

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 3, 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 8:05 P.M. with President Wilbur Wolf, Jr., presiding. Seven (7) directors present: Wilbur Wolf, Jr., President; William Swanson, Vice President; Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary; Terry Lopp, Treasurer; Tarin Houpt; Richard Norris; and Richard Roush.

Kingsley Blasco and William Piper were absent.

Others in attendance: Richard Fry, Superintendent; Jeanne Temple, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Educational Technology; Richard E. Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Chris Boyd, High School Assistant Principal; Krista Zeigler, Plainfield Elementary School Principal; Denny Clopper, The Valley Times-Star; Douglas Kennedy and Cora Agar, 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

President Wolf offered a prayer.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 19, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Barrick, seconded by Norris for approval of the April 19, 2010 Committee of the Whole of the Board Meeting Minutes and the April 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Houpt, Norris, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

V. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Recognition of Vocational-Technical School Students of the Quarter

Mr. Chris Boyd, high school assistant principal, recognized those Vocational-Technical School students who earned "Student of the Quarter" awards for the third quarter of the 2009-2010 school year.

Grade 10	*Daniel A. Farling	Carpentry
Grade 10	Morgan M. Hall	Cosmetology
Grade 10	*Dakota D. Hess	Diesel Technology
Grade 10	*Ashlee N. Kitner	American Studies
Grade 10	*Joshua S. Stewart	Electrical Construction & Maintenance
Grade 11	*Christina M. Carbaugh	World Studies
Grade 11	*Zachariah R. Mallein	HVAC
Grade 11	Brian K. Murray	Masonry
Grade 11	Jerika A. Palm	Health Occupations
Grade 11	*Benjamin P. Reid	Electrical Construction & Maintenance
Grade 11	Erik R. Schall	Computer Information System
Grade 12	*Drew M. Flinchum	Welding
Grade 12	*Travis D. Jumper	Automotive Collision Technology
Grade 12	*Alyssa M. Vance	Culinary Arts

*Represents those students present this evening.

Mr. Boyd 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.

Director Barrick thanked the vo-tech students for attending this evening's meeting to be honored.

B. Recognition of Academic Achievement Awards for the Second Quarter

Mr. Chris Boyd recognized those students who have earned the academic achievement award for the second quarter for the 2009-2010 school year.

Grade 9	Ryan Foulz	99.2
Grade 10	Andrew Fry	98.3
Grade 11	Sarah Weingarten	102.2
Grade 12	Sara Markowitz	101.9

Mr. Boyd 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.

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

- C. Mr. Richard W. Fry**, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mrs. Krista Zeigler, Plainfield Elementary School Principal, who recognized the 2009-2010 Quiz Bowl Champions and Coaches.

The Quiz Bowl Members and coaches are as follows:

Plainfield Quiz Bowl Champion Team and Coach (First Place)

Mrs. Stacey Gibb – Coach
Isabelle Macioce
Cole Miller
Samantha Meacock
Paige Snyder
Emily Franklin
Anthony Cleary

The Plainfield Elementary School Quiz Bowl champion team members were present this evening.

Newville Quiz Bowl Champion Team and Coaches (Second Place)

Mrs. Wanita Smith – Parent Coach
Miss. Stefanie D'Amore – Coach
Mrs. Wendy Arnold – Coach
Ethan Lee
Emily Webber
Jessica Irvin
Madison Smith
Bailey Jones
Brooke Van Hove

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

- D. Mr. Richard W. Fry**, Superintendent of Schools, recognized the staff members who are the recipients of the Lauretta Woodson Award. The recipients are Sharon Miller and Sandy Crouse.

Mr. Jim Thissel, Cumberland County Chapter of School Retirees, presented Sharon Miller with the 2010 Loretta Woodson Cumberland County Support Person of the Year Award and presented Sandy Crouse with the 2010 Loretta Woodson Cumberland County Professional of the Year Award. Mr. Thissel presented the award winners, both Big Spring Middle School staff members, with medals and plaques.

E. Student Representatives to the Board Report – Douglas Kennedy/Cora Agar

The students offered the following report:

1. On April 15 and 16, 2010, vo-tech students Kacy Blessing and Tyler Russell competed in the State USA Skills tests. Kacy placed second in the job interview competition. Tyler competed in the dental assistant competition.
2. The junior class finished the writing and science PSSAs. The juniors hope to exceed last year's junior class proficiency level of 53 percent in reading, 62 percent in math, 77 percent in writing, and 21 percent in science. Make-up tests will be administered this week.

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

F. Student Representatives to the Board Report – Douglas Kennedy/Cora Agar (Continued)

The students offered the following report:

3. On April 23, 2010, the Student Council and the National Honor Society members participated in the Youth Day of Caring where the students spent the day at Allison Hill cleaning up trash and repairing items in the park.
4. On April 23, 2010, Tempus and Student Council members showed The Blind Side at its first movie night. Approximately 100 students, teachers, and principals were in attendance. The movie was free, and students could make ice cream sundaes or buy refreshments.
5. The Shakespeare Troupe performed scenes from Hamlet in Harrisburg on April 22, 2010, and at Shippensburg University on April 23, 2010.
6. The high school musical cast of Anything Goes earned the following Apollo Awards nominations: Travis Gilbert, Best Supporting Actor for his performance of Sir Evelyn Oakleigh; entire cast, Best Musical Dance Number for the tap number "Anything Goes."
7. On Wednesday, April 28, 2010, the Kiwanis Club honored 12 students from Big Spring, Carlisle, and Boiling Springs High Schools who rank in the top 5 percent of the senior class. Mr. Smith introduced the students, and each spoke of their most memorable experiences in high school and outlined future plans. The 12 Big Spring students honored are as follows: Dominic Baldoni, William Baublitz, Kendra Bitner, John Bolen, Jr., Alex Fry, Erin Gibson, Sara Markowitz, Samantha McCulloch, Amanda McGuire, Schuyler Miller, Austin Stover, and Kathleen Woods.
8. On Saturday, May 1, 2010, the baseball and softball teams competed in the Bulldog Classic held at the high school. The baseball team won the tournament with a score of 9-7 over New Oxford.
9. Several members of the track and field team competed in the Stan Morgan Track and Field event in Carlisle. Lauren Swartz placed 12th in the 100 dash, and Kathleen Woods placed 11th in the discus and 21st in the shot put. The boys' 1600 relay team placed 10th. Team members included Clayton Agar, D.J. Carey, Ben Keiter, and Austin Stover. Joe Todaro placed 12th in the mile run, and Schuyler Miller placed 18th in the 800 run. In the pole vault, Tyler Baum placed 9th; Janos Beauchamp, 10th; and Cody Harkins, 15th. The team of Tyler Baum, D.J. Carey, Cody Harkins, and Austin Stover placed 12th in the 400 relay.

President Wolf thanked the students for the report.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund Account Payment of Bills and Central Treasury Athletic and Student Activity/Miscellaneous Account Payment of Bills

Motion by Lopp, seconded by Roush for approval of General Fund Account checks #57741-57886 totaling \$511,658.39 and Central Treasury Athletic Account checks #14482-14538 and voided checks #14526, 14527, 14528 and 14534 totaling \$10,209.52 and Central Treasury Student Activity/Miscellaneous Account checks #11998 and 12013-12027 and 119999-120012 totaling \$15,131.50. Grand total General Fund, Athletic, and Student Activity/Miscellaneous: \$536,999.41. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Houpt, Norris, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no reading of correspondence.

IX. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Niky Beidel, Christina Carbaugh, Joseph Carbaugh, Vicky Carbaugh, Anthony Cleary, Melinda Cleary, Bill Crouse, Sandy Crouse, Charlene D'Amore, A.J. Farling, Daniel Farling, George Farling, Gloria Farling, James Fissel, Sharon Fissel, Drew Flinchum, Ryan Foulz, Becca Franklin, Emily Franklin, Emily Franklin, Seth Franklin, Steve Franklin, Jenny Franklin, Andrew Fry, Kelly Fry, Cindy Fultz, Stacey Gibb, Danielle Hassinger, Dakota Hess, Ron Hess, Darrin Jumper, Travis Jumper, Kelly Kunkleman, Isabelle Macioce, Melanie Macioce, Teresa Macioce, Zach Mallein, Zachariah Mallein, Mike Markowitz, Sara Markowitz, Kim Meacock, Sami Meacock, Cole Miller, Fay Miller, Louise Miller, Sharon Miller, Paul Moro, Thelma Moro, Ben Reid, Benjamin Reid, Joe Reid, Tammy Reid, Roger Russell, Stacy Russell, Susan Russell, Beth Snyder, Haleigh Snyder, Paige Snyder, Shawn Snyder, Charles Stewart, Cindy Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Aly Vance, Alyssa Vance, Denise Vance, Harry Vance, Savannah Vance, Tessa Vance, Kaci Vaughn, Sara Weingarten and family, Michelle Wiser.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Moro, South Newton Township, addressed the members of the Board of School Directors regarding property taxes.

Mr. Moro indicated that receipt of his real estate tax reassessment notice was delayed because he was out of town for an extended period, and he noted that he recently discovered his property assessment increased by \$48,000.00. This reassessment would mean Mr. Moro's taxes would increase to \$686.00.

Mr. Moro reminded the Board of the cost of living increases, particularly for food and gas, and he encouraged the Board to "have compassion when you go to crunch the numbers." Mr. Moro encouraged the Board to decrease the current mill rate to be equal to the real estate tax that is presently in place. Mr. Moro reminded the Board that District residents who have lost their jobs and those who are on fixed incomes, particularly the elderly, have difficulty paying the real estate taxes.

Mr. Moro encouraged the Board to "put a freeze on spending for the entire year." Mr. Moro indicated that, while he realizes this could be difficult, he believes it can be done.

Mr. Moro thanked the members of the Board of School Directors for allowing him to speak this evening.

President Wolf explained that the reassessment data would not be applicable until the 2011-2012 tax year. In addition, Mr. Wolf explained that when the reassessment goes into effect, the District would be required to adjust the millage so that the District's real estate tax income would be "revenue neutral to the new assessed value. Mr. Wolf indicated that the District has the legal capacity to increase the rate by 10 percent; however, initially, the "revenue neutral" calculations must be completed.

XI. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No structured public comment was offered.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

(NOTE: The Board addressed
XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9,
following Item A-9.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS

1. Additional Per Diem Substitute Teachers

(ACTION ITEM)

**Rachelle Rowles – Elementary Education
Amanda Miller - Elementary Education**

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the additions of the individuals listed to the 2009-2010 per diem substitute teacher list as presented, pending all required paperwork.

(ACTION ITEM)

- 2. Mrs. Nancy Werner**, home economics teacher, submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 09-10 school year, and the Board of School Directors accepted Mrs. Werner's resignation at the April 6, 2010 meeting of the Board of School Directors. Mrs. Werner's severance allowance has been calculated and submitted to the Board for approval at this time.

As per the following calculations, Mrs. Werner is entitled to a severance allowance in the amount of \$5,200.00, under option #1.

Option #1:

26 years of service X \$200.00 = \$5,200.00
(Maximum of \$13,500.00)

Option #2:

61.5 unused sick leave days X \$76.00 = \$4,674.00
(\$13,500.00 maximum)

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Werner's severance allowance of \$5,200.00 as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

- 3. Mrs. Marie Nye**, Title I reading teacher, requested one-half day of leave without pay, retroactive to April 23, 2010.

Section 3.09 of the contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District provides that "The Board may grant leave without pay to an employee who requests prior approval for such leave."

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Nye's request for one-half day of leave without pay as presented.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

(ACTION ITEM)

4. **Mrs. Karen Showaker**, middle school family consumer science teacher, requested one day of leave without pay, retroactive to April 23, 2010.

Section 3.09 of the contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District provides that "The Board may grant leave without pay to an employee who requests prior approval for such leave."

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Showaker's request for one day of leave without pay as presented.

5. **Substitute Cafeteria Worker**

(ACTION ITEM)

The individual whose name is listed below was recommended to serve as a cafeteria substitute during the 2009-2010 school year

Ms. Karen Fetchkan

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Ms. Fetchkan as cafeteria substitute as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

6. **Mrs. Lindsay Graham**, assistant volleyball coach, submitted her letter of resignation as an assistant volleyball coach.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mrs. Graham's resignation as an assistant volleyball coach, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

7. **Ms. Nicole Gutshall**, assistant field hockey coach submitted her letter of resignation as an assistant field hockey coach.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Ms. Gutshall's resignation as an assistant field hockey coach, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

8. **Mr. Josh Barrick**, assistant wrestling coach, submitted his letter of resignation as an assistant wrestling coach.

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

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors accept Mr. Barrick's resignation as an assistant wrestling coach, effective immediately.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. PERSONNEL CONCERNS (Continued)

9. Coaching Appointments

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jay Hockenbroch recommended the individuals listed to serve as coaches during the 2010-2011 school year.

Steve Naticchia	High School Head Basketball Coach
Josh Barrick	Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Natalie Hutchinson	Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors appoint the above listed individuals to coach during the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Norris to combine and approve XIII., NEW BUSINESS, A., PERSONNEL CONCERNS, Items A-1 through A-9, as outlined and recommended above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Houpt, Norris, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Credit Pay

(ACTION ITEM)

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

Andrew Pettit	\$ 939.99
Cherie Powell	\$ 942.00
Carol Yanity	<u>\$ 1,170.00</u>
	\$ 3,051.99

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: Houpt, Norris, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

(The Board addressed XIII., NEW BUSINESS, Items C and D, following Item D.)

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

C. Permission to Attend Volleyball Summer Camp

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Truesdell, Head Volleyball Coach, requested Board approval for the volleyball team and coaches to attend the summer camp listed below:

Volleyball Camp July 22, 2010 - July 24, 2010 Penn State University

All expenses are paid for by the respective teams and/or individual student athletes.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Ms. Truesdell's request for Big Spring student-athletes and coaches to attend the summer team camp as presented.

D. Permission to Attend Football Summer Camp

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Brent Stroh, Varsity Football Coach, requested Board approval for the football team and coaches to attend the summer camp listed below:

Football Camp August 1, 2010 - August 5, 2010 Lycoming College

All expenses are paid for by the respective teams and/or individual student athletes.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Stroh's request for Big Spring student-athletes and coaches to attend the summer team camp as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON XIII., NEW BUSINESS, ITEMS C AND D

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

In response to a question from Director Norris, Mr. Fry indicated that the campers are required to pay all costs associated with the camp, including a transportation fee.

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

E. Summer School Subjects and Personnel

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Technology, has organized staffing and summer school sessions for elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Information was included with the agenda.

The administration recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the proposed summer school sessions, subjects, and staffing as presented.

Motion by Lopp, seconded by Norris to approve the recommendation as outlined above and the teacher list as amended during this evening's Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Hought, Norris, Roush, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf.
Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

F. Award Of Bid For Asbestos Abatement At Newville

(ACTION ITEM)

As part of the Newville addition & renovation a limited asbestos abatement is required. The base bid for the project assumed a two-week period for the cleanup and testing using one shift per day. Given the short time available this summer, ECI Construction believes the two week downtime significantly endangers project completion prior to school start in the fall. Therefore, we issued an addendum to the bid spec requiring two shifts per day. Only two bids were received and one of those could not meet the two shift per day requirement. Therefore, Analytical Labs is recommending the Board accept the bid from Retro Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars).

This item was addressed at this evening's Committee of the Whole of the Board meeting.

The administration recommended the board award the bid for asbestos abatement required as part of the Newville project to Retro Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars).

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

In response to a question from President Wolf, Mr. Kerr indicated that no action is necessary with regard to the Analytical Laboratory Services. Analytical Laboratory provides management services to the District throughout the year, and their \$800 fee includes the testing for this asbestos abatement project.

Roll call vote on the motion by Barrick and second by Lopp to approve the recommendation as outlined above: Voting Yes: Houpt, Norris, Lopp, Barrick, Swanson, and Wolf. Voting No: Roush. Total Yes votes: Six (6). Total No votes: One (1). Motion carried by a majority vote.

G. Additional Coach

(INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM)

The administration is prepared to discuss an additional cross country coach.

Information was included with the agenda.

Superintendent Fry indicated that the Athletic Committee recommended an additional cross country coach; however, the administration does not concur with the committee's recommendation. Mr. Fry indicated that the administration is confident that volunteer coaches would provide for the safety of athletes, if deemed necessary. Mr. Fry indicated that he could not justify adding this position at a time when the economy is unstable and could get even worse.

Vice President Swanson indicated that this topic was an item for discussion at a recent meeting. Mr. Swanson indicated that, although the Athletic Committee is recommending the additional coach, Mr. Swanson does not believe that there is enough justification for requiring an additional coach, especially in light of the fact that this is a time when the Board is not hiring staff members to fill three vacated teaching positions and the Board is eliminating 10 classified employees in the coming year.

Mr. Swanson agreed that volunteer assistants could meet the needs of the cross country team.

Director Barrick indicated that he reviewed the athletic coach statistics for Big Spring and neighboring school districts, and Big Spring appears to be "right in the middle" with the coach-to-student ratio. Mr. Barrick added that he does not see a justification for the position based on those numbers.

XIV. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future Board agenda items.

XV. 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

President Wolf indicated that bringing Big Spring's vo-tech students back to the home district for lunch next year promises to have a positive effect on the both the students and the vo-tech school.

The JOC continues to negotiate a new three-year contract with Mrs. Rodden, and the contract is slated for approval at the next JOC 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

No meeting was conducted, and no report was offered.

F. South Central Trust – Mr. Blasco

The South Central Trust Board met last week and approved rates for several school districts, including Big Spring. Big Spring is short approximately \$100,000.00 in the SCT fund balance this year; therefore, next year's healthcare contribution rate is being increased to 6.4 percent. Mr. Kerr will provide additional information on this issue in his third quarter report at the May 17, 2010 Board meeting.

G. Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Wolf

President Wolf indicated that the CAIU Strawberry Square facility "will survive another year" because Harrisburg School District has decided to send a full component of students to the program. However, if Harrisburg School District ceases participation next year, the CAIU districts would be responsible to meet the obligations required with regard to the \$800,000.00 eight-year lease. Mr. Wolf indicated that if Harrisburg pulls out, the CAIU "would have to shut the program down."

Superintendent Fry noted that if Harrisburg pulls out of the program, there would be a "firestorm with regard to how it is settled."

Board members were provided with copies of CAIU Board Highlights from the April 22, 2010 meeting.

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

H. Capital Tax Collection Bureau – Mr. Wolf

President Wolf indicated that the Board of CapTax has declined to share equity with those Districts pulling out of CapTax as a result of Act 32.

Mr. Wolf indicated that there would be a meeting with Big Spring, South Middleton, and Carlisle School District officials and solicitors to review options, including speeding our transfer to West Shore Tax Bureau by one year if that entity can support the expedited transfer.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. West Pennsboro Township Meeting

Superintendent Fry indicated that the West Pennsboro Township officials have granted final approval to Big Spring School District for the construction of the new Plainfield Elementary School, with stipulations including improvements to Greason Road, removal of a hump in that road, installation of a turning lane, and widening of the roadway. The Springview Road curbing and sidewalk have been deferred in a manner that will require a trigger clause based on a one-year grace period following the development of the adjacent site. Solicitor Spare is preparing documents to this effect to be proposed to Township Solicitor Paul Zeigler and Township officials for review and final approval.

Mr. Fry indicated that he believes this is a fair agreement for both sides, and he added that he believes the public would support the improvements to Greason Road.

Mr. Fry added that he appreciates the Township officials' willingness to work with the District on this issue.

B. Band Concerts

Mr. Fry invited Board members to attend the middle school band concert on May 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the middle school auditorium. In addition, Mr. Fry invited Board members to attend the high school band concert on May 13, 2010, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium.

C. Building Advisory Team Meeting and PSBA Spring Legislative Meeting

Mr. Fry indicated that a BAT meeting is slated for Wednesday, May 12, 2010, the same evening as the PSBA spring legislative meeting. Mr. Wolf will attend the PSBA meeting, and Mr. Barrick will attend the BAT meeting. Mr. Fry encouraged Board members to attend the PSBA meeting with legislators, if possible, to offer input to local legislators.

D. Banquets

Mr. Fry encouraged interested Board members to notify him this evening if they are planning to attend the May 20, 2010 FFA Banquet at Penn Township Firehall.

RSVPs for the Athletic Banquet at the high school are due in mid May 2010.

Board members are also invited to the Prom at the Letort View Community Center, Carlisle Barracks. Visitors' names must be on a guest list to gain entrance to the property.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

E. Response to April 19, 2010 Public Comment

Superintendent Fry indicated that included in this evening's Board packet is a letter outlining the administration's response to the concerns expressed by a parent at the April 19, 2010 Board meeting.

XVII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No business from the floor was offered.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.



Robert Lee Barrick, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, May 17, 2010