

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 8:03 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, Director of Food Services and Student Transportation; Trish Grace, The Valley Times-Star; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The members of the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session from 7:40 to 8:00 P.M. to address legal issues.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. PRAYER

Director Blasco offered a prayer.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2012 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES; THE AUGUST 6, 2012 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES; AND THE AUGUST 6, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris for approval of the August 6, 2012 Buildings and Property Committee meeting minutes; the August 6, 2012 Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting minutes; and the August 6, 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 (Balances as of July 31, 2012)

General Fund	\$ 9,532,759.74
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 310,724.64
Student Activity Fund	\$ 199,726.94
Capital Projects	\$ 2,970,617.80
Newville Project	\$ 382,544.62

The Treasurer's Report showed balances as outlined above as of July 31, 2012. Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Swanson for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$ 608,883.86	Checks #66922-67066, 7311201, 8141201, MS071201-MS071210, and RF071201
Student Activities Fund	\$ 1,787.20	Checks #13381-13384
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 12,191.86	Checks #5647-5653
Capital Projects	\$ 51,571.16	Checks #629-630
Total \$ 674,434.08		

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General 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.

VIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

IX. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Linda Bowles, Don Heishman, April Messenger, and Peggy Wolf.

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-4 and Items 6 and 7, following Item A-7.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

1. Additional Per Diem Substitute Teachers

(ACTION ITEM)

Amanda Flagle	Library Science K-12/Social Studies
Pamela Haak	Elementary Education
Kimberly Korge	Elementary Education/History
Brandon Shiposh	Elementary Education
Lauren Wilkes	English 7-12
Tiffany Taylor	English 7-12

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

2. **Mr. Richard Sample** submitted his letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective October 1, 2012. Mr. Sample's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mr. Sample is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$10,080.00.

$$112 \text{ unused sick leave days} \times \$90.00 = \$10,080.00 \\ (\$18,000.00 \text{ maximum})$$

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mr. Sample's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement and his severance allowance of \$10,080.00 as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

3. **Approval of Chartwells' Big Spring School District Food Service Director**

Per the contract we initiated with Chartwells, the District must approve the director. The administration interviewed two candidates. Ms. Mattern brings a wealth of food service experience and proven performance to the position.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve Michelle L. Mattern as the Chartwells Food Service Director for Big Spring School District

4. **Part-Time Custodian**

(ACTION ITEM)

The individual whose name is listed below was recommended to serve as a part-time middle school custodian for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Fay Stum

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mrs. Fay Stum as a part-time middle school custodian for the 2012-2013 school year.

Agenda Item 5 was withdrawn.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

6. Approval of 2012-2013 Mentor Teachers

(ACTION ITEM)

Based upon the provisions of the teacher induction program, Act 48, each teacher new to a school district is assigned a mentor teacher. As per the provisions of the contract between the Big Spring School District and the Big Spring Education Association, individual mentor teachers receive a stipend.

A copy of the proposed 2012-2013 mentor teacher list was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the 2012-2013 mentor teachers as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

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

Per the contract we initiated with Chartwells, the District must approve all employees. Mr. Gilliam has been involved in the selection of the building employees.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the attached list of Chartwells employees for the 2012/13 school year.

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-4 and Items 6 and 7, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Credit Pay

(ACTION ITEM)

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

Amanda Brown	\$ 1,236.00
Anne Fulker	\$ 354.99
Michael Ginter	\$ 2,472.00
Keith Lavala	\$ 2,472.00
Ashley Oldham	\$ 1,236.00
Kimberly Margosian	\$ 1,236.00
Aimee Yost	<u>\$ 1,272.00</u>
Total	\$10,278.99

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 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.

C. 2012-2013 Food Service Meal Prices

(ACTION ITEM)

Last year the administration forecasted a 25¢ increase for this year. After consulting with Chartwells, there is not a compelling reason to implement that large increase. Due to inadequate implementation guidance for both the federal-level and state-level programs, the recommendation is to make a minimum 5¢ increase toward an unknown target price required under the new federal mandate.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve a 5¢ increase for Elementary, Secondary and Adult lunches during the 2012/2013 school year.

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

Mr. Gilliam explained that eventually the federal regulations outlined in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act would require that the full-price student lunches must be sold at the same price as the school's federal reimbursement rate for lunches. The exact cost is unknown at this time. It is believed that the cost would be \$2.68 in the not-too-distant future.

This proposed 5¢ increase is a step toward what could be a 24¢ increase in the next year or two. This legislation would result in uniform lunch prices for all school districts in the country. Consideration of the food cost variance among states has not been made with regard to the fresh-food requirements. For example, fresh-food costs in the Northeast would be much higher than in states with warmer climates.

Roll call vote on the motion by Swanson 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.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

D. Updated Policies

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration has submitted the updated policies listed and the copies were included with the agenda. The updated Policies were included with the agenda. The updated policies were an information item on the August 6, 2012 School Board Agenda.

218.1 Weapons

218.2 Terroristic Threats/Acts

218 Student Discipline

223 Tobacco Use

232 Discipline Hearing Waiver

233 Suspension and Expulsion

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the policies 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.

E. Planned Course Adoption

(ACTION ITEM)

Listed below are completed planned courses for board approval.

K-12

Counseling Curriculum

High School

Business

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Accounting – Dual Enrollment (Harrisburg Area Community College)
- Marketing
- Web Page Design

Health and Physical Education

- Chemical Substance Use, Abuse / Driver's Education

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the proposed courses 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.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

F. Proposed Textbook Adoption

(ACTION ITEM)

Listed below are textbook's for the 2012-2013 school year for board approval.

Course	Title	Publisher	Copyright
HS – Video Game Design	Video Game Design	Goodheart-Wilcox	2012
Anatomy and Physiology	Hole's Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	McGraw-Hill	2012
Biology	Glencoe Biology	McGraw-Hill	2012
Physics	Fundamentals of Physics	J. Wiley and Sons	2011
HS – Sports and Entertainment Management	Sports and Entertainment Management	Kaser / Brooks	2005
HS – Marketing	Marketing Essentials	Glencoe	2012
HS – Webpage Design	HTML5 and CSS3 Introductory: Units A-H	Course Technology/Cengage Learning	2011

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the proposed textbooks 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.

(Note: The Board addressed XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Items G and H, following Item H.)

G. 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 copies of the statement were included with the agenda.

Athletic Booster Association

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

H. Oak Flat Elementary School PTO Annual Audit

(ACTION ITEM)

The Big Spring School District has received a copy of a letter from Ms. Trina Manetta advising that Oak Flat Elementary School PTO's records were accepted with auditing standards for the 2011-2012 school year.

A copy of the letter from Ms. Manetta was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept the 2011-2012 Oak Flat Elementary School PTO's annual audit report as presented.

VOTE ON XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Items G and H

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris to combine and approve Items G and H as outlined and recommended outlined above.

In response to a question from Director McCrea, Mr. Fry indicated that he is not aware that Ms. Manetta is a member of the Oak Flat Elementary School PTO; however, he noted that Ms. Manetta is a "professional in the accounting world."

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

(Note: The Board addressed XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Items I and J, following Item J.)

I. 2012-2013 Athletic Booster's Fundraisers

(ACTION ITEM)

The Athletic Boosters are requesting permission to conduct the fundraisers listed below during the 2012-2013 school term.

- The sale of French fries by Bricker's French Fries at home football events.
- The sale of Walk Away Tacos, Pizza, Peanuts, Popcorn, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pulled Pork, Chicken Quesadillas, Chicken, Ham & Bean Soup, Chili, Apple Slices w/caramel, Assorted Snacks, Assorted Candy, Pickles, Churros, Warm Chocolate Milk, Warm Apple Cider, Bottled Water, Flavored Water, Iced Teas, Lemonade, Coffee, and Cappuccino. May also consider any other fun foods not already sold by the Band Boosters for fall sports.
- The sale of various Big Spring School District merchandise/clothing items.
- The sale of 50/50 raffle tickets at home events.
- The sale of raffle tickets at home winter events for a Big Spring woven blanket.
- Food stands/concession stands at winter sporting events.
- Food stands/concession stands at spring sporting events.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

I. 2012-2013 Athletic Booster's Fundraisers (Continued) **(ACTION ITEM)**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the Athletic Booster's request to conduct the fundraisers listed above during the 2012-2013 school term.

J. 2012-2013 Band Booster's Fundraisers **(ACTION ITEM)**

The Band Boosters are requesting permission to conduct the fundraisers listed below during the 2012-2013 school term.

September	Yankee Candles
October	Avon and Sub/Pretzel Sale
November	Mrs. Fields Cookies
December – January	Little Caesar's Pizza (HS, MS, Elem.)
March	Sub/Pretzel Sale
May	Chicken BBQ
Ongoing Fundraisers -	Restaurant Night
	Car Washes
	Concession Stand at sporting events
	Summerfest
	Graduation

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the Band Booster's request to conduct the fundraisers listed above during the 2012-2013 school term.

VOTE ON XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Items I and J

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

K. Grant Application Request **(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology would like to request permission to pursue a grant that Target has made available to support field trips for local school districts. The grant funding amount will be \$950.00.

Information was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize the administration to pursue the request for grant funds as noted above.

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.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

L. Tuition Exemption Student

(ACTION ITEM)

The current Collective Bargaining Agreement provides non-resident teachers the opportunity to choose to send their children to the Big Spring School District free of tuition. Based on Article 9.08 Non-Resident Student Tuition, The administration recommended granting tuition exemption to the following students for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Andrea Schutt
Gwyneth Ryan
Alie Smith**

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.

M. Withdrawal of Student Due to Medical Necessity

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration received a Doctor's note for a student requesting that we withdraw said student from school due to medical necessity. Said student turns compulsory attendance age this school year and state regulation indicates that the Board of School Directors must approve this determination when the student becomes compulsory attendance age.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the medical request to withdraw Student A due to medical necessity.

Motion by Swanson, 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.

N. Cornerstone Federal Credit Union License Agreement

(ACTION ITEM)

Over the last several years, the District has partnered with Cornerstone Federal Credit Union to provide in-class lessons on financial literacy and also established a branch location within the Big Spring High School. Each year our District enters into an agreement with Cornerstone FCU for the services that they provide to our students and District. There have been changes to the agreement (Items 9 and 10) to reflect the possible placement of an ATM at Big Spring High School. The District's solicitor has reviewed the agreement and has approved the agreement for recommendation to the Board of school Directors.

The agreement was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the updated agreement between Big Spring School District and Cornerstone Federal Credit Union.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

N. Cornerstone Federal Credit Union License Agreement
(Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

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.

O. Classified Employee Dismissal

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration recommended the dismissal of the Classified Employee listed effective immediately because they no longer meet the necessary requirements for instructional paraprofessionals under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Lori Simon

Motion to dismiss the Classified Employee listed above, effective immediately, because they no longer meet the necessary requirements for instructional paraprofessionals under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

In response to a question from Director McCrea, Superintendent Fry explained that Ms. Simon failed to meet the 20 hours per year of training required to comply with Chapter 14 regulations. Of the 20 hours, the District provides 15 hours of training; and the employee is responsible to complete 5 hours of training on their own, much of which could be completed online. Mr. Fry noted that this was the only classified employee who failed to meet the requirements this year.

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

P. Approval of Bond Resolution

(ACTION ITEM)

In order to reduce required tax increases to meet the PSERS contributions increases, the administration asked RBC/PFM to brief the Board on July 23, 2012, regarding their debt refinancing and restructuring plan that would reduce the District's annual gross payments for debt service from the current \$4.4 million to \$4 million thru the life of the debt. This would involve refinancing a portion of the 2003 bonds in 2012 along with another portion in 2013 plus require the buyout of the current ESCO lease to avoid its escalating payments and higher interest rates. Attorney Steve Hovis, of Stock and Leader, briefed the Board at 7:00 P.M. regarding the bond parameters resolution.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

P. Approval of Bond Resolution

(ACTION ITEM)

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the bond parameters resolution authorizing general obligation bonds not to exceed the maximum principal amount of \$18,455,000 for the current refunding of the district's general obligation bonds series of 2003 and to fund a capital project (lease buyout).

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

In response to a question from Director McCrea, Mr. Fry indicated that he believes that bond counsel attorneys' fees could be different from the fees for the District solicitor, even though it is the same firm.

President Wolf noted that he believes that fees for an attorney's services for preparing a resolution such as this would be different from the solicitor fees.

Mr. Fry noted that the District used to pay two separate law firms for bond counsel and solicitor services but now uses the same firm, Stock and Leader, for both services.

Mr. Wolf noted that the District has experienced better rates with Stock and Leader.

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.

Q. Updated Policies

(DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM)

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

The updated Policies were included with the agenda.

109.1 Library Collection Development
238 Bullying/Cyber Bullying
247 Hazing
248 Unlawful Harassment

Motion by Swanson, 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.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

R. Consolidated Federal Program Application

(INFORMATION ITEM)

Mr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools, received correspondence from Susan McCrone, Acting Division Chief of the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding approval of the 2012-2013 Consolidated Federal Programs Application.

Information was included with the agenda.

S. Planned Course Adoption

(INFORMATION ITEM)

Listed below are completed planned courses for board approval. All completed planned courses are available in the Curriculum Center for review by the Board of School Directors prior to the September 4, 2012, Board of School Directors meeting.

Music

Advanced Placement – Music Theory
Guitar

In response to a question from Director McCrea, Mr. Roberts indicated that the guitar course is a course revision. Approximately 20 guitars were purchased for this course a few years ago. No new equipment is necessary at this time.

T. Updated Year-to-Date Summaries/Taxes and General Fund **(INFORMATION ITEM)**

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

Mr. Kerr reported that it appears that the 2011-2012 EIT collections were a little less than expected but “overall pretty good.”

With regard to real estate tax collections for the 2012-2013 year, it is too early report on the status because it is still the discount period.

The Finance Committee is set to meet on October 15, 2012.

Related to a discussion at this evening’s Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting, Mr. Kerr indicated that the District’s underlying bond rating is A1; but because of the State’s intercept program, Big Spring’s rating is Aa3, high quality and very low credit risk. Aa3 is a better rating than A1, and the Aa3 rating means that the State guarantees bond payment for our subsidy.

Mr. Kerr added that the restructuring approved by the Board this evening is “good for the District” because it decreases debt service by approximately \$400,000.00 over the life of the bonds. These are relatively short-term bonds through 2023, at which time the District would have paid off all of its debt.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

U. 2012-2013 School Police and Community Service Officers' Roster (ACTION ITEM)

Newville Police Chief Randy Finkey has submitted a list of the names of recommended school police officers and community service officers for the 2012-2013 school term.

A copy of the list has been included with the agenda for Board review.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the 2012-2013 school police and community service officers' roster as presented. In turn, the administration will take the necessary steps to ensure that Big Spring's 2012-2013 school police and community service officers' roster is approved by Cumberland County Court.

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

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 District Improvement Committee plans to meet in October.

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.

Today Mr. Justin Bruhn assumed the role of acting administrative director for the vo-tech school, effective through June 30, 2013.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

The CAIU Board is slated to meet Thursday morning, August 23, 2012.

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

A TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

If the proposed budget is approved, the cost of collecting EIT would be 2.2 percent.

The new tax-collection facility is now open on Waterford Drive, accessed from the intersection of Route 11 and Cumberland Drive at the traffic light before the Cumberland Valley stadium.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Welcome, Students!

Superintendent Fry reported that the District would welcome students on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Mr. Fry indicated that Mr. Kerr, Mr. Gilliam, and he walked through the buildings and noted that they are all in "great shape."

B. Laughlin Mill Bridge Construction

Mr. Fry noted his concern with regard to the Laughlin Mill Bridge construction. The construction manager of the bridge project has been contacted regarding the possibility of manual control of the lights during critical times of the day and heavily attended school events. A recommendation has been made that borough police or special fire police man the traffic signals during these high-traffic times.

Mr. Fry indicated that a Global Connect message would go out to families, encouraging everyone to allow additional travel time and seek alternate routes to the main campus, if possible.

From 7:12 to 7:28 a.m., 21 buses cross the bridge headed in different directions. Ten elementary school buses and four alternative education buses cross the bridge a little later.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

B. Laughlin Mill Bridge Construction (Continued)

A total of 35 buses each morning and afternoon must cross the Laughlin Mill Bridge. Mr. Fry noted that this would be a challenge until mid October when the bridge is completed.

Director Barrick noted that vehicles must pull up to the white line to activate the signal. When vehicle is not pulled up far enough, the signal does not detect a vehicle and does not change.

In response to a suggestion from Director McCrea, Mr. Fry indicated that he had not considered suspending student driving privileges for students west of the bridge until bridge completion unless it is absolutely necessary for the student to drive to school.

Mr. Fry noted that it would be a challenge to define "necessary."

C. Welcome, Staff!

Superintendent Fry invited Board members to attend the first day for staff, Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at 8:00 A.M.

Mr. Fry indicated that Mr. Wolf would address the staff members that morning.

XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 4, 2012