

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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 8:02 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, Food Service and Transportation Director; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session from 7:40 to 8:00 P.M. to address legal and personnel concerns.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. PRAYER

Director Blasco offered a prayer.

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IV. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2012 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE MAY 21, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Blasco for approval of the May 21, 2012 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the May 21, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

V. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

No reports were offered.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$ 1,806,561.34	Check #66395-66484, 66488-66646, 5181201, 5241207, 5311201, BG051201-BG051204, KR061201-KR061202, MF040312, MF041201-MF041202, MS051201-MS051212, MS061201-MS061202, MS061204-MS061207, RF061201-RF061203, SE051201-SE51208, SE061201-SE061206, and SEO61208
Student Activities	\$ 43,636.41	Checks #13284-13347
Capital Projects	\$ <u>355.08</u>	Check #624
	\$ 1,850,552.83	
Total		

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

VIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

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IX. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Linda Bowles, Tim Drawbaugh, Nelson Lavery, and Sam Sheeler.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nelson Lavery addressed the members of the Board of School Directors, following up on his structured public comment about bullying at the May 21, 2012 Board meeting. Mr. Lavery thanked Mr. Fry for responding to the bullying concerns.

Mr. Fry indicated that the members of the Board of School Directors were provided with copies of Mr. and Mrs. Lavery's follow-up communication and Mr. Fry's response on this issue.

Mr. Lavery requested that the communication be included as part of the minutes. Please refer to the attached document: [06-11-2012 Public Comment - Lavery.PDF](#)

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-11 and Item A-13, following Item A-13.)**

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1. **Mrs. Linda Wolfe**, Reading Specialist at Newville Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 8, 2012, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Wolf's resignation at the May 21, 2012 meeting of the Board of School Directors. Mrs. Wolfe's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Wolf is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$5,984.00, under option #2.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

1. Mrs. Linda Wolfe,

(ACTION ITEM)

Option #1:

Years of Service – Mrs. Wolfe does not qualify for the years of service per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Big Spring School District and the Big Spring Education Association.

Option #2:

88 unused sick leave days X \$68.00 = \$5,984.00
(\$14,950.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Wolfe's severance allowance of \$5,984.00 as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

2. Mrs. Lori Todaro submitted her letter of resignation as an aide at the middle school, effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Todaro's resignation as an aide at the middle school, effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

3. Mr. Randy Stevens submitted his letter of resignation as head girls' soccer coach, retroactive to May 24, 2012.

A copy of Mr. Stevens' letter was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mr. Stevens' resignation as Head Girls Soccer Coach, retroactive to May 24, 2012.

(ACTION ITEM)

4. Mr. Scott Braderman submitted his letter of resignation as head coach of the track and field team, effective immediately.

A copy of Mr. Braderman's letter was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mr. Braderman's resignation, effective immediately.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

5. **Ms. Rachel Brandt** submitted her letter of resignation as middle school field hockey coach, effective immediately.

A copy of Ms. Brandt's letter was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Brandt's resignation, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

6. **Ms. Heidi Fraker** submitted her letter of resignation as middle school field hockey coach, effective immediately.

A copy of Ms. Fraker's letter was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Fraker's resignation, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

7. **Mrs. Nancy Baker**, middle school aide, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2012. Mrs. Baker's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Baker is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$5,839.50, under option #2.

Option #1:

16 years of service X \$178.00 = \$2,848.00
(\$9,690.00 maximum)

Option #2:

114.5 unused sick leave days X \$51.00 = \$5,839.00
(\$14,950.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Baker's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement and her severance allowance of \$5,839.00 as presented.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

8. **Mrs. Megan Frantz**, fifth grade learning support teacher at Newville Elementary School, requested an extension of maternity leave of absence from August 22, 2012 through approximately October 8, 2012.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Frantz's request for an extension of maternity leave of absence from August 22, 2012 through approximately October 8, 2012.

9. Coaching Appointment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director, recommended the individual listed as a middle school girls' basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

Dave Roberts

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

10. Substitute Aide

(ACTION ITEM)

The individual whose name is listed below is recommended to be placed on the substitute aide list for the 2012-2013 school year.

Lisa Newswanger

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Newswanger to be placed on the substitute aide list as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

11. Appointment of Team Leader

The individual whose name is listed below was recommended to be eighth grade maroon team leader for the 2012-2013 school year.

Jack Putt

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mr. Putt as Eighth Grade Maroon Team Leader for the 2012-2013 school year.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

12. Transfer of Professional Personnel

(ACTION ITEM)

Based on staffing needs necessitated by furloughs, nonrenewal and attrition, the administration will transfer the professional employees whose names are listed below for the 2012-2013 school year. These transfers are in accordance with Board Policy 409 and section 5.05 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Big Spring Education Association.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Marshall Policicchio	High School Business	Elementary Keyboarding and one period of High School Business per day
Zina Jensen	High School Foreign Language	Middle School Foreign Language and one period of French I and French II at the High School
Mark Potter	High School Technology Education	Middle School Technology Education
Courtney Moore	High School English	Seventh Grade English
Steve Elsier	High School Social Studies	Seventh Grade Social Studies
Keith Lavala	Seventh Grade English	Eighth Grade Reading
Stefanie D'Amore	Oak Flat Fifth Grade	Oak Flat Third Grade
Patty Chastain	Elementary Keyboarding	Seventh Grade English

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the professional employee transfers as presented.

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

With regard to the proposed transfer of Ms. Courtney Moore from high school English to seventh grade English, Director McCrea asked that Board members consider the possibility of other alternatives to this transfer. Mr. McCrea questioned whether there had been a meeting between the administration and the high school English department or a meeting between the administration and the middle school English department regarding this proposed transfer.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

12. Transfer of Professional Personnel (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

In addition, Mr. McCrea questioned whether possible alternative solutions to a complete transfer of Ms. Moore from the high school to the middle school had been considered. If this recommendation were approved by the Board, Mr. McCrea requested that Ms. Moore be assured in writing that she could reclaim a position in the high school English department if a position becomes available by virtue of a resignation or other termination of employment in the high school English department.

Motion by McCrea, seconded by Blasco to remove Ms. Moore from this Transfer of Professional Personnel agenda item and address Ms. Moore's transfer as a separate action item. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: McCrea. Voting No: Blasco, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Total Yes votes: One (1). Total No votes: Eight (8). Motion failed.

During the roll call vote on the motion by Swanson and second by Barrick to approve the recommendation as outlined above, Mr. McCrea requested to abstain.

Secretary Barrick indicated that Mr. McCrea had no reason to abstain.

President Wolf indicated that Mr. McCrea must vote yes or no.

Director McCrea indicated that it is his belief Board could not require him to vote yes or no if he does not wish to vote in that manner.

Director Blasco requested that the Board allow Mr. McCrea to abstain.

Director Piper indicated that there must be a legal reason for a Board member to abstain from a vote.

Mr. McCrea indicated that he is satisfied with all of the recommended personnel transfers with the exception of Ms. Moore.

Mr. Barrick indicated that individuals make yes/no decisions every day.

Mr. McCrea indicated that Board members do not make decisions for him.

President Wolf requested that the secretary call the roll for this vote.

Secretary Barrick called the roll. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Refusing to vote: McCrea. Total Yes votes: Eight (8). Total refusals to vote: One (1). Motion carried by a majority vote.

(The Board addressed XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Item B, at this time.)

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

13. **Ms. Rebecca Lehman**, eighth grade math teacher, submitted her letter of resignation as middle school eighth grade math teacher and eighth grade gold team leader, effective immediately.

A copy of Ms. Lehman's letter was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Ms. Lehman's resignation as middle school eighth grade math teacher and eighth grade gold team leader, effective immediately.

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

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to combine and approve XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-11 and Item A-13, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

(The Board addressed XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Item A-12, at this time.)

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 amount in accordance with the negotiated contract.

Charlene D'Amore	\$ 2,472.00
Barbara Dellinger	\$ 1,236.00
Heidi Fraker	\$ 1,236.00
Jennifer Heishman	\$ 1,236.00
Ashley Oldham	\$ 1,236.00
Katie Sands	\$ 2,472.00
Michael Spears	\$ 2,472.00
Jennifer Tritapoe	<u>\$ 1,236.00</u>
Total	\$13,596.00

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Credit Pay (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

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, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Facilities Utilization Request

(ACTION ITEM)

Big Spring Midget Football requested permission to use the high school fields and stadium for midget football practices and games through the months of August to November, 2012. Because some of the utilization dates are on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The contract was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the request to use the high school fields and stadium as presented.

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

Superintendent Fry indicated that this year the midget football team has a new travel league, and he noted that their Sunday games would not begin before 1:00 P.M.

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, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of the Elementary Student Handbook

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration updated the elementary school planner for the 2012-2013 school year.

The changes made in the Elementary School Planner were included with the agenda. The completed Elementary School Planner is available for review in the Superintendent's office by any member of the Board of School Directors who wishes to review the completed planner.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the 2012-2013 changes in the Elementary School Planner as presented.

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.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

E. Approval of 2012-2013 Middle School Planner

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Karen Ward, Assistant Middle School Principal, updated the Middle School Planner for the 2012-2013 school year and the administration has reviewed the proposed changes.

The changes made in the Middle School Planner were included with the agenda. The completed Middle School Planner is available for review in the Superintendent's office by any member of the Board of School Directors who wishes to review the completed planner.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the 2012-2013 changes in the Big Spring Middle School Planner as presented.

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

Director McCrea questioned the need for the kind of minutia in changes to the middle school planner that would modify the requirement for a skirt length from fingertip to thumb tip, and he asked for the rationale behind such a change.

Superintendent Fry indicated that he would consult with the middle school assistant principal on this issue and report to the Board.

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. Elementary Building Appraisals

(ACTION ITEM)

As part of the possible sale of Frankford, Mifflin and Plainfield elementary buildings, our Solicitor suggested we have a formal appraisal done of all three buildings. He also recommended Mr. Barrett as someone who works with Stock and Leader and is both reputable and effective in dealing with the local assessment and government administration. Mr. Barrett's quote of \$4,500 was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve hiring Steven W. Barrett to conduct an appraisal of Frankford Elementary, Mifflin Elementary and Plainfield Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 for all three locations.

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

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

F. Elementary Building Appraisals (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. McCrea reported the following 2010 Cumberland County assessments: Plainfield Elementary School, 10 acres plus improvements, \$6,552,000.00; Mifflin Elementary School, 12.66 acres plus improvements, \$494,000.00; Frankford Elementary School, 10.30 acres plus improvements, \$1,422,800.00.

Mr. McCrea questioned why an appraisal is necessary when the buildings would be sold at a fraction of their fair market value.

Mr. McCrea questioned why the administration did not seek three quotes from three separate appraisal services to perhaps obtain an appraisal cost lower than \$4,500.00.

Mr. Fry responded that, from a service standpoint, quotes are not required. In addition, the solicitor recommended this particular appraiser.

President Wolf indicated that the Board in the past has had positive experiences with Mr. Barrett's services.

Mr. Barrick indicated that this building sale issue must go to court, and he added that Mr. Barrett is an excellent appraiser to speak for the Board in court.

Roll call vote on the motion by Norris and second by Barrick to approve the recommendation as outlined above: Voting Yes: Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Voting No: Blasco and McCrea. Total Yes votes: Seven (7). Total No votes: Two (2). Motion carried by a majority vote.

(ACTION ITEM)

G. Final Contractor Payments for Newville Project Construction Project

This is the final payment for the Newville Project. At the July 18, 2011 meeting the District was scheduled to make this payment; however several questions came up regarding the mortar color and incomplete landscaping. Mr. Barrick made the motion to withhold this payment pending resolution of these issues. Eci subsequently returned several times to address the mortar issue and the landscaping. Per the included note, the final item unresolved was additional seeding after the rains this spring. Eci agreed to deduct the \$300 per the attached note.

The administration recommended final payment of the Newville Project to eci Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$11,040.01 for general contractor services. This completes the Newville Project.

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

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

G. Final Contractor Payments for Newville Project Construction Project (Continued)

In response to a question from Director Roush, Mr. Fry indicated that the seeding of the Newville project was not satisfactory to the District; therefore, a credit was negotiated so that the Newville project could be closed. All other punch list items have been resolved. If the Board approves this item, the final payments, including retainers, will be completed for the Newville project.

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.

H. Year- End Financial Statement

(ACTION ITEM)

The Big Spring School District has received a copy of the year-end financial statement from the organization listed and a copy of the statement was included with the agenda.

Wrestling Association

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept the financial statement as presented.

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.

(ACTION ITEM)

I. Approval of Taxes and Tax Rates to Support the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

The taxes specified below represent the current 2011-2012 taxes and the proposed 2012-2013 taxes that are required to support the proposed 2012-2013 General Fund Budget. Changes appear in boldface.

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Approved</u>
12.098	12.3640	Mills Real Estate	Yes
1.15%	1.15%	Wage and Other Earned	Yes
		Income Tax	
½ of	½ of 1%	Realty Transfer Tax	Yes
1%			
\$5.00	\$5.00	Per Capita Tax	Yes
\$5.00	\$5.00	Residence Tax	Yes
\$10.00	\$10.00	Occupational Privilege	Yes
		Tax	

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

I. Approval of Taxes and Tax Rates to Support the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget (Continued)

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors adopt the taxes shown above, including the 2012-2013 Section 679 Resolution.

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Voting No: Roush. Total Yes votes: Eight (8). Total No votes: One (1). Motion carried by a majority vote.

J. Final Adoption of the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

(ACTION ITEM)

The District's current 2011-12 expenditure budget is \$40,288,703 The Board of School Directors adopted the proposed final General Fund Budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$41,238.893 at the May 7, 2012 meeting following a budget presentation and discussion. The details of the budget and the changes for 2012-13 are included with the agenda. Please refer to the attached document: [06-11-2012 2012-13BudgetSupplemental.pdf](#).

These resolutions were reviewed by Philip Spare, Esquire.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve, by roll call vote, the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget in the amount of **\$41,238,893** and the included 2012-2013 Budget Resolution.

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Secretary Barrick called the roll: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Voting No: Roush. Total Yes votes: Eight (8). Total No votes: One (1). Motion carried by a majority vote.

K. Homestead Farmstead Resolution for 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

(ACTION ITEM)

The Secretary of Education notified the District on May 1, 2012 that its share of the state gaming funds for 2012-2013 will be \$770,036.28 dollars. The County notified us that we have 5760 approved homesteads and 200 approved farmsteads within the District boundaries to share in that allocation. The average assessed value is \$184,915. Using the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials worksheet, the administration calculated the exclusion for both homestead and farmsteads in equal amounts equal to \$10,568.00 of assessed value or \$130.66 in tax value. A copy of the proposed resolution and worksheet appear in the agenda and were reviewed by District Solicitor Philip Spare.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

K. Homestead Farmstead Resolution for 2012-2013 Fiscal Year (ACTION ITEM)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion of \$10,568 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in accordance with the Act 1 of Special Session of 2006.

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

In response to a question from Director Blasco, Mr. Kerr indicated that the Board is required under Act 1 each year to make this allocation.

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, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Hoops for Heart Fundraiser (INFORMATION ITEM)

Mrs. Neidlinger and Mr. Deutsch, middle school physical education teachers, concluded the Hoops for Heart Event for the 2011-2012 school year and have reported that the students raised \$1,377.00 for the American Heart Association.

XIV. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered. The next District Improvement Committee is slated for October 2012.

B. Athletic Committee – Mr. Swanson

The Athletic Committee met on Tuesday, June 7, 2012, where the following items were addressed:

1. Every sport must have at least one coach certified in management and signs of concussions. All coaches must go through a training process for concussion management and signs. Historically, coaches referred these types of injuries to the athletic trainer.
2. Junior high soccer will now be held in the spring and girls' soccer has moved to the fall.

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Athletic Committee (Continued)

3. The District's cross country course is becoming extremely well known throughout the region. The course is designed and maintained well and is gaining a positive reputation. Local colleges are renting the course for cross country events, and there is speculation that district and state meets could be held on the course in the future. College cross country events would bring hundreds of competitors to the District, bringing revenue in the form of course rental and concessions sold by the cross country team and Athletic Boosters.
4. Ninth grade sports have been eliminated as part of the Mid Penn division, and junior high sports schedules have been revised.. These adjustments would save Big Spring approximately \$55,000.00 annually in coaching, transportation, and official fees. With this change, however, Big Spring would compete with Cumberland Valley and Carlisle.

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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

President Wolf indicated that by the July Board meeting, he expects to announce to the Board the replacement for the vo-tech school's retiring administrative director, Mary Rodman. Mr. Wolf indicated that Mrs. Rodman was "hard when she needed to be hard and soft when she needed to be soft." Mr. Wolf noted that Mrs. Rodman has been a wonderful director and will be missed by many, and he added that the vo-tech school "came a long way under her leadership."

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

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

A. Trane Service Agreement for Building Automation Systems (ACTION ITEM)

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Blasco to approve this action item and authorize a five-year Trane Service Agreement for Building Automation Systems at a cost not to exceed \$49,000.00 per year. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Big Spring Middle School Kitchen Floor Replacement (ACTION ITEM)

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris to approve this item as an action item and authorize the replacement of the Big Spring Middle School kitchen floor at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be funded by the capital projects fund. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

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

The CAIU Board will meet on Thursday, June 21, 2012.

President Wolf indicated that the CAIU's meeting with superintendents and Board presidents had a positive impact on the organization. The CAIU Board is working harder and faster with regard to adjusting leases and investigating ways to save money.

Mr. Fry agreed and added that this meeting of school leaders helped bring to the forefront the challenges ahead and encouraged the CAIU to complete particular tasks in a timely fashion.

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

The Cumberland County Tax Bureau is slated to move into its new building near the Cumberland Valley School campus July 1, 2012, with the completed transition expected by mid to late July. All future meetings would be conducted at the new location.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Honoring Students

Superintendent Fry indicated that third- and fourth-quarter academic achievement awards would be presented to students at the June 18, 2012 meeting. In addition, awards will be presented to vo-tech students of the quarter and the two 6th grade National History Day qualifiers who are competing this week.

B. Staff Vacancies

Mr. Fry indicated that the following full-time positions have been vacated: Grade 8 math/algebra, two special education positions, and a potential middle school gifted position. In addition, there are several long-term substitute positions available.

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XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

C. Board Planning Session

Superintendent Fry requested that three or four Board members attend a planning session on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

D. Board Meeting

Mr. Fry reminded Board members that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is on June 18, 2012.

E. Follow-Up Items

In light of discussions this evening, Mr. Fry indicated that he would investigate and report to the Board on the following items:

1. Determine remote-control capability for the signals being installed during the Safe Routes to School project at the intersection of East Main Street and West Street for student walkers.
2. Discover the rationale for changing the dress length at the middle school.
3. Acquire a more substantiated rationale regarding the use of appraised value versus assessed value in the sale of school properties to include reference to Pennsylvania School Code.

F. Girls' Softball

Mr. Fry reported that the girls' softball team has advanced to state competition at Penn State on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 12:30 P.M.

XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Scoreboard Revenue

In response to a question from Director Roush, Mr. Fry indicated that scoreboard sponsorships brought in a significant amount of revenue this season, nearly enough to pay for the scoreboards.

B. Graduation Events

Director Piper commended the administration for an outstanding graduation ceremony.

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XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (Continued)

B. Graduation Events (Continued)

In addition, Mr. Piper encouraged Board members to attend the post-grad party next year. Mr. Piper indicated that he was impressed with the fantastic job parents did organizing this event for the students. 133 of the 205 graduates attended the all-night event, and each senior was awarded a door prize valued at approximately \$60 or more. Big Spring is one of the few schools in the area to host such an event and has been doing so since the 1980s. This year the volunteers raised \$23,000.00 to support the event.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Roush 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 8:33 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, June 18, 2012