

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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; John McCrea; Richard Norris; William Piper; and Richard Roush.

Kingsley Blasco 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, Director of Food Services and Student Transportation; Trish Grace, The Valley Times-Star; Wade Reichelderfer and Shania Radabaugh, Student Representatives to the Board of School Directors; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2012 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE OCTOBER 15, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Norris, seconded by Barrick for approval of the October 15, 2012 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the October 15, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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IV. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS – Wade Reichelderfer Shania Radabaugh

The students offered the following report:

- A.** During Cancer Awareness Month, Hometown Helpers Club provided students and staff the opportunity to recognize family and friends who had in some way been stricken by cancer. A few hundred loved ones were recognized with Cancer Awareness ribbons in the commons area as fighters, survivors, or had lost their lives to cancer.
- B.** From October 23 to 27, 2012, six FFA members, Mrs. Fulton, and Mrs. Nailor participated in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.
- C.** Last week Club Care sponsored a craft fair featuring 50 vendors.
- D.** The Bulldogs lost the Little Brown Jug to Shippensburg last Friday night with a score of 20-0. The bonfire and parade the night before the game was successful, with the largest turnout of students and supporters and the most wagons in the parade than ever before.
- E.** The field hockey team wrapped up a wonderful season with a 3-2 loss against Donegal in the district tournament. The girls finished the season with at 16-3 record and earned the title of co-champions of the Colonial Division.
- F.** The girls' and boys' cross country teams had outstanding seasons. The girls achieved an undefeated regular season and earned the Colonial Division Championship.
- G.** Competing against 35 schools, the girls' cross country team finished 4th at the District 3 meet. The top three teams advance to state competition. Emily Joyce finished second in the girls' AA race, while Vinny Todaro won the district boys' AA race. The boys' cross country team finished 5th of 38 teams in the District 3 meet. At the PIAA state meet at Hershey on Saturday, Emily placed 26th. Vinny Todaro is our newest State Champion, winning the boys' AA state meet on Saturday.
- H.** Six students participated in the Pennsylvania School Press Association Conference this past Thursday and Friday in Harrisburg. Mr. Bob Hankes is the president of the PSPA.
- I.** Congratulations to the Marching Bulldogs, who competed in the US Bands Pennsylvania State Championship at West Chester University on Saturday night. Presenting their show, Gotham, the band had its best performance of the year, earning second place in the State Marching Band Competition. The Marching Bulldogs perform next Sunday in the US Bands National Competition in the New Jersey Meadowlands at Giants Stadium.

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

- J. Big Spring's thespians, under the direction of Mr. Feeser, offered an outstanding You Can't Take It With You show, featuring three performances last Friday and Saturday.
- K. Tryouts for the spring musical, Hello Dolly, began today.
- L. Today was the first day of the second quarter.
- M. The annual Tempus Veterans Brunch offered for veterans and their spouses will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Veterans may bring mementos to share with Tempus students and other veterans. The flag-changing and wreath-changing ceremony will be held on Friday, November 9, 2012, at 7:35 a.m. for the student body and the community. Agenda items include Cantabile and Concert Band performances, the flag-changing ceremony by area veterans, wreath-exchanging ceremony by the Tempus Club, and remarks from Colonel Wilbur Wolf, III. The event is expected to last 35 to 40 minutes.
- N. The fall band concert will be held in the auditorium on Friday, November 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
- O. The NCAA Division 3 regional qualifier college cross country meet is slated for Saturday, November 10, 2012.
- P. Two weeks ago, students in the personal finance class participated in a reality fair developed recently by Cornerstone Federal Credit Union and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Munson, and Mrs. Black. Seniors experienced the joys and problems associated with real-life budgeting and fiscal responsibility. The personal finance class is a graduation requirement for seniors.

President Wolf thanked the students for the report.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$1,400,148.48	Checks #67631-67958 and D0000009-D0000020
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 186,582.28	Checks #5664-5668
Student Activities Fund	\$ 24,660.88	Checks #13481-13521
Capital Projects	\$ 27,798.00	Checks #634-635
Total		\$1,639,189.64

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

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VII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

VIII. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Linda Bowles, William Bowles, Jennifer Cherry, Carol Graham, Ellen Hockenbroch, Dan Keil, Chelsie Loveless, Michelle Mattern, April Messenger, Sam Sheeler, and Andrea Shockey.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mrs. Ellen Hockenbroch, 380 Meadows Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and offered a prayer of encouragement for the Board members and community.

President Wolf thanked Mrs. Hockenbroch for attending this evening's meeting and offering a prayer.

X. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No structured public comment was offered.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

(NOTE: The Board addressed
XII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-15,
following Item A-15.)

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1. **Mrs. Nicole Donato** submitted her letter of resignation as Induction Coordinator, effective immediately.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Donato's resignation as Induction Coordinator, effective immediately.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

2. **Mrs. Jody Georgeff** submitted her letter of resignation as learning support aide at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective November 9, 2012

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Georgeff's resignation as learning support aide at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective November 9, 2012.

3. **Cafeteria Worker Recommendation**

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Michelle Mattern, Chartwells' Food Service Director, recommended the individual listed as a cafeteria worker.

Mrs. Deborah Kepner

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mrs. Deborah Kepner as a cafeteria worker.

4. **Coaching Appointment**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director recommended the individual listed below as High School Assistant Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

Sean Cohick

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mr. Sean Cohick as High School Assistant Track Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

5. **Custodial Substitute Recommendation**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Rick Gilliam, Director of Building and Grounds and Transportation, recommended the individual listed as a custodial substitute the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Jan Roberts

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mrs. Jan Roberts as a custodial substitute for the 2012-2013 school year.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

6. Approval of Child-Rearing Leave for Lindsay Graham

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Lindsay Graham, kindergarten teacher at Mount Rock Elementary School, requested a leave of absence under the Family & Medical Leave Act from approximately January 29, 2013, through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. According to Section 3.08 of the contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the District, a professional employee may request up to one year of child-rearing leave upon the birth of a child. In addition to the duration of the leave period, her request meets all provisions for a child-rearing leave according to the current contract.

A copy of Mrs. Graham's letter appears in the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Lindsay Graham's request for leave under the Family & Medical Leave Act and a child-rearing leave of absence from approximately January 29, 2013 through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year according to the terms of the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

(ACTION ITEM)

7. Amanda Craig

Harrisburg, PA 17109

District Speech/Language Clinician

Education:

Westchester University (Bachelor's Communication Disorder)

Bloomsburg University (Currently in Master's Program)

Experience:

The Vista School – Speech Therapist

New Story – Speech Therapist

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Craig to serve as a District Speech/Language Clinician for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Craig's compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree Step 1, \$42,588.00, plus a \$400.00 special education stipend, prorated, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

8. Heidi Badda

Newville, PA 17241

Long-Term Substitute Third Grade Teacher
at Mount Rock Elementary School

Education:

Kutztown University (Bachelor's English)

Shippensburg University (Bachelor's Elementary Education)

Experience:

Shippensburg Head Start – Classroom Teacher

Saint Olaf Catholic School, Vermont – Third Grade Teacher

West Memorial Elementary School, Texas – Fifth Grade Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Badda to serve as a Long-Term Substitute Third Grade Teacher at Mount Rock Elementary School from approximately November 19, 2012 through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, replacing Katie Sands who will be on child-rearing leave of absence.

Ms. Badda's compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's Degree Step 2 , \$43,009.00, prorated, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

9. Aide Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education would like to recommend the individual listed as a Functional Behavior Assessment Aide (FBA) at the high school, replacing Theresa Boegel, who has transferred to a one-on-one student aide at the High School.

Mr. Brian Wiley

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Wiley as a FBA Aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

10. Learning Support Aide Position Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended the individual listed as a learning support aide at Oak Flat Elementary School, replacing Ingrid Siwy, who has transferred to a one-on-one aide in the Multiple Disability Support Classroom at Oak Flat.

Ms. Donna Hranica

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Donna Hranica as a learning support aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

11. Aide Position Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended the individual listed as an aide at Oak Flat Elementary School at the principal's discretion, replacing Lori Hosfelt, who has transferred to Newville Elementary as a principal's discretion aide.

Ms. Amy Trione

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Amy Trione as an aide as listed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

12. Middle School Aide Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended the individual listed as a seven-hour-per-day aide at the Middle School, replacing Jill Barrick, who has transferred to the High School as an aide in the resource room.

Ms. Chris Barrick

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Chris Barrick as a seven hour per day aide as listed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

13. Learning Support Aide Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended the individual listed as a learning support aide at the High School replacing Chris Barrick.

Lisa Newswanger

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Lisa Newswanger as a learning support aide as listed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

14. One-On-One Student Aide Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended that Ms. Boegel transfers from a Functional Behavior Assessment Aide (FBA) at the High School to a one-on-one student aide at the High School.

Theresa Boegel

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Theresa Boegel as a one-on-one student aide as listed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

15. Elementary Learning Support Aide Recommendation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education, recommended the individual listed as an Elementary Learning Support Aide at Oak Flat, replacing Jody Georgeff, who has resigned.

Tressa Palmeeter

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Tressa Palmeeter as an Elementary Learning Support Aide as listed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to combine and approve XII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-15, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. 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.

Krista Boynton	\$2,400.00
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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 Barrick to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

C. Additional 2012-2013 School Police Officers

(ACTION ITEM)

Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director, submitted a list of additional names to be recommended as school police 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 additional 2012-2013 school police roster as presented. In turn, the administration will take the necessary steps to ensure that Big Spring's 2012-2013 additional school police officers' are approved by Cumberland County Court.

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

D. Facilities Utilization Request

(ACTION ITEM)

Big Spring Midget Football is requesting permission to use the Middle School Gymnasium and Commons for a End of Season Kick-Off Banquet on Sunday, November 11, 2012 and Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Because the utilization dates are on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the request to use the Middle School Gymnasium and Commons as presented.

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

E. Facilities Utilization Request

(ACTION

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Big Spring Junior Wrestling requested permission to use the High School Gymnasium, Commons and Concession Stand for a Junior Olympic Dog Dual Tournament on Sunday, February 3, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Because the utilization date is on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the request to use the High School Gymnasium, Commons and Concession Stand as presented.

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

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Superintendent Fry indicated that this item is the result of a negotiation between the Board and the Big Spring Junior Wrestling years ago that resulted in permission for the group to hold one event per year that started prior to 1:00 P.M.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

E. Facilities Utilization Request (Continued)

(ACTION

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Roll call vote on the motion by Norris and second by Roush to approve the recommendation as outlined above: Voting Yes: Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Swanson, and Wolf. Voting No: McCrea and Barrick. Total Yes votes: Six (6). Total No votes: Two (2). Motion carried by a majority vote.

F. Water Softener Replacement

(ACTION ITEM)

The water softener at the HS has failed and must be replaced due to the adverse effects on many systems if we use untreated water. Mr. Gilliam obtained three quotes and recommended the solution provided by Black's Water Conditioning (included w/ packet). Specifically, the current system has three tanks, which means an uninterrupted flow of soft water 24 hours a day. McClure's quote is for one tank system which has a limit of 12,000 gallons daily.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve the purchase of a new water softener system at a cost of \$18,499 provided by Black's Water Conditioning with funds from the Capital Project fund.

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

In response to a question from Director McCrea, Mr. Gilliam indicated that the failed equipment would cost approximately \$12,000 to repair.

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

G. PLANCON K Approval

(ACTION ITEM)

RBC and Bond Counsel recently completed the 2012 bond sale to fund the ESCO payoff and refinanced the 2003 GO Bonds. By doing the refunding/restructuring, the District was able to get the net annual debt down to an average of \$3,165,000 without extending the final maturity of the District's debt. To complete the process PLANCON K must be filed with PDE as included in the agenda.

The administration recommended the Board of School Directors approve PLANCON K for the 2012 GO Bonds as included with the agenda.

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

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

H. Board Policy on Use of Bond Funds (627)

(INFORMATION ITEM)

Our Bond Counsel/Solicitor recommended the Board adopt the included policy to maintain our solid credit rating. As a governmental agency, we need to use the tax exempt funds we borrow for a public purpose, not for a private activity (typically a for-profit use or user). For example, the City of York just bought the old Sovereign Bank building. Most of it was converted into city offices but leased a portion to the bank to continue as a local branch. Therefore, the portion of the building that they bought with tax exempt funds would not be used by a for-profit entity. The Bank portion of the sale price could not be financed with tax exempt funds because it was for a for-private activity. A school district could get in trouble if it renovated or built a building that it was going to lease to a third party that was going to run a for profit activity.

The policy was included with the agenda. The Board Policy on Use of Bond Funds will be an action item on the November 19, 2012 School Board Agenda.

I. Updated Policies

(INFORMATION ITEM)

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

- 219 Student Complaint Process**
- 221 Dress and Grooming**
- 223 Use of Motor Vehicles**
- 224 Care of School Property**
- 225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies**
- 228 Student Government**
- 229 Student Fundraising**
- 229.1 Alumni Fundraising**
- 230 Public Performances by Students**
- 231 Social Events and Class Trips**
- 232 Student Involvement in Decision Making**
- 234 Pregnant/Married Students**
- 235 Students Rights/Surveys**
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students**
- 240 Contests**
- 250 Student Recruitment**
- 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials**
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia**

The updated Policies are included with the agenda. The updated policies will be an action item on the November 19, 2012 School Board Agenda.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

J. 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.

Superintendent Fry reported that the 2012-2013 budget is not affected by any Consolidated Federal Programs changes; however, if sequestration goes into effect, the District could lose as much as 10 to 15 percent of federal funding.

XIII. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

Director McCrea suggested moving the Public Comment Period earlier on the meeting agenda so that the prayer that members of the public have been offering would occur before Board action was taken during the meeting.

Hearing no Board member input, President Wolf indicated that the order of the agenda would remain the same.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

October's District Improvement Committee meeting has been rescheduled for December.

Although Mrs. Temple sent an email regarding meeting postponement, Director McCrea did not receive notification that the October 26 meeting was postponed.

President Wolf apologized to Director McCrea because notice of meeting postponement did not reach Mr. McCrea before October 26.

B. Athletic Committee – Mr. Swanson

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

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

President Wolf reported that the first round of candidate interviews for the diesel technology teaching position was unsuccessful. A new round of interviews is being conducted, and a recommendation for a new diesel technology teacher is anticipated at the next vo-tech meeting.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

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

E. Finance Committee – Mr. Blasco

Mr. Kerr reported that the District's recent bond sale went well. Debt did not have to be extended to 2023. Debt extension could be possible with the second part of the refinancing in the spring of 2013. The 2003 borrowing has been refinanced, and the District now has funds to pay off the municipal lease that funded the ESCO project.

The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 4:00 to hear a presentation on the healthcare program, including facts and figures about recent experiences related to healthcare. The District faces a possible 20 percent increase in healthcare premiums for 2013-2014. If

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.

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

President Wolf indicated that a memo must be sent to all municipalities and townships in the District regarding representatives for each municipality and township prior to the annual meeting in January 2013. This must be completed on an annual basis.

The transition to the District's new earned income tax collector seems to be moving forward well.

Mr. Wolf reported that CENTAX no longer exists. A commercial company has taken over CENTAX records to determine the distribution of monies. Although it appears that no monies were lost, it will take a while for Big Spring to receive its share.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Veterans Day Activities

Superintendent Fry commended the Board for ensuring that students are in school on Veterans Day, participating in events related to honoring veterans. These events ensure that students understand the sacrifices veterans have made. Mr. Fry indicated that special programs are planned for each school.

Friday morning the high school is slated to host a ceremony. Veterans are invited to a breakfast at the middle school where there will be a Star of Honor wall and a slideshow on Channel 3 to honor local veterans.

Students at Mount Rock Elementary School will enjoy an hour-long program on November 13, 2012, led by Doug Lowery, a veteran and student teacher at Mount Rock Elementary School.

A veterans program will be incorporated as part of an awards program at Oak Flat Elementary School. The program will include a slideshow, along with poems and cards presented to the veterans.

Newville Elementary School will host veterans, and the band will play throughout the day. Grade-level patriotism projects are also being completed.

Mr. Fry noted that he is proud that all five buildings are doing a great job ensuring that the District's 2800 students understand the sacrifices veterans have made on behalf of the country.

B. Make-Up Days for Recent Inclement Weather

Mr. Fry reported that school would be in session on January 2, 2013, and February 18, 2013, to make up for the two instructional days lost as the result of Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Fry added that the Pennsylvania Department of Education makes no weather-related exceptions to the required 180 days of instruction. In order to be considered for an exception to the 180-day rule, a District must prove the 180 instructional days cannot be achieved prior to June 30.

Mr. Fry added that Big Spring has five makeup days built into the school calendar.

XVI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Vote

Director Barrick encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

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XVI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (Continued)

B. Congratulations, Vinny Todaro!

Director McCrea encouraged the administration to include a message on the District's voicemail greeting honoring State Champion Cross Country Athlete Vinny Todaro similar to the message included for the girls' softball champs.

Superintendent Fry indicated that plans are underway to honor Vinny Todaro in a similar fashion.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 19, 2012