

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

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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. Nine (9) current Board members or Board members-elect were present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; Kingsley Blasco; David Gutshall, Treasurer-Elect and Treasurer; John McCrea, Board Member-Elect and Board Member; Richard Norris; William Piper; and Richard Roush.

Terry Lopp, Treasurer, Retiring Board Member, was absent.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Rick Gilliam, Food Service and Transportation Director; Sammi Burke and Alyssa Jones, Student Representatives to the Board of School Directors; and Brenda Line, Board Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The members of the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session this evening from 7:29 to 7:55 P.M.

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 NOVEMBER 21, 2011 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco for approval of the November 21, 2011 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the November 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ELECTION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

“...there shall be elected from the hold-over members a temporary president, and the secretary of the board shall act as secretary of such meeting. The certificates of the election or appointment of all new school directors shall be read, and a list of the legally elected or appointed and qualified school directors prepared.”

Motion by Swanson seconded by Blasco to nominate Robert Barrick as the temporary president and close the nominations. Voting Yes: Blasco, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. OATH OF OFFICE

When there are newly-elected and/or re-elected Board members, the Temporary President will administer the oath of office:

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.”

VII. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEWLY APPOINTED AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

When there are newly-elected, appointed, or re-elected Board members, the Temporary President will administer the oath office.

The Temporary President administered the oath of office below to Mr. David Gutshall, Mr. John McCrea, Mr. William Piper, Mr. Richard Norris, Mr. Richard Roush, and Mr. William Swanson.

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.”

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VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Refer to Sections 402 and 404 of the Public School Code of 1949.

A. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT (1-year appointment)

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Swanson to nominate Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr., for President.

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

Roll call vote on the motion by Blasco and second by Swanson to elect Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President. Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2012 Board President, Wilbur Wolf, Jr., began his duties.

B. ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (1-year appointment)

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Roush to nominate Mr. William Swanson for Vice President.

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

Roll call vote on the motion by Blasco and second by Roush to elect Mr. William Swanson as Vice President. Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

C ELECTION OF THE TREASURER (1-year appointment)

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Piper to nominate Mr. David Gutshall for Treasurer.

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

Roll call vote on the motion by Swanson and second by Piper to elect Mr. David Gutshall as Treasurer. Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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IX. APPOINTMENTS

A. Capital Tax Collection Bureau

(1-year appointment)

Current Representative - Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr.

Alternate Representative - Mr. William Swanson

Mr. Wilbur Wolf was appointed to a one-year term as the Capital Tax Collection Bureau representative. Mr. William Swanson and Mr. Richard Roush were appointed as the alternate representatives.

In response to a question from Director McCrea, President Wolf indicated that even though the District would be using a different earned income tax collection agency beginning in January 2012, the Capital Tax Collection Bureau would require District representation because this entity would be collecting delinquent taxes in 2012, with potential for 2013 as well, based on delinquencies. These representatives could represent the District with the new tax collection agency as well.

B. Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislative Chairperson

(1-year appointment)

Current Representative - Mr. Robert Barrick

Mr. Barrick was appointed to a one-year term as the Pennsylvania School Boards Association legislative chairperson.

C. Capital Area Intermediate Unit

(1 year appointment)

Current Representative - Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr.

Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr., was appointed to a one-year term as the Capital Area Intermediate Unit representative.

D. Athletic Council

(1-year appointment)

Current Representatives - Mr. William Swanson

Mr. Richard Roush

Mr. David Gutshall

Mr. Swanson, Mr. Roush, and Mr. Gutshall were appointed to serve one-year terms on the Athletic Council.

E. District Improvement Committee

(1-year appointment)

Current Representatives – Mr. Richard Norris

Mr. Norris and Mr. McCrea were appointed to the District Improvement Committee.

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IX. APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

F. Meet and Discuss Committee for Classified Employees (1-year appointment)

Current Representatives – Mr. Kingsley Blasco, Chairperson
Mr. William Piper

Mr. Blasco, Chairperson, and Mr. Piper were appointed to serve one-year terms on the Meet and Discuss Committee for Classified Employees.

G. Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (1-year appointment)

Current Representatives – Mr. William Piper
Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr.

Mr. William Piper and Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr., were appointed to serve one-year terms on the Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Committee.

H. Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison (1-year appointment)

Current Representative – Mr. Richard Roush

Mr. Richard Roush was appointed to serve a one-year term as a Pennsylvania School Boards Association Regional Cabinet Member.

I. Buildings and Property Committee

Current Representatives - Mr. Robert Barrick, Chairperson
Mr. William Piper
Mr. William Swanson
Mr. Richard Roush

Mr. Barrick, Chairperson, Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Roush were appointed to the Buildings and Property Committee.

J. Finance Committee

Current Representatives - Mr. Kingsley Blasco, Chairperson
Mr. William Swanson

Mr. Blasco, Chairperson, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Gutshall, and Mr. Piper were appointed to the Finance Committee.

K. South Central Trust Board

Current Representative - Mr. Kingsley Blasco

Mr. Blasco was appointed to serve as a representative to the South Central Trust Board.

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IX. APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

L. Tax Collection Committee

Current Representative – Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr.
Mr. William Swanson

Mr. Wolf and Mr. Swanson were appointed to serve as representatives to the Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Richard Roush was appointed as an alternate representative.

X. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

Student Representatives to the Board Report – Sammi Burke/Alyssa Jones

- A.** On November 17, 2011, several of Mrs. Sieg's and Mrs. Nailor's Introduction to Agribusiness dual-enrollment course students participated in the Go Green Challenge. The students developed small businesses based on green industry trends and competed with teams from Harrisburg area high schools. Big Spring teams finished first, second, and runner-up as follows: Runner-up team of William Wiser, Lauren Kell, and Sadie Hockenberry developed the business *Energy Savers*, and they each earned a \$25 gift card. The second-place team of Richard Beatty, Blaine Ickes, and Jay Moffitt formed the business *Superior Manure*, and they each earning a \$250 scholarship. The first-place team of Amanda Musselman, Adrienne Line, and Brandy Salisbury created the business *Aqua Garden*, and they each earned a \$550 scholarship.
- B.** The leadership class sponsored Stall Day on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, where students brought in loose change totaling more than \$400. The funds will be used to purchase microwaves for the cafeteria and shelving for the restrooms as a place for students to place their belongings. In addition, the leadership class is sponsoring color wars, commons windows/trees, and a candy cane sale.
- C.** The Quiz Bowl Team has a 3-4 record so far this season. The team participated on Channel 8's *Brain Busters* last week against Harrisburg Academy. The Bulldogs lost the match. The event is scheduled to be televised on Saturday, December 24, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Tigyer and Ms. Chamberlin coach the two freshmen, one sophomore, three juniors, and four seniors on the team.
- D.** The Bulldog Marching Band performed last Thursday, December 1, 2011, at the Carlisle Barracks, honoring Army and Navy active-duty personnel and veterans. The band and Mr. Balseiro enjoyed the afternoon and were given \$370 for the marching band program.
- E.** The students reviewed athletic participation for the fall (295 students) and winter (228 students) sports programs. Last winter 232 students participated in winter sports.
- F.** The National Honor Society's Star Tree endeavor was successful. Community members will purchase gifts for 125 children. NHS is sponsoring the annual food drive at the elementary schools and the high school from December 5-9, 2011. The food is slated to be distributed to those in need in the Big Spring School District. NHS members are going to be serving as Salvation Army bell ringers this Christmas season.

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

Student Representatives to the Board Report – (Continued)

- G. High school parent-teacher conferences are being held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- H. The High Schools That Work (HSTW) technical assistance visit from November 30 to December 2, 2011, was successful. The HSTW consultant presented the school administration and teachers with an oral report, and she will prepare a 20-25-page written report in a few months to use as a guide for school improvement.
- I. Some of Big Spring's "promising practices" outlined by the HSTW consultant include the following: well-mannered students; friendly, respectful, welcoming students and faculty; students love their school; healthy school pride; protected instructional time; silent, sustained reading (SSR); common syllabi in Grade 9 core subjects; presentations across the curriculum; math and reading clubs to help juniors with the PSSA; increase in honors, dual-enrollment, and advanced-placement courses; career pathways program; work-based learning through internships and Cornerstone Bank; increased writing opportunities across the curriculum; orientation of Grade 8 and Grade 9 students; parent invitations to attend junior and senior counseling conferences.
- J. The HSTW team outlined the following six priorities that would support increasing student achievement at Big Spring: Keep building on the initial restructuring initiative through the HSTW framework; increase the percentage of students who are taught the HSTW-recommended academic core and complete a pathway; provide high-quality, rigorous career-technical studies; raise expectations for student learning and increase extra help opportunities; make active, engaging instruction the norm across the building; develop an advisor/advisee program.
- K. The HSTW technical assistance visit was funded by grants originating from both the Southern Regional Education Board and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mr. Fry added that the HSTW team was amazed at the behavior of students and staff, as well as the cleanliness and culture of the high school.

President Wolf thanked the students for the report.

XI. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

XII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	\$ 536,245.80	Checks #64322-64437, 1111BG02-1111BG05, 1111MS01-1111MS08, and 1111SE01-1111SE09
Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund	12,155.84	Checks #12960-12981
Capital Projects	7,380.25	Checks #610-611
Total	\$ 555,781.89	

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XII. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Continued)

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund, Student Activity/Miscellaneous 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.

XIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

XIV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Michael Hippensteel, April Messenger, Kim Neidlinger, and Sam Sheeler.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was offered.

XVI. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No structured public comment was offered.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

(NOTE: The Board addressed
XVIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-8,
following Item A-8.)

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1. **Ms. Katie Magee** submitted her letter of resignation as Middle School TV Studio Co-Advisor, effective December 22, 2011.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Magee's resignation as Middle School TV Studio Coach, effective December 22, 2011.

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XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

2. **Ms. Kathleen Bravin** submitted her letter of resignation as Middle School TV Studio Co-Advisor, effective December 22, 2011.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Bravin's resignation as Middle School TV Studio Co-Advisor, effective December 22, 2011.

(ACTION ITEM)

3. **Mr. Brian Rohm** submitted his letter of resignation as junior high football assistant coach, effective immediately.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mr. Rohm's resignation as junior high football assistant coach, effective immediately.

4. **Odyssey of the Mind Coaches**

(ACTION ITEM)

The individuals whose names are listed below were recommended to serve as Big Spring Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Ms. Holly Alspaugh
Mr. Nicholas Losiewski**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Alspaugh and Mr. Losiewski as Big Spring Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

5. **Reading Department Chairperson**

(ACTION ITEM)

The individual whose name is listed below was recommended to serve as Reading Department Chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Barb Dellinger

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of Ms. Dellinger as Reading Department Chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year.

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XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

6. **Mrs. Bethany Stanton** requested an extended child-rearing leave of absence for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, from the initial return approval date of January 3, 2012. Mr. Thomas Kopp will remain as the long-term substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year for this position.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Stanton's extended child-rearing leave of absence for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and grant approval for Mr. Thomas Kopp to remain as the long-term substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year for this position.

7. **Approval of Child-Rearing Leave for Bethany Pagze**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Bethany Pagze, High School English Teacher requested leave of absence under the Family & Medical Leave Act from approximately April 3, 2012 through approximately May 18, 2012, 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. Pagze's letter appears in the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Pagze's request for leave under the Family & Medical Leave Act and a child-rearing leave of absence from approximately April 3, 2012 through approximately May 18, 2012.

(ACTION ITEM)

8. **Chelsea Long-Piper**
Newville, PA 17241

Long-Term Substitute Learning Support Teacher
(replacing Stefani Bower who will be on child-rearing leave)

Education:

Shippensburg University - Elementary Education (Bachelor's Degree)

Experience:

Big Spring School District – Substitute Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Mrs. Long-Piper to serve as a Long-Term Substitute Learning Support Teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School, from approximately January 16, 2012 through approximately April 23, 2012, replacing Mrs. Bower who will be on child-rearing leave of absence.

Mrs. Long-Piper's compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's, Step 1, \$41,551.00, 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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XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

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

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to combine and approve XVIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-8, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, McCrea, Norris, Piper, Roush, Gutshall, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Acceptance of Financial Audit for 2010-2011

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. James Lyons from Greenawalt & Company presented the District's 2010-2011 financial audit report at the November 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board members received copies of the financial audit report prior to that meeting.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept the District's 2010-2011 financial audit report as presented by Mr. James Lyons from Greenawalt & Company.

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. 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.

Andrew Pettit

\$979.98

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 Roush 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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XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

D. Proposed Job Descriptions

(INFORMATION ITEM)

Mrs. Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent, developed the job descriptions listed below. A copy of the job descriptions was included with the agenda.

**High School Head Custodian
Head Custodian
Custodial Personnel
Groundsman**

XIX. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future Board agenda items.

XX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. District Improvement Committee – Mr. McCrea

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

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

E. Finance Committee – Mr. Blasco

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

F. South Central Trust – Mr. Blasco

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

G. Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Wolf

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

XXI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Technical Assistance Visit

Superintendent Fry indicated that he would provide the members of the Board of School Directors with copies of the TAV report prepared by the High Schools That Work consultant.

B. Cafeteria Services

Mr. Fry indicated that members of the administration and the Board of School Directors have visited three school districts that use contracted cafeteria services. Two more school visits are scheduled, after which the five key cafeteria service companies in the Mid-Atlantic region would have been observed in action by Big Spring representatives.

At the December 19, 2011 Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting, a representative of a food service company has been invited to answer Board members' questions regarding contracted food services.

In late January 2012, the bids will be due from the request for proposal (RFP). On February 6, 2012, the Board will discuss the bids and hear the administration's recommendation. February 20, 2012, is the date to decide whether or not to accept a bid for contracted cafeteria services. This schedule aligns with the budget calendar and would allow the Board to move forward in a proactive manner.

C. Finance Committee Meeting

Based on the budget report this evening, the administration is recommending that the Board *not* apply for exceptions to increase the budget by more than 2.2 percent for 2012-2013. Mr. Fry indicated that he would contact Finance Committee members and establish a date for a meeting in the next week. The Finance Committee will prepare a recommendation for the Board. The 2.2 percent increase in the real estate mill rate equates to a real estate tax increase of \$27.00 per \$100,000.00 of property assessment.

D. CAIU - Hilltop Academy and Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA)

Mr. Fry provided the members of the Board of School Directors with copies of a memorandum dated November 1, 2011, to Superintendents of the CAIU service area from Shawn Farr, Director of Business Operations, regarding the leased CAIU Hill Top Academy. Please refer to the following attachment: [12-05-2011 CAIU Update.PDF](#).

Mr. Fry reminded Board members that the CAIU engaged in a 20-year lease three years ago for the facility where Hill Top Academy is housed. The lease payments are \$676,000 annually. Hill Top Academy is now funded based on tuition. Currently, Big Spring sends one student at facility cost of approximately \$14,000.

XXI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

D. CAIU - Hilltop Academy and Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA)

(Continued)

Plans are underway to change the 24 CAIU school districts' payment structure because of dwindling enrollment at Hill Top Academy that has a capacity to serve 160 students but now has an average enrollment of 50 to 60 students. Two calculation methods are being considered:

- Calculate the fee based on a district's special education student count. Big Spring enrolls 544 special education students, and Big Spring's fee under this calculation method would be \$25,618 annually.
- Calculate the fee based on a district's IDEA-B funding. Big Spring's payment share using this calculation would be \$36,584 annually.

The participating CAIU districts have discussed the possibility of establishing a trust or authority, enabling the districts to purchase the facility as opposed to operating under a lease.

Mr. Fry requested Board input on this issue that would affect the District for at least 16 more years.

In response to a question from President Wolf, Mr. Fry indicated that the CAIU has not considered basing a district's contribution on average daily enrollment because the academy is used exclusively for special education services, not general education; however, Mr. Fry added that there is potential to base a district's fee on overall enrollment. This particular calculation would benefit Big Spring but would be a disincentive for larger schools, such as Cumberland Valley, West Shore.

Mr. Fry noted that 20 percent (more than 500) of Big Spring students are considered special education students.

In addition, Mr. Fry noted that Mr. Kerr has been participating in discussions regarding the future of CASA. Big Spring has had only one student ever attend CASA. The CASA lease of the Strawberry Square building has no escape clause, and no Big Spring students currently attend the program. Six years remain on the lease. If the program closes, Big Spring would be partly responsible for paying the remaining lease fees. A shared-cost formula is also being considered for the CASA lease. Subletting to a charter school is an option for the CASA facility; however, districts close to the school vehemently oppose this option because they view CASA as an extension of their home districts.

Mr. Fry concluded that there would be contentious discussions in the next few months as the CAIU works through these leasing issues.

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XXII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Upcoming Celebrations

Director Barrick reminded Board members of the following upcoming celebrations:

- Monday, December 12, 2012 is Poinsettia Day. The Poinsettia was discovered in Southern Mexico by American Botanist Joel Roberts Poinsett, whose death is commemorated by Poinsettia Day.
- Wednesday, December 7, 2011, is Pearl Harbor Day. President Wolf noted that his granddaughter's band, along with 17 other bands, performed on Thanksgiving Day. A tape of the performance is slated to be televised on Pearl Harbor Day.
- On December 5, 1933, the 21st amendment to the United States Constitution was added, and the 18th amendment was repealed. The 21st amendment lifted the ban on the use of alcohol, and today December 5 is known as Repeal Day.

B. Social Security Numbers

Director McCrea requested that Social Security numbers be redacted from all documents in the Board members' agenda packets.

XXIII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XXIV. 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 8:32 P.M.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 19, 2011