

# **BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Newville, Pennsylvania**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010**

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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) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; Terry Lopp, Treasurer; Kingsley Blasco; David Gutshall; 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 Sample, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Steven Smith, High School Principal; William August, Newville Elementary School Principal; Stacey Kimble, Oak Flat Elementary School Principal; Douglas Kennedy and Alyssa Jones, 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. PRAYER**

Director Blasco offered a prayer.

### **IV. NOVEMBER 15, 2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE NOVEMBER 15, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco for approval of the November 15, 2010 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes; and the November 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Gutshall, Norris, Piper, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

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### 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 Blasco, seconded by Barrick to nominate William Swanson as the temporary president.

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

Roll call vote on the motion by Blasco and second by Barrick to nominate William Swanson as the temporary president. Voting Yes: Blasco, Gutshall, Norris, Piper, Roush, Lopp, 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. 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 Swanson, seconded by Blasco to nominate Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Jr., for President.

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

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

The 2011 Board President, Wilbur Wolf, Jr., began his duties.

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

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

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

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

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**VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Capital Area 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 Area Tax Collection Bureau representative. Mr. William Swanson was appointed as the alternate representative.

**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. 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 - Mrs. Terry Lopp, Chairperson  
Mr. Richard Norris

Mrs. Lopp, Chairperson and Mr. Norris were appointed to the District Improvement Committee.

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

Current Representatives – Mr. Kingsley Blasco, Chairperson

Mr. Blasco, Chairperson, was appointed to serve a one-year term on the Meet and Discuss Committee for Classified Employees.

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**VIII. APPOINTMENTS** (Continued)

**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. 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. David Gutshall  
Mr. Richard Roush

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

**J. Finance Committee**

Current Representatives - Mr. Kingsley Blasco, Chairperson  
Mrs. Terry Lopp  
Mr. William Swanson

Mr. Blasco, Chairperson, Mrs. Lopp, and Mr. Swanson 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.

**L. Tax Collection Committee**

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

Mr. Wolf and Mr. Swanson were appointed to serve as a representative to the Tax Collection Committee.

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### IX. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Mrs. Mary Rodman**, Administrative Director, Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and indicated that she appreciates the input the superintendents and Board representatives provide to the JOC and added that those suggestions “move us in the right direction.”

Mrs. Rodman reviewed the goals of the vo-tech school and noted that it is the goal of the vo-tech school to prepare students to be ready for either a career or college upon graduation from any of the 22 trades offered at the school. Mrs. Rodman provided the members of the Board of School Directors with copies of a pamphlet entitled “Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School, Pathway to College and Career Success.”

Mrs. Rodman introduced Vo-Tech Senior Ben Reid, electrical construction and maintenance student at vo-tech.

Mr. Reid reviewed his reasons for attending the vo-tech school and explained the skills he is learning at the school. Mr. Reid indicated that he is eligible for 16 college credits at vo-tech through the dual-enrollment program. After graduation, Mr. Reid plans to further his education with a five-year apprenticeship program with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Students in the program work full time and attend school two days a month. The education is funded completely as long as a student remains in the program and maintains a C average.

Mr. Reid concluded that it has been a good decision for him to enroll in the Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School.

In response to a question from President Wolf, Mr. Reid suggested that the District offer more in-school announcements and information sessions about the vo-tech school to improve student enrollment. Mr. Reid also suggested that advertising the school to younger students could improve enrollment.

Mrs. Rodman thanked Mr. Reid and his parents for attending this evening’s meeting.

President Wolf and Vice President Swanson congratulated Mr. Reid and presented him with a Big Spring School District Excellence in Education award pen.

#### **B. Recognition of Academic Achievement Awards for the First Quarter**

Mr. Steven Smith, high school principal, recognized those students who have earned the academic achievement award for the first quarter ~ for the 2010-2011 school year.

Grade 9	*Richard Monahan	99.6
Grade 10	*Colby Ott	99.4
Grade 11	Katherine Choate	99.1
Grade 12	Elaina McGann	99.0

Mr. Smith congratulated the students and presented them with certificates of achievement.

President Wolf and Vice President Swanson congratulated the students and presented them with Big Spring School District Excellence in Education award pens.

\*Signifies students who were present this evening.

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### IX. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS (Continued)

#### C. Recognition of Vocational-Technical School Students of the Quarter

Mr. Steven Smith, high school principal, recognized those Vocational-Technical School students who earned "Student of the Quarter" awards for the first quarter of the 2010-2011 school year.

Grade 10	*Amber Beidel	American Studies
Grade 11	*Melissa Cronk	Advertising Art & Design
Grade 11	Tabitha Martin	Cosmetology
Grade 11	*Chase L. Weigle	Automotive Technology
Grade 12	*Nicole A. Beidel	Cosmetology
Grade 12	*Brian Murray	Masonry
Grade 12	*Erik Schall	Computer Information Systems

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#### D. Student Representatives to the Board Report – Douglas Kennedy/Alyssa Jones

The students offered the following report:

1. On December 2, 2010, the Art Club painted windows at Green Ridge Village and Saylor's Market.
2. Tempus offered the movie Home Alone on movie night Saturday, December 4, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.
3. On November 18, 2010, the Concert Band offered an excellent performance of challenging music.
4. The choral concert is slated for Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.
5. On November 19, 20, and 21, Arsenic and Old Lace was performed by 22 thespians led by Mr. Chad Feeser and Mr. Tyler Wonders.
6. Students will perform The Wizard of Oz in March 2011.
7. Athletes for winter sports, including swimming, wrestling, basketball, and competitive cheerleading, began practicing on Friday, November 19, 2010. There are 160 athletes in Grades 9-12.
8. The Bulldog Branch of the Cornerstone Federal Credit Union opened today in the ticket booth. The business is run by students, and hands-on activities for students, along with door prizes, were offered during lunchtime today.
9. Mrs. Sieg's Small Business Development class participated in the Go Green Challenge at the Farm Show Complex recently. The Hempmomentum team, William Garland, Jess Greenawalt, Anna Remeikis, and Racheal Hodecker, placed first and won \$500 scholarships. The third- and fourth-place teams earned \$25 gift cards and other small prizes from the competition. Team members were Kelsey Mayberry, Hannah Cornman, Brooke Lehman, Carl Sheaffer, Matt Gibson, Holly Brenize, and Megan Kuntz.

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- 10. During the November 23, 2010 teacher in-service, staff members worked on reading in the content areas, MAPS data review, and an overview of "High Schools That Work" framework. At the December 8, 2010 faculty meeting, teachers will work together to prioritize action steps in the next phase of the restructuring effort.
- 11. The National Honor Society members are working hard on the food drive and the Star Tree at Saylor's Market.
- 12. Student Council members will host a senior citizen luncheon on December 16, 2010, during sixth period. In addition, Student Council members are working on letters from Santa for elementary school students and making handmade Christmas cards for residents of Green Ridge Village. The cards will be hand-delivered to residents before Christmas.
- 13. The competitive cheerleading team placed first at the Middletown Cheer Fest recently.
- 14. The following six students qualified for District Band: Elaina McGann, Caelan Shirey, Dustin Armond, Winona Fedin, Maria Baldoni, and Clayton McKee. The remaining four students who qualified to try out for District Band each missed a seat by no more than four places.

President Wolf thanked the students for the report.

**X. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**XI. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Fund	<b>\$ 357,237.71</b>	<b>Checks #60248-60392</b>
Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund	<b>38,934.87</b>	<b>Checks #12338-12384</b>
Newville Project	<b>86,498.45</b>	<b>Checks #156-160</b>
Capital Projects	<b>6,500.00</b>	<b>Check #557</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 489,171.03</b>	

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

**XII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no reading of correspondence.

**XIII. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Amber Beidel, Mary Beidel, Nicole Beidel, Joanne Cronk, Charlene D'Amore, Albie Jones, Kay Keim, April Messenger, Mike Monahan, Richi Monahan, Alec Moul, Todd Moul, Brian Murray, Tracey Ott, Ben Reid, Joe Reid, Tammy Reid, Mary Rodman, Colby Ott, Glen Ott, Kim Day, Melissa Cronk, Kathy Weigle, and Chase Weigle.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment was offered.

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**XV. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No structured public comment was offered.

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**(NOTE: The Board addressed  
XVII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-7,  
following Item A-7.)**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)**

**1. Additional Per Diem Substitute Teachers (ACTION ITEM)**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the additions of the individuals listed to the 2010-2011 per diem substitute teacher list as presented, pending all required paperwork.

**Marjorie Boggess - Elementary Education  
Stephanie Millard - Music Education  
Jason Leonard - Health and Physical Education**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**2. Ms. Dianna Stouffer submitted her letter of resignation as a cafeteria worker at the high school, retroactive to November 22, 2010.**

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Stouffer's resignation as a cafeteria worker at the high school, retroactive to November 22, 2010.

**3. Approval of Child-Rearing Leave for Stacey Kimble (ACTION ITEM)**

Mrs. Stacey Kimble, Principal at Oak Flat Elementary School, has requested leave of absence under the Family & Medical Leave Act from approximately March 3, 2011 through approximately May 2, 2011. According to the current ACT 93 Agreement, an administrator 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 agreement.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Kimble's request for leave under the Family & Medical Leave Act and a child-rearing leave of absence from approximately March 3, 2011 through approximately May 2, 2011, according to the terms of the current ACT 93 Agreement.

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**XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)**

**4. Oak Flat Elementary School Quiz Bowl Coaches (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Michelle Holtry, Ms. Amy Lehman, Ms. Nancy Chamberlin, and Ms. Jennifer Heishman have been recommended to serve as Quiz Bowl Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year for Oak Flat Elementary School Quiz Bowl Teams.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Holtry, Ms. Lehman, Ms. Chamberlin and Ms. Heishman as Quiz Bowl Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year at Oak Flat Elementary School and establish their compensation for this position based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**5. Rebecca Coulson Emotional Support Teacher  
Gardners, PA 17324 (replacing Ms. Samantha Hinchey, who has resigned)**

**Education:**

Shippensburg University – Elementary Education (Bachelor’s Degree)  
Shippensburg University – Special Education (Master’s Degree in progress)

**Experience:**

Yellow Breeches Educational Center – Special Education Teacher  
Big Spring School District – Itinerant Emotional Support Teacher  
Big Spring School District – Substitute Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Mrs. Coulson to serve as an emotional support teacher, replacing Ms. Hinchey, who has resigned. Mrs. Coulson’s compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor’s, Step 3, \$42,092.00, 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.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**6. Caitlin Link Long-Term Substitute Middle School Music Teacher  
Harrisburg, PA 17112 (replacing Mrs. Melissa Kiehl, who will be on child-rearing leave)**

**Education:**

Susquehanna University – Music Education (Bachelor’s Degree)

**Experience:**

Lower Paxton Youth Center – After-School Program Teacher  
Newport School District – Middle School/High School Band Director  
Mechanicsburg School District – Substitute Teacher

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Link to serve as a long-term substitute middle school music teacher, replacing Mrs. Kiehl, who will be on child-rearing leave of absence. Ms. Link’s compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor’s, Step 3 \$42,092.00, prorated, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

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**XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)**

**7. 2010-2011 Lifeguard**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Rachel Barrick**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the individual listed to serve as a lifeguard during the 2010-2011 school year, pending receipt of all required paperwork.

**VOTE ON XVII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS**

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris to combine and approve XVII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-7, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Gutshall, Norris, Piper, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**B. Credit Pay**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

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

**Amy Henry      \$ 1,161.00**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors authorize reimbursement for graduate credits as outlined above and as provided in the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

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

**C. Case D of 2010-2011**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

The parents of the student in Case D of 2010-2011 school year waived the right to a formal student discipline hearing before the Board of School Directors.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors exclude the student in Case D of 2010-2011 school year for a period of one (1) year. During the period of exclusion, the student is not permitted on school property at any time for any reason.

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

**D. Case E of 2010-2011**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

The parents of the student in Case E of 2010-2011 school year waived the right to a formal student discipline hearing before the Board of School Directors.

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### XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

#### **D. Case E of 2010-2011** (Continued)

**(ACTION ITEM)**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors exclude the student in Case E of 2010-2011 school year for a period of one (1) year. The student will be placed in an Alternative School from November 22, 2010, to November 22, 2011. During the period of exclusion, the student is not permitted on school property at any time for any reason.

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

**(ACTION ITEM)**

#### **E. Reimbursement of General Fund and Capital Projects Fund for Construction Expenses**

From January of 2009 until the District sold the bonds in October 2010, the General Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund (now Capital Projects Fund) advanced funds to pay for the Newville and Plainfield projects. On October 5 the bond sale closed and the proceeds were placed in the Newville Construction Fund. The Capital Project Fund is due \$ 8,566.82 and the General Fund is due \$ 829,265.08. The 2009-10 financial statements assume these transfers and the figures were verified by the auditors.

The administration recommended that Board of School Directors approve the transfer of \$8,566.82 from the Newville Construction Fund to the Capital Projects Fund and \$829,265.08 from the Newville Construction Fund to the General Fund.

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

#### **F. Committed Fund Balance**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

During the construct of the 2009-10 budget, \$554,000 was expected to be available for transfer into fund balance and be designated specifically for PSERS expense. The draft financial statements show \$2,969,191 in Unassigned Fund Balance. This action would designate \$554,000 of that total as Committed Fund Balance for PSERS expense. Once the Board commits these funds they cannot be used for any other purpose unless changed by a similar board vote.

The administration recommended that Board of School Directors approve the designation of \$554,000 in the Unassigned Fund Balance as Committed Fund Balance to be used exclusively for the payment of PSERS contributions.

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

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### XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

**(ACTION ITEM)**

#### **G. Contractor Payment #10 for Newville Project – Construction Fund**

McKissick Associates reviewed the payment applications for work performed on the Newville Addition & Renovation project. These payments will come from the Newville Construction Fund. A copy of the completed and notarized payment applications was included with the agenda in the following amounts:

<u>Prime</u>	<u>Vendor / App #</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Balance to Pay</u>
General	eciConstruction, LLC	\$ 52,926.67	\$ 153,520.58
HVAC	MidState Mechanical & Electrical, LLC	--	\$ 329,710.02
Electrical	MidState Mechanical & Electrical, LLC	--	\$ 180,937.02
Plumbing	Mann Plumbing and Heating, LLC	\$ 1,800	\$ 0.00

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve payment from the Newville Construction Fund to eciConstruction, LLC in the amount of \$ 52,926.67 and to Mann Plumbing and Heating, LLC in the amount of \$ 1,800.

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

### XVIII. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future Board agenda items.

### XIX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **A. District Improvement Committee – Mrs. Lopp**

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.

The JOC will meet on Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:30 A.M.

#### **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.

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### XIX. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### 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.

### XX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### A. Elementary School Configuration

Superintendent Fry indicated that a presentation on the proposed elementary school reconfiguration would be offered at the December 20, 2010 Board meeting. Mr. Gilliam and Mr. Deitch plan to attend the meeting to answer questions related to transportation issues.

#### B. 2011-2012 School Calendar Draft

Mr. Fry presented a proposed 2011-2012 school calendar draft and noted that Labor Day falls earlier in September; therefore, school could begin a little later. Mr. Fry added that it is his belief that students are better served in session for Veterans Day with programs honoring veterans at all grade levels. Mr. Fry noted that Veterans Day falls on a Friday in 2011.

#### C. Holiday Concerts

Mr. Fry announced the holiday concerts and encouraged everyone to attend.

#### D. Cornerstone Federal Credit Union

Mr. Fry indicated that Big Spring is 1 of 30 school districts in Pennsylvania to offer a bank and/or credit union in school for students. The student-run Cornerstone Federal Credit Union opened at Big Spring High School today.

#### E. Finance Committee

Mr. Fry indicated that Mr. Kerr and Mr. Blasco would be setting a date for a Finance Committee meeting in the near future to address the Act 1 index and the budget process.

### XXI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

#### A. Cornerstone Federal Credit Union Grand Opening

Mr. Barrick indicated that he attended the Cornerstone Federal Credit Union grand opening and spoke with a veteran who attended the recent high school breakfast honoring veterans. Mr. Barrick indicated that the veteran thanked the District for conducting the event, and he added that he was looking forward to next year's breakfast.

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**XXI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (Continued)**

**B. Pearl Harbor Day and Anniversary of the First Flight**

Director Barrick announced that Tuesday, December 7, 2010, is Pearl Harbor Day and that Thursday, December 17, 2010, is the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first flight of the Wright brothers.

**C. Cornerstone Federal Credit Union**

President Wolf indicated that he is pleased with the opening of the Cornerstone Federal Credit Union and with the fact that students are offered a hands-on opportunity to learn about operating a bank and saving money.

**XXII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

**XXIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Norris, seconded by Lopp to adjourn to Executive Session to address personnel and negotiations items and not to return to Open Session. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Blasco, Gutshall, Norris, Piper, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

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Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 20, 2010**