

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

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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; William Piper, Secretary; David Gutshall, Treasurer; Todd Deihl, Bob Kanc, Robert Over, Richard Roush, and Kingsley Blasco.

*Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr Jr, Business Manager; Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rick Gilliam, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation; Robert Krepps, Director of Technology; and Carol Frace, Board Minutes.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES, AND THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 BUILDING AND PROPERTY MINUTES.

Motion by Kanc, seconded by Blasco for approval of the December 11, 2017 Building and Property Minutes; the December 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes; and the December 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Roush, Over, Kanc, Deihl, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

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IV. RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dr. Linda Wilson, Middle School Principal recognized the students listed for their artwork for the “first” District Christmas Card which was distributed to the surrounding school districts.

Lily Weaver – Grade 7
*Nickson Gatch – Grade 7

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

*Absent

V. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND BOARD REPORTS

Emily Webber and Seth Franklin presented a student report.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS – PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund	
Procurement Card	\$ 37,334.67
Checks/ACH/Wires	\$ 3,675,640.70
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 402.30
Newville Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 190,789.54
Student Activities	\$ 47,882.51
Total	\$ 3,952,049.72

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for approval of General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Newville Projects Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Student Activity/Miscellaneous Fund payments of bills as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Over, Deihl, Kanc, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

VII. TREASURER REPORT

General Fund	\$ 23,425,012.02
Capital Reserves Fund	\$ 7,648,742.91
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 340,138.43
Student Activities	\$ 236,833.46
Newville Projects Fund	\$ 9,848,532.49
Total	\$ 41,499,259.31

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VII. TREASURER REPORT (...continued)

The Treasurer's Report showed balances as outlined above as of January 15, 2018.

Motion by Gutshall, seconded by Blasco for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Deihl, Kanc, Over, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

VIII. YTD GENERAL FUND REPORT AND YTD TAXES

The administration prepared these reports for the Board. The General Fund report looks at our revenue and expense for this year against the budget and compares those amounts to last year. The YTD Tax report shows the monthly collections and cumulative collections and compares that to the two previous years.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Roush to accept Year-to-Date General Fund and Tax Reports as outlined above. Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Deihl, Kanc, Over, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

IX. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

X. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Sam Sheeler, Nicholas Gilbert, Shane Miller, Rob Malick, Andrew Malick, Collin Anderson, Nicholas Moul, Todd Moul, Charlene D'Amore, Shawn Britcher, Jennifer Clouser, Aaron Clouser, Hayden Clouser, Rodney Clouser, Tiffney Trayer, Connie Weaver, Lily Weaver, Bill Beck, David Pathemore, Nicholas Egger, Charles Egger, and Emily Webber.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Bill Beck, 108 Lawrence Lane, Carlisle, PA addressed the members of the Board of School Directors and offered a prayer of encouragement for the Board members and community.

Mr. Nicholas Gilbert, 202 Steelstown Road, Newville, PA. Mr. Gilbert expressed concerns to the Board of School Directors about fliers no longer being able to be distributed throughout the schools on behalf of the boy scouts. Boy Scouts provides very rewarding experiences for children. They teach morals and life lessons to children. Distributing fliers through the schools allows us to reach out to more students and get them involved in the Boy Scout experience. This is a fantastic program.

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XI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (...continued)

Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors and the public that the distribution policy is an all or nothing policy. If someone comes to us to distribute material that might not be as rewarding as the Boy Scouts, we would have to distribute their material as well. I was no longer comfortable deciding what to distribute and what not to distribute. This policy was recently reviewed by the Board and put into place. Unfortunately it does affect good programs. We can put this as an item for the Board to look at during a Committee of the Whole in the future if the Board would like. We do advertise programs on our community page on the district website.

Mr. Kanc inquired if the boy scouts contacted other groups in the community like the Lions Club or Kiwanis Club to help distribute their fliers. There are other resources out there to assist you.

XII. STRUCTURED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A) PERSONNEL CONCERNS

(ACTION ITEM)

1) Resignation – Assistant Baseball Coach

Mr. Wes Reall submitted his letter of resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach, effective immediately. Mr. Reall has requested to assist as a volunteer baseball coach.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Reall's resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach as well to assist as a volunteer baseball coach.

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(ACTION ITEM)

2) **Resignation – Assistant Track Coach**

Ms. Julie Walter has submitted her resignation as Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Ms. Walter's resignation as Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

3) **Resignation – Traffic Security Personnel**

Per an email communication from Mr. Rick Gilliam, Mr. Kenny Adams has resigned from his position as Traffic Security. The resignation was communicated through a phone conversation with Mr. Gilliam.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Adams' resignation, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

4) **Resignation – Administrative Assistant for PIMS and Child Accounting**

Mrs. Carol Frace has submitted her resignation as Administrative Assistant for PIMS and Child Accounting, effective June 30, 2018.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mrs. Frace's resignation, effective June 30, 2018.

(ACTION ITEM)

5) **Leave Without Pay – Jesse Deutsch**

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. Mr. Jesse Deutsch is requesting a half day leave without pay, retroactive to December 21, 2017.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the following request for leave without pay, as presented.

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(ACTION ITEM)

6) **Leave Without Pay – Barbara Dellinger**

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. Ms. Barbara Dellinger is requesting a half-day leave without pay, retroactive to January 11, 2018.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the following request for leave without pay, as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

7) **Recommendation for Technology Education/Agriculture Chairperson**

Mrs. Robyn Euker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction would like to recommend Mr. Joseph Barnouski as the Technology Education/Agriculture Department Chairperson, replacing Mr. Dwain Messersmith who has resigned.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Joseph Barnouski as the Technology Education/Agriculture Department Chairperson, effective immediately.

(ACTION ITEM)

8) **Recommendation for Classified Personnel Transfer**

The administration would like to recommend the transfer of Mrs. Laurie Miller, Administrative Assistant at Newville Elementary School to the position of Administrative Assistant to High School Administration for Attendance. Mrs. Miller will continue with her same salary rate, within the Classified Agreement.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the transfer of Mrs. Laurie Miller, as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

9) **Source4Teachers (Mission One) Aide Recommendation**

The administration requests permission to move forward with the recommendation of the aide listed below with Source4Teachers (Mission One), the District substitute teaching/aide contractor, retroactive to December 18, 2017.

Angela Ritter

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(ACTION ITEM)

10) **Recommendation for Technology Student Adviser – Mr. Anthony Casella**

Mr. William August, High School Principal would like to recommend Mr. Anthony Casella as the Technology Student Association Adviser for the remainder of the 17-18 school year, replacing Mr. Dwain Messersmith who has resigned.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Casella as the Technology Student Association Adviser for the remainder of the 17-18 school year, as presented.

(ACTION ITEM)

11) **Recommendation for Source4Teachers Long-Term Substitute**

The administration requests permission to move forward with the recommendation for the long-term substitute listed below with Source4Teachers, the District substitute teaching contractor.

Mrs. Megan (Jana) Barrick, Long-Term Substitute for Middle Teachers - Ms. Fran Stewart and Mrs. Emily Creek

(ACTION ITEM)

12) **Middle School Sixth Grade Learning Support Teacher – Miss Alexa Moran**

Education:

Shippensburg University - Early Childhood/Elementary Education/Special Education PreK-8

Experience:

Scotland Elementary School - Teacher Assistant
Greencastle-Antrim Elementary School - Teacher Assistant

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors appoint Miss Alexa Moran to serve as a Middle School Sixth Grade Learning Support Teacher, replacing Mr. Philip Fassl who has resigned. Miss Moran's compensation for this position should be established at Bachelor's, step 1, \$49,600.00, plus a \$400.00 special Education stipend, based on the current contract between the Big Spring Education Association and the Big Spring School District.

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VOTE ON XIV., NEW BUSINESS, A-1 – A-12, PERSONNEL CONCERNS

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Roush to combine and approve Items A -1 through A - 12 as outlined and recommended above. Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Deihl, Kanc, Over, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

B) Credit Pay

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

Megan Anderson	\$ 1,410.00
Shannon Arnold	\$ 1,410.00
Charlene D'Amore	\$ 245.00
Greg Ellerman	\$ 735.00
Robyn Euker	\$ 3,600.00
Stacey Gibb	\$ 900.00
Nathaniel Gutshall	\$ 1,470.00
Kelsey Hernjak	\$ 1,380.00
Timothy Kireta	\$ 708.00
Jocelyn Kraus	\$ 1,470.00
Abigail Leonard	\$ 3,600.00
Catherine Leonard	\$ 1,410.00
Crystal Martin	\$ 900.00
Jenna McIntire	\$ 705.00
Clarissa Nace	\$ 2,000.00
Luke Nerone	\$ 1,470.00
Sarah O'Donnell	\$ 5,880.00
Chelsey Piper	\$ 1,470.00
Dana Sheaffer	\$ 1,410.00
Amelia Tearnan	\$ 1,440.00
Cecilia Warthin	\$ 1,470.00
Edward Wilson	\$ 1,470.00
Total	\$36,553.00

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, the Act 93 Agreement and the Big Spring School District.

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Motion by Blasco, seconded by Swanson to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Deihl, Kanc, Over, Roush, and Blasco. Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

(ACTION ITEM)

C) **Approval of Proposed Job Description**

The administration has updated the job descriptions listed and copies of the job descriptions have been included with the agenda.

000	Title IX Coordinator
209	Gifted Integration Specialist
301	Home and School Visitor
303	Elementary Counselor
304	Middle School Counselor
304B	High School Counselor
305	Certified School Nurse
307	School Psychologist
309	Speech and Language Clinician
508	Administrative Assistant to the High School Administration/Attendance
709	Coordinator of Custodial Services

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the job descriptions, as presented.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

D) **Approval of the Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School General Fund Budget Proposal**

The Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School has developed a General Fund Budget Proposal for the 2018-2019 school year. The General Fund Budget Proposal for the 2018-2019 school year was presented at the December 11, 2017 board meeting as an information item.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the proposed 2018-2019 CPAVTS budget as presented with the understanding that the actual cost for Big Spring's participation in the Vo-Tech school will be determined based on final enrollment calculations.

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

Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that as the vo-tech works through their budget process this is based on a 5 year rolling average attendance. These are projections. The budget will be based on the final enrollment. This reflects roughly a 6.8 percent increase. This tells us that our attendance over the last 5 years is moving in a positive direction. Vo-tech has done a really nice job of keeping cost as flat as possible. This results in roughly a \$46,000 increase.

(ACTION ITEM)

E) Approval for the Proposed 2018 Agreement for School Crossing Guards

Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools received and reviewed the agreement from the Borough of Newville for school crossing guard services. The term of the agreement for school crossing guard services between the Newville Borough and the Big Spring School District is for a period of one year beginning on January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018. The Big Spring School District shall pay a sum of \$2,625.00 for the school crossing guard services for one year.

The administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the 2018 school crossing guard services agreement between the Big Spring School District and the Borough of Newville as presented, at a cost not to exceed \$2,625.00.

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

Dr. Fry reminded the Board of School Directors that there was a question in a prior board meeting about crossing guards and the arrangement. This is a contract with the Newville Boro. The crossing guards are strictly employees of the Newville Boro. The Boro covers insurance, workman's comp, employment, discharge and any liability for that employee.

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(ACTION ITEM)

F) **Approve of Payment from Newville Projects Fund**

The administration received the following invoice:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
NV Reno	Crabtree Rohrbaugh	Design Svc	\$23,240.31	\$80,563.70

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the payment of \$23,240.31 to Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates from the Newville Projects Fund.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

G) **Approve Payment from the Capital Project (Reserve) Fund**

The administration received invoices from:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MS Roof Replacement	Professional Roof Services, Inc	Inspection Svc	\$6,800.00
Erate Cat2	RL Snyder	Progress Bill#3	\$6,200.00

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the payment of \$6,800 to Professional Roof Services, Inc. and \$6,200 to R L Snyder Electric, Inc from the Capital Project Reserve Fund.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

H) **Approve Release of Bid Specification for Partial Roof Replacement at MR Elementary**

As part of the MR Elem renovation and reconfiguration, the Building & Property Committee agreed to split the project list to avoid interruptions to the school year calendar. PRSI was contracted to manage the project and developed the specification ([link to spec](#)).

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The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the advertisement and release of the bid specification prepared by PRSI for Partial Roof Replacement of the Mt Rock Elementary, pending Solicitor review.

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

(ACTION ITEM)

I) **Approve Proposal to Lease-Purchase Three Vehicles**

Two of the lease vehicles will replace existing cars. One was totaled and the other is the former drivers' education car and is approaching end of life. The third will be an admin vehicle for the Dir of Buildings & Grounds to use. Fulton Bank provided a 3-year Municipal Lease for the order.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the lease and/or purchase of the vehicles as proposed.

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

Mr. Blasco questioned which vehicles are being replaced.

Mr. Roush inquired if any school vehicles are currently being leased.

Dr. Fry informed the Board of School Directors that we do not lease any vehicles at this time. The plan is not to lease the vehicles. The plan is to purchase the vehicles from state bid.

(ACTION ITEM)

J) **Facilities Utilization Request**

Mr. Matthew Kump, Aquatics Director is requesting to utilize the High School pool, locker room and balcony for a Diving Invitational on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Because the utilization request is on a Sunday, Board action is necessary.

The administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve Mr. Kump's request to utilize the High School pool, locker room and balcony for a Diving Invitational on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

(INFORMATION ITEM)

K) **Tenure Status**

The following professional employee has completed the required years of service as a temporary professional employee and has earned tenure based on their satisfactory performance.

Amanda Webber

Additional information regarding the professional employee has been prepared by Ms. Abigail Leonard, Assistant Supervisor of Special Education.

(INFORMATION ITEM)

L) **Proposed Textbook Adoption**

Mrs. Robyn Euker, 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 books prior to the February 5, 2018, Board of School Directors meeting.

Biology (Stephen Nowicki, 2017) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

(INFORMATION ITEM)

M) **2018-2019 School Calendar**

The administration drafted a proposed school district calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. A copy of the proposed 2018-2019 school district calendar has been included with the agenda. This is a Board information item that will be included on the February 5, 2018 Board meeting agenda as an action item.

(INFORMATION ITEM)

N) **Meal Charge Policy**

With the recent Act 55 of 2017, the District had to change its procedures to meet the new School Code. Note: this does allow students to get a program meal if they cannot pay for it; however, the charge does accrue to their account.

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XV. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM

There were no future Board agenda items.

XVI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. District Improvement Committee – Mr. Kanc, Mr. Over

No meeting was conducted. Mr. Kanc thanked Dr. Roberts for the Thought Exchange update. This is a cool tool to involve all segments, teachers, students, the community, and administration. I think it is a wonderful idea to advertise the kick off in the Valley Times. I ask for consideration for a hard copy for people who do not have access to a computer.

B. Athletic Committee – Mr. Swanson, Mr. Gutshall, Mr. Deihl

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 7:00 am in the District Office.

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

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered. Mr. Wolf showed appreciation for the approval of the vo-tech budget.

D. Buildings and Property Committee – Mr. Roush, Mr. Piper, Mr. Swanson Mr. Gutshall

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered.

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

No meeting was conducted and no report was offered. Submission to PDE – Resolution to Stay within the Adjusted Index.

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. The new executive director is in place. Things are running smoothly as always.

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

We had a management committee meeting last week. The Cumberland County Tax Collection Borough have been in existence for 50 years. They are talking about having a celebration. The problem they are incurring is the cost to mail forms to taxpayers in Cumberland County. They are looking for a way to use electronic filing. We are working on this to keep costs down. At this point, mailing is the only answer.

XVII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Enrollment** – You have the enrollment numbers for December. Please note that our enrollment stays steady. We went up by one student K to 12. Cyber enrollment went down by two students.
2. **World History Project** – Some Board members have seen our World History Project at the High School. Our students get to spend some time with residents at Green Ridge Village. This semester coming up (the second semester) Mr. Anderson & Mr. Kireta are expanding the network for me to possibly serve. Dr. Roberts is handling out a one page document that describes this project. We would love for any board member that can to serve in this roll to step up. You would commit to two different time frames to be interviewed on what things were like when you grew up. Great perspective for our students.
3. **Board Appreciation Month** – January is Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the Superintendent and our entire community, we want to thank you. Board members are volunteers. They get nothing from a financial perspective. They give much more than two nights a month here. They keep our district moving in an outstanding direction. From the administration and entire community, thank you for what you do.

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XVIII. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Piper expressed a special thank you to our outstanding FFA instructors. What our FFA students here at Big Spring learn and experience at the Farm Show in Harrisburg is like a state fair and it is helpful in their learning for the future. The 4 –H students in this community are also very important to the success of the Farm Show. Our teachers do an outstanding job.

Mr. Kanc conveyed kudos to FFA as well. A formal thank you to Mrs. Frace for all her years of services. Best wishes after June.

Mr. Swanson communicated thank you to Mrs. Euker and all the others involved in getting our science people at the middle school to return to some inquiry based instruction.

Mr. Wolf commented that my wife and I participated in this oral history project the first semester. I would encourage everyone to take part. The questions the kids asks are insightful. It allows you to look back and share some of the experiences that they don't get to hear and see anywhere else.

XIX. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding future Board agenda items.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blasco, seconded by Roush to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:
Voting Yes: Wolf, Swanson, Piper, Gutshall, Kanc, Over, Roush, Blasco, and Deihl.
Motion carried unanimously. 9 – 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

William L. Piper, Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, February 5, 2018