

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

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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; John McCrea; Richard Norris, William Piper, Richard Roush, Kingsley Blasco, and David Gutshall.

*Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Richard Kerr, Business Manager; Steven Smith, High School Principal; and Carol Kuntz, Board Minutes. Curtis Garland, The Valley Times-Star;

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND THE MARCH 17, 2014 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Norris for approval of the March 17, 2014 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes; and the March 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

Executive session was held at 5:30 pm prior to the Board meeting.

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IV. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

Shania Radabaugh and Samuel Tigyer presented the student report.

[Student report is attached.](#)

V. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Mr. Steven Smith, high school principal, will recognize those students who have earned the academic achievement award for the second quarter for the 2013-2014 school year.

English Department

Grade 9 Emily Baker
Grade 10 Jarrett Morrison
Grade 11 Jasa Gibson
Grade 12 Megan Carr

Music Department

Grade 9 Michael Kleine
Grade 10 Alvia Hockenberry
Grade 11 Cody Kerrick
Grade 12 Ian Lloyd

PE/Health Department

Grade 9 Emma Fertig
Grade 10 Joshua Line
Grade 11 Bailey Rebuck
Grade 12 Megan Carr

Tech Ed Department

Grade 9 Austin Bear
Grade 10 Triston Cooper
Grade 11 Kyle Rhoads
Grade 12 Tristan Hoffman

World Language Department

Grade 9 Kaden Hurley
Grade 10 Marissa Massare
Grade 11 Andrue Morgan
Grade 12 David Dunkelberger

Science Department

Grade 9 Korrin Henneman
Grade 10 BreeLynn Myers
Grade 11 Madisyn Palmer
Grade 12 Noah Smith

President Wolf and Vice President Swanson congratulated the students for their outstanding hard work and accomplishments. The students received a certificate for their accomplishments.

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VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS 2013-2014

Procurement Card	\$	43,990.67
Checks/ACH/Wires	\$	4,013,304.48
Capital Projects	\$	3,946.50
Cafeteria Fund	\$	83,910.75
Student Activities	\$	<u>42,513.90</u>
Total	\$	4,187,666.30

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund, Capital Projects, Cafeteria Fund, and Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund payments of bills for 2013-2014 as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

VII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Richard W Fry, Superintendent of Schools received correspondence from Ms. Diane M. Maclay, President, District 7 PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) regarding the 2014 Region V Band Festival on March 14-15, 2014 that was hosted by Big Spring's former and current band directors, Daryl Balseiro and Adam Nobile. The correspondence is included with the agenda.

VIII. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Christopher Beauregard, Sam Sheeler, April Messenger, Curtis Garland, Ben Dunkelberger, Michelle Dunkelberger, David Dunkelberger, Janice Gibson, Jasa Gibson, Marissa Massare, Leonard Massare, Caleb Massare, Bobbie Gutshall, Kaden Hurley, Shea Hurley, Norma Keefer, Kelly Hurley, Jenna Hurley, Josh Line, Doug Line, Kyle Rhoads, Theresa Stum, Doug Stum, Zachary Stum, Bailey Rebuck, Carl Rebuck III, Holly Rebuck, Sally Cree, David Fertig, Emma Fertig, BreeLynn Myers, Tammy Myers, Wayne Myers, Tasha Stratton, Melaina McClintock, Andrué Morgan, Noah Smith, Wanita Smith, Alivia Hockenberry, Dan Hockenberry, Karen Hockenberry, Alex Sweger, Kim Sweger, Andy Sweger, Ellen Hockenbroch, Madisyn Palmer, Deann Palmer, Lori Hoffman, Tristan Hoffman, Lindsay Carns, Michael Kleine, Kirstina Fohringer, Nori Wickerson, Curtis Kelin, Angela Wilson, Karla Henneman, Korrin Henneman, Kris Henneman, Kollin Henneman, and Steve Smith.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

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X. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A) PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1) **Resignation – Gloria Horst**

Mrs. Gloria Horst will be resigning from her position as a First Grade Teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Horst's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a First Grade Teacher at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

2) **Resignation – Marie Rickrode**

Mrs. Marie Rickrode will be resigning from her position as a Grade Two Teacher at Newville Elementary School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Rickrode's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a Grade Two Teacher at Newville Elementary School, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

3) **Resignation – Debbie Bressler**

Mrs. Debbie Bressler will be resigning from her position as a Elementary Librarian for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Bressler's resignation for the purpose of retirement as an Elementary Librarian, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

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(ACTION ITEM)

4) **Resignation – Susan Martin**

Mrs. Susan Martin will be resigning from her position as a Sixth Grade Math Teacher at the Middle School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Martin's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a Sixth Grade Math Teacher at the Middle School, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

5) **Resignation – Sue Piper**

Mrs. Sue Piper will be resigning from her position as a Middle School Art Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Piper's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a Middle School Art Teacher, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

6) **Resignation – Mary Jo Gibson**

Mrs. Mary Jo Gibson will be resigning from her position as a Nine Month Secretary at Oak Flat Elementary School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Gibson's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a Nine Month Secretary at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

7) **Resignation – Susan Holtry**

Mrs. Susan Holtry will be resigning from her position as a ten month secretary at the Middle School for the purpose of retirement, effective December 26, 2014.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Holtry's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a ten month secretary at the Middle School, effective December 26, 2014.

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(ACTION ITEM)

8) Resignation – Nancy Hosler

Mrs. Nancy Hosler will be resigning from her position as a Nine Month Secretary at Newville Elementary School for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Hosler's resignation for the purpose of retirement as a Nine Month Secretary at Newville Elementary School, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(ACTION ITEM)

9) Severance – Beth Herb

Mrs. Beth Herb, Newville Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Herb's resignation at their March 17, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Herb's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Herb is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$7,344.00, under option #2.

Option #1: 21 years of service X \$230.00 = \$4,830.00 -- (Maximum of \$15,400.00)

Option #2: 102 unused sick leave days X \$72.00 = \$7,344.00 -- (Maximum of \$15,400.00)

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Herb's severance allowance of \$7,344.00 as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

10) Severance – Karen Kough

Mrs. Karen Kough, Newville Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Kough's resignation at their March 17, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Kough's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Kough is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$15,400.00, under option #2.

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Option #1: 37 years of service X \$230.00 = \$8,510.00 -- (Maximum of \$15,400.00)

Option #2: 220.5 unused sick leave days X \$72.00 = \$15,876.00 -- Payable \$15,400.00 (\$15,400.00 maximum)

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Kough's severance allowance of \$15,400.00 as presented.

ACTION ITEM)

11) **Resignation – Sean Cohick, Assistant Track Coach**

Mr. Sean Cohick has submitted his resignation letter as an assistant track coach, effective immediately. Mr. Cohick has requested to assist as a volunteer coach.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Cohick's resignation as an assistant track coach and also approve Mr. Cohick's request to assist as a volunteer coach, effective immediately.

ACTION ITEM)

12) **Resignation – Heath Myers, Assistant Track Coach**

Mr. Heath Myers has submitted his resignation letter as an assistant track coach, effective immediately. Mr. Myers has requested to assist as a volunteer coach.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Myers' resignation as an assistant track coach and also approve Mr. Myers' request to assist as a volunteer coach, effective immediately.

ACTION ITEM)

13) **Long-Term Substitute Teacher**

Anne Starr Whitten - Long-Term Substitute Middle School Emotional Support Teacher

Education:

University of Georgia (Bachelor's Degree History and English)

University of North Carolina (Master's in Education)

Experience:

Big Spring School District - Long-Term Substitute 8th Grade Teacher

Big Spring School District - Long-Term Substitute Emotional Support Teacher

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71st Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, NC – Tutor/Remediation Teacher

71st Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, NC – Student Teacher

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors appoint Ms. Anne Starr Whitten to serve as a Long-Term Substitute Emotional Support Teacher at the Middle School, replacing Mrs. Emily Thomas who will be on child-rearing leave of absence retroactive to March 24, 2014 through approximately April 30, 2014. Ms. Whitten's compensation for this position should be established at Master's Degree Step 3, \$50,545.00, 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)

14) **Multiple Disability Support Aide Recommendation**

Mr. William Gillet, Supervisor of Special Education would like to recommend Miss Emily Bower as a part-time Multiple Disability Support Aide at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective immediately, replacing Ms. Jodi Rank who has transferred to the High School.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Miss Emily Bower as a part-time Multiple Disability Support Aide at Oak Flat Elementary School, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

15) **2013-2014 Lifeguards**

**Chloe Fealtman
Olivia Fry**

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the individuals listed to serve as a lifeguard during the 2013-2014 school year, pending receipt of all required paperwork.

(ACTION ITEM)

16) **Coaching Appointments**

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch, Athletic Director would like to recommend the individuals listed to serve as a coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Rebecca Whigham Junior High Track Coach
James Braderman High School Assistant Track Coach**

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors appoint the above listed individuals to serve as a coach for the 2013-2014 school year, as presented.

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(ACTION ITEM)

VOTE ON XII., NEW BUSINESS, A-1 – A-16, PERSONNEL CONCERNS

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Swanson to combine and approve Items A-1 through A-16 as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

B) Credit Pay

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.

Sarah Roller \$2,622.00

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

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea.. Motion carried unanimously. 9 - 0

(ACTION ITEM)

C) Grant Request

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum and Instruction is requesting permission to pursue grant funding from Exelon Corporation. An Exelon employee volunteered their time in one of Big Spring School District's grade one classrooms and that specific grade one class is now eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in mini-grant funds. The grant funds will be utilized to provide additional resources to that classroom to include leveled readers. Information is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Robert's request to pursue grant funding from Exelon Corporation.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommended as amended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

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(ACTION ITEM)

D) **Act 80 Request**

The administration presented a plan to the Board of School Directors on March 17, 2014 that requested Board approval for the addition of two (2) Act 80 days for the 2013-2014 school year. The dates to be utilized for Act 80 purposes are Wednesday, August 21, 2013 and Thursday, August 22, 2013. On these two dates Big Spring's entire professional staff was involved in relevant educational work in support of our instructional program. Detailed schedules for both days that show activities completed in support of our instructional program are included with the administration's request.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of two (2) Act 80 days for the 2013-2014 school year, August 21, 2013 and August 22, 2013.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommended as outlined above.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

Mr. Fry will complete the information for Act 80 tomorrow and he will wait several days to hear whether it is approved.

(ACTION ITEM)

E) **Approval of Mowing Bids**

The results of the District's Mowing Bid are attached, including the District's estimated cost for mowing. After checking references and insurances, the following agreements are presented for approval.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the two year agreements with J+A Lawn Care for mowing Middle and Mt. Rock Schools at \$355 per cut, with Josh Anderson for rough cut mowing at Middle, Mt. Rock and High Schools at \$570 per cut and with 1st Impressions Landscape, Inc. for mowing at Oak Flat School at \$185 per cut and Newville School at \$140 per cut.

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Blasco to approve the recommended as outlined above.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 - 0

(ACTION ITEM)

F) **Approval of Paving Bid**

Center Point and the District received bids on the paving project on April 3rd; a summary is attached. The Board will need to select the base bid and combination of alternates that best meet the District's need. Items for decision are 1) 1.5" or 2" base bid, 2) curb selection, 3) Oak Flat and HS sealing, and 4) curb option for bumper blocks between DAO and Mt. Rock.

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Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris to approve the recommended as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

G) **Approval of Dehumidification Bid**

Wolf Consulting Engineers and the District received bids on the Middle School - Steam Tunnel Moisture Removal Project on April 3d and a summary of those bids is attached. WCE and our Solicitor reviewed the winning bids. The total estimated project cost is \$211, 415 for construction and engineering services.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors accept the bids from Wayne S. Leshar IV, Inc. in the amount of \$23,800 for General Construction work, from Sheet Metal Specialists, LLC in the amount of \$148,390 for HVAC work and from CV Services, Inc. in the amount of \$11,225 for Electrical work. Payment for the construction and engineering services is to come from the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris to approve the recommended as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

H) **Case H of 2013-2014**

The parents of the student in Case H of the 2013-2014 school year waived their right to a formal student discipline hearing before the Board of School Directors.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors exclude the student in Case H of the 2013-2014 school year for a period of forty-five (45) days, reduced to thirty (30) days, predicated upon completion of the Student Assistance Team process. During the period of exclusion, the student is not permitted to attend or participate in any school activities nor appear on school property at any time for any reason.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Blasco to approve the recommended as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

I) **Proposed Trip to Bavaria and Berlin Region**

Ms. Lauren Hetrick and Ms. Mallory Farrands are requesting permission for Big Spring High School students to travel to Bavaria and Berlin, scheduled for June, 2015. A detailed itinerary is included with the agenda.

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The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors grant Ms. Hetrick and Ms. Farrands approval for the Big Spring High School students to travel to Bavaria and Berlin as presented.

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommended as outlined above.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Blasco, and McCrea.
Motion carried unanimously. 9-0

(ACTION ITEM)

J) Facilities Utilization Request

Mr. Michael Ginter is requesting permission to use the high school soccer field from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on April 6, May 4 and June 1, 2014, for Big Spring youth soccer games. Because the utilization dates are on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Ginter's request to use the high school soccer field from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on April 6, May 4 and June 1, 2014, for Big Spring youth soccer games, as presented.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Norris to approve the recommended as outlined above.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Blasco, Piper, Norris, Roush, and McCrea.
Voting No: Barrick. Motion carried. 8 – 1

(ACTION ITEM)

K) Permission to Attend Boys Basketball Team Camp Request

Mr. Jason Creek, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, is requesting Board approval for the boys' basketball team and coaches to attend team camp at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina from June 26, 2014 through June 29, 2014. All expenses are paid for by the respective teams and/or individual student athletes.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Creek's request for the boys basketball team and coaches to attend the summer team camp as presented.

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommended as outlined above.
Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Blasco, Piper, Norris, Roush, and McCrea.
Voting No: Barrick. Motion carried. 8 – 1

(ACTION ITEM)

L) Permission to Conduct Boys' Basketball Camp

Mr. Jason Creek, head boys' basketball coach, is requesting permission to offer a youth boys basketball summer camp to all Big Spring School District boys who will be entering grades one through eight at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, Mr. Creek is requesting a waiver of the building utilization fee. There will be no cost to the school district for the proposed

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program. Additional information regarding the proposed boys' basketball camp is included with the agenda.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Creek's request to offer a boys' basketball summer camp from July 22nd through July 25, 2013, as presented, and waive the building utilization fee.

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

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(INFORMATION ITEM)

M) **Designation of Additional Assigned Fund Balance**

At the Finance Committee meeting on March 17th, the Committee and administration agreed to assign an additional \$250,000 of unassigned fund balance to PSERS and an equal amount to Technology reducing the Unassigned Fund Balance to \$3,520,000 for budget year 2014/15.

(INFORMATION ITEM)

N) **Proposed Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, is recommending the following book to the Superintendent of Schools. The book is available for review in the curriculum office by any member of the Board of School Directors who wishes to review the book, prior to the April 22, 2014 Board of School Directors meeting.

Course -- Middle School Science - 4 C's Title -- Hoot

(INFORMATION ITEM)

O) **PSBA Officer Nominations**

The PSBA Leadership Development Committee is in the process of choosing elected leadership of the association. Information is included with the agenda regarding the application for nominations.

XIII. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. District Improvement Committee – Mr. Norris/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

We received 20 applications for the principals' position. We have narrowed it down to 6 or 7. They are setting up interviews.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Barrick

I make a motion that the Board of School Directors accept the paving bid from Valley Quarries, Inc. a Division of New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc. at a cost of One hundred Seventy thousand Fifty-six dollars (\$170,056.00) for Base Bid Option 1B. In addition, the District accepts Alternate Option 1 (mountable curb) at Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety dollars (\$15,390); Alternate Option 5 (Oak Flat sealing) at Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-five dollars (\$3,475.00); Alternate option 6 (High School sealing) at Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) and 184 additional feet of 6-inch concrete curb at a cost of Five thousand Two hundred and forty-four dollars for a total bid cost of One hundred ninety seven thousand One hundred sixty five dollars (\$197,165). Pending Solicitor review of bid documents, bonds and confirmation of bid pricing with Valley Quarries, the administration is authorized to complete such contracts and documents as required for the project.

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris to approve the recommended as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

E. Finance Committee – Mr. Blasco, Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Gutshall

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered.

F. South Central Trust – Mr. Blasco

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered.

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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.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Final Sale of Frankford and Plainfield** - On March 24, Cumberland County Court approved a sales agreement for Frankford and Plainfield. Our school solicitor and Yellow Breeches are working on a final closure document. This should be finished in the next month or so. I will be asking for Board input regard Mifflin and where we go from here. We have a lease agreement at Mifflin.
2. **Resignations** – The Big Spring School District has seven teachers retiring with a combined teaching experience of 219 years. The administration now has the necessary information regarding retirements for us to advertise and plan for next year's personnel issues. It is important that we start that process now for advertisement as well as relocation or movement internally. The Board will get administrative communication in that regard.
3. **Ethics Form** – We still have several ethics forms that we need completed and returned to Cathy Gibb.
4. **State Auditors** – Mr. Kerr has been informed that the State Auditors will be arriving next week. The Board will be given a report early next year.

XVI. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Piper would like to thank Mrs. Sue Piper and Mrs. Susan Martin for their letter of resignation. Their letters were well written and showed great appreciation for the Big Spring School District.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

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XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Norris, seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting and to executive session to discuss personnel and negotiation issues. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Gutshall, Swanson, Barrick, Piper, Norris, Roush, Blasco, and McCrea. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 22, 2014