor Volunteer Girl's Soccer Coach

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the volunteer coaching appointments of the individuals listed for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

- 4. Mrs. Heather Shepard**, kindergarten teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School, requested a half day of leave without pay for April 12, 2012.

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. Shepard's request for a half day of leave without pay as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

- 5. Mrs. Lauren Swigart**, middle school English teacher, requested one day leave without pay for April 27, 2012.

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. Swigart's request for a one day leave without pay as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

- 6. Mrs. Judy Creps**, high school counselor/gifted teacher, requested one day of leave without pay, retroactive to March 29, 2012.

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' request for one day of leave without pay as presented.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

7. **Ms. Courtney Moore**, high school English teacher, requested a half day of leave without pay, retroactive to March 29, 2012.

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 Ms. Moore's request for a half day of leave without pay as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

8. **Elise Carl**
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- Long-Term Substitute Half-Time Reading Teacher
at Mount Rock Elementary School
(replacing Jennifer Roberts, who will be on maternity leave)

Education:

Shippensburg University (Bachelor's of Science/Elementary Education)

Experience:

Big Spring School District – Long-Term Substitute Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Carl to serve as a long-term substitute half-time reading teacher at Mount Rock Elementary School, replacing Mrs. Jennifer Roberts who will be on maternity leave from the estimated time of April 16, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Carl's compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's, Step 1, \$41,551.00, prorated, based half-time work hours and based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

(ACTION ITEM)

9. **Mrs. Linda Gingrich** submitted her letter of resignation as a second grade teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Gingrich's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

9. Mrs. Linda Gingrich (Continued)

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Gingrich is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$9,622.00, under option #2.

Option #1:

39 years of service X \$217.00 = \$8,463.00
(\$14,950.00 maximum)

Option #2:

141.5 unused sick leave days X \$68.00 = \$9,622.00
(\$14,950.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Gingrich's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement and her severance allowance of \$9,622.00 as presented.

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

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco 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, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Credit Pay

(ACTION ITEM)

The professional employee whose name is listed below has successfully completed graduate work and is entitled to the specified amount in accordance with the negotiated contract.

Denise Ginter \$1,236.00

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, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

C. Facilities Utilization Request

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Scott Anderson requested permission to use the high school soccer practice field for U-19 Boys' Soccer on Sunday, April 15, 2012, April 29, 2012, May 13, 2012 and June 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Because the utilization dates are on Sunday's Board action is necessary.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the U-19 Boys' Soccer to use the high school soccer practice field as presented.

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

D. Case E of 2011-2012

(ACTION ITEM)

The parents of the student in Case E of the 2011-2012 school year waived their right to a formal student discipline hearing before the Board of School Directors.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors exclude the student in Case E of the 2011-2012 school year for a period of forty-five (45) days. The student will be placed in an Alternative Placement during these forty-five (45) days. During the period of exclusion, the student is not permitted on school property at any time for any reason.

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

E. Proposed 2012-2013 Police Service Agreement

(ACTION ITEM)

The contract for 2012-2013 police service agreement between the Big Spring School District and the Borough of Newville/Newville Police Department is presented for Board action. The difference in the 2012-2013 contract result in a \$828.00 increase.

<u>Year of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2011-2012	\$41,430.00
2012-2013	\$42,258.00

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the 2012-2013 contract for police services between the Big Spring School District and the Borough of Newville as presented at a cost not to exceed \$42,258.00.

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

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

E. Proposed 2012-2013 Police Service Agreement (Continued) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Fry indicated that the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 rates for police services were frozen. Mr. Fry added that this police services contract has served the District well. In 2010-2011, there were 81 referrals that required the investigative services of the Newville Borough Police. Also, the Newville Borough Police are now performing routine surveillance at all District buildings. Mr. Fry noted that this is a worthwhile contract, considering the District's location and the lengthy arrival time of the Pennsylvania State Police.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

F. Approval of a Resolution Requesting an End to the Shift in Responsibility for Providing Public Education Revenue

The administration requested approval for the Resolution requesting an end to the shift in responsibility for providing public education revenue, from the state to local taxpayers, and a call for eradicating the plan to bundle certain appropriations in the proposed 2012-2013 state budget.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors adopt the included resolution regarding ending the shift in responsibility for providing public education revenue.

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

Mr. Fry indicated that the block grant freezes the transportation subsidy from last year to this year. The State's block grant proposal for transportation subsidy would require legislative approval for increases. This method of subsidy for the future could contribute to the demise of rural school districts.

Mr. Fry explained that the transportation subsidy had been based on a fair formula statewide; however, the new funding will politicize transportation subsidy and make it unfair, especially to Big Spring, in light of the fact that the District must transport students throughout 198 square miles.

In response to a question from President Wolf, Mr. Fry indicated that our forefathers intended public education to be funded 50 percent by the state. Big Spring's education subsidy from the State is 36 percent. In 1975 federal special education subsidy was supposed to be 40 percent; however, Big Spring receives 3 percent in federal special education funding.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

F. Approval of a Resolution Requesting an End to the Shift in Responsibility for Providing Public Education Revenue (Continued)

President Wolf noted that, in his opinion, the communication outlined in this motion is necessary.

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

G. Substitute Teacher Rate

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration requests approval to adjust substitute teacher's pay rate to assist Big Spring School District to expect a 100% fill rate. At the July 18, 2011 meeting the Board of School Directors, based on the administration's recommendation, reduced the substitute teacher per diem pay from \$90.00 to \$85.00. We have a robust number of substitutes on our call list, but a limited number are accepting work at Big Spring. Many of our substitutes come from neighboring

Information was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the increase in the substitute teacher pay rate to \$95.00 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the sliding scale for 2012-2013 school year as follows: \$90.00 for the first 45 days that an individual serves as a substitute teacher and \$95.00 for each day beyond 45 days that an individual serves as a substitute teacher.

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

H. iPad Pilot Grant

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology, requested permission to pursue a grant opportunity to apply for an iPad Pilot Grant with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. Successfully receiving this grant would provide one of our second grade classrooms with six student iPads and one teacher iPad.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Roberts' request to pursue the grant opportunity as presented.

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

I. Tax Installment Resolution

(ACTION ITEM)

Act 25 of 2011 broadened the mandatory real estate tax installment payment options. Prior law mandated installment payments for homestead/farmstead owners, and made it optional for all others. The new law mandates installment payments by the owner of any business that has no more than 50 employees and that is located in Pennsylvania. The prevailing advice is to make installment universal to avoid defining the few who may not qualify. Mechanicsburg has already passed this universal installment resolution, and most other districts are expected to follow. Our Solicitor approved this resolution and confirmed it does not require any public notice prior to adoption.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors adopt the included Real Estate Universal Installment Payment Plan Resolution allowing any taxpayer to participate in the installment payment plan as described in the resolution.

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

J. Sale of District Vehicles

(ACTION ITEM)

In the fall of 2011 the Board authorized the sale of three vehicles were replaced or become too expensive to maintain. On February 29th the District advertised the vehicles internally and requested sealed bids be submitted by March 15th. Vehicles sold as is and must be removed from the property within 7 days of receipt of payment. A list of the bids received was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors award the bid of \$500 for the 1996 Ford pickup to Matthew Lehman and the bid of \$1,500 to Nathan Gutshall for the 2000 Chrysler sedan.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

K. Approval of Resolution for Suspensions Due to Declining Enrollment, Curtailment and Alteration of Programs

The Board of School Directors authorized the Superintendent to review pupil enrollment figures, teacher requirements, and to prepare a plan to address staffing. This resolution defines a staffing plan based on the challenges identified during the Superintendent's review process.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

K. Approval of Resolution for Suspensions Due to Declining Enrollment, Curtailment and Alteration of Programs (Continued)

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors adopt the included resolution regarding suspensions due to declining enrollment, curtailment, and alteration of programs.

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

L. Elimination of Administrative Position

(ACTION ITEM)

Due to food service operations being handled by an outside contractor, the need for efficient operations and reasons of economy, the administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following effective September 28, 2012:

1. elimination of the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds;
2. termination of the employment of Richard Sample for reasons of economy; and,
3. combination of the job functions of the Director of Buildings and Grounds with the Director of Food Service and Transportation into the single position of Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation.

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

XIV. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. McCrea provided to the members of the Board of School Directors copies of document and requested Board members to complete a short essay on why you love being a Bulldog. The information should be returned to Ms. Brandie Shatto, who is responsible for creating the school calendar. Ms. Shatto will select essays for inclusion in the 2012-2013 school calendar.

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XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

A. District Improvement Committee (Continued)

Mr. McCrea indicated that the following items were addressed at the March 22, 2012 District Improvement Committee meeting:

- Mr. Kevin Roberts updated the Committee on the Keystone Opportunity Grant application filed for monies for a birth to Grade 12 literacy program.
- Superintendent Fry offered an update on “right-sizing” District staffing.
- A work session was conducted, during which the school climate survey was revised.

President Wolf thanked Mr. McCrea for the District Improvement Committee update.

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.

The search is underway for finding a replacement for the vo-tech school’s retiring administrative director, Mrs. Mary Rodman.

Bids are being received for the log cabin built by vo-tech students and displayed at the Pennsylvania Home Builders Show at the Farm Show Complex in March 2012.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

Please refer to this evening’s Buildings and Property Committee meeting minutes.

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

A resolution was passed by the CAIU Board asking the Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) to attempt to find a group that would take over the program as a charter school by November 15, 2012. President Wolf’s motion to close the school on July 1, 2013, failed.

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XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Capital Area Intermediate Unit Member Ballot

Superintendent Fry asked Board members to complete the CAIU board member ballot as soon as possible.

B. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Fry invited Board members to attend a meeting with Stock and Leader on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, and a PSBA meeting with local legislators on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

C. June 2012 Board Meeting Dates

Superintendent Fry indicated that Board meetings are scheduled for June 4 and June 18, 2012. Mr. Fry requested to schedule an additional Board meeting on June 11, 2012, for the purpose of approving the final 2012-2013 General Fund Budget in an effort to provide enough time to present the necessary paperwork to tax collectors. Mr. Fry indicated that he would address this issue with the Finance Committee.

D. Race to the Top Grant Monies

Superintendent Fry recommended that the District not apply for Race to the Top Grant monies awarded to Pennsylvania from the federal government for the purpose of implementing a new evaluation system for all professional educators.

Mr. Fry indicated that Big Spring's share of the grant monies would be \$16,000.00, an amount that is nowhere near the cost to rewrite and implement a new evaluation system and move away from the current differentiated evaluation system. This evaluation system proposed by the government is viewed as another unfunded mandate. Mr. Fry encouraged the Board to say "no" to this federal money. Mr. Fry indicated that he would include this item as a future Board agenda item.

E. Congratulations, Musical Participants!

Mr. Fry congratulated all individuals who had a part in the spring musical production. Mr. Fry indicated that the performers did a "fine job," and the sound system worked well.

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XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

F. Elementary School Quiz Bowl

Superintendent Fry commended the Grade 4 and Grade 5 students who participated on 12 teams in the recent District-wide elementary school quiz bowl. The members of Oak Flat Elementary School's winning team will be honored at a future Board meeting.

XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Happy Easter!

Secretary Barrick wished everyone a happy Easter.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 16, 2012