

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Senior High School

MISSION STATEMENT

The Spring-Ford Area School District, in cooperation with home and community, is committed to promoting academic excellence in a safe learning environment, recognizing the diverse needs of all students and empowering them to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation honoring the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Directors who volunteer their time for the betterment of public education in our community.

- B. Presentation of the Keystone Achievement Awards to the following schools:

Brooke Elementary	Spring City Elementary
Evans Elementary	Upper Providence Elementary
Limerick Elementary	5/6 Grade Center
Oaks Elementary	8 th Grade Center
Royersford Elementary	9 th Grade Center

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The administration recommends approval of the November 16, 2009 Work Session minutes.

- B. The administration recommends approval of the November 23, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.

- C. The administration recommends approval of the December 7, 2009 Reorganization Meeting minutes.

- D. The administration recommends approval of the December 7, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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V. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations:

1. **David R. Willauer**, Royersford Elementary School; Principal, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 30, 2010.
2. **Keith R. Dane, Jr.**, 8th Grade Center; Custodian, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last work day, March 1, 2010.
3. **Margaret Higgins**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, effective with the last work day, January 15, 2010.
4. **Barbara Hritz**, Royersford Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 1, 2009.
5. **Heather Kronstain**, Middle School; Spring Play Director, effective December 17, 2009.
6. **Sherry Sterling-Holt**, High School; Special Education Supervisor, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last work day July 1, 2010.

B. Leaves of Absence in accordance with Board Policy:

1. **Joelle Bieber**, 5/6th Grade Center; Health & Physical Education Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 4, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks. Revised from September 28, 2009 Board Agenda Request.
2. **Elizabeth A. Capperella**, 5/6th Grade Center; Math/Science Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively March 19, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
3. **Susan B. Eisenhauer**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective December 10, 2009 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
4. **Jasmine Ewing**, 8th Grade Center; Spanish Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective March 4, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
5. **Barbara J. Monahan**, Brooke Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 4, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
6. **June Perry**, Evans Elementary School; Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 11, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

New Leaves of Absence:

7. **Carol L. Baldassare**, High School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 26, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
8. **Kimberly A. Green**, 9th Grade Center; English Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 7, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
9. **Doreen Keim**, 5/6th Grade Center; Cafeteria Manager, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 5, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
10. **Mary Kate Purdy**, Evans Elementary School; Learning Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively March 3, 2010 until the end of the 2009/2010 school year.
11. **Anne Marie Spohn**, 5/6th Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 26, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

C. Temporary Professional Employee:

1. **Megan A. Thaler**, Brooke Elementary School; Librarian, compensation will be set at \$44,500, MS, Step 2, prorated, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective date to be determined.

D. Long Term Substitute:

1. **Crystal Zakszeski**, 5/6th Grade Center; Learning Support, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1, prorated, with benefits, effective December 9, 2009 until the end of the 2009/2010 school year.

New Long Term Substitute:

2. **Maddi Hyneman**, High School; Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,000, BS, Step 2 with benefits, effective January 25, 2010 for the rest of the 2009/2010 school year.

E. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

1. **Nicole K. Flood**, Majorette/Twirler Co-Instructor, \$1,070
2. **Nicole Gerenyi**, Musicale Choreographer, \$1,067
3. **Nicole Gerenyi**, Musicale Assistant Director, \$388
4. **Carol Jefferson**, Assistant Coach-Boys' and Girls' Winter Track, \$2,506.50
5. **Karen Miscavage**, Head Coach Cheerleading Winter, 9th Grade, \$1,786
6. **Susan Prophet**, SNAP Club Advisor, \$388 (Replaces Comedy Club \$388)
7. **Douglas W. Raines**, Indoor Percussion Team Instructor, \$2,140
8. **Lauren Slack**, Assistant Coach Boys' and Girls' Winter Track, \$2,506.50

New Extra-Curricular Contract: High School

9. **Scott Michael Beck**, Assistant Indoor Color Guard Instructor, \$2,140

F. Extra-Curricular Contract: Middle School

1. **Sheila Egleston**, Spring Play Director, \$1,421

G. Professional Staff Substitutes:

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| 1. Daniel O'Connor | Elementary Education |
| 2. Daniel Rowe | Elementary Education |
| 3. Karen Sabatini | Elementary Education/Mid-Level Math |

H. Support Staff Substitutes:

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| 1. Andrea Graham | Support |
| 2. Howard Kollar | Custodian |
| 3. Deborah Kovach | Food Service |
| 4. Marianne Leidelmeyer | Support |
| 5. Christopher Poole | Support |
| 6. Leigh Ann Sisson | Support |
| 7. Michael Uhas | Support |
| 8. Faith Walton | Support |

I. Personnel Information Items

The individuals listed below have completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employees and are, therefore, entitled to tenure status:

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| 1. Catherine W. Cabrera | Speech |
| 2. Jennifer L. Giangiulio | Spanish |
| 3. Jessica A. McCleary | Special Education |
| 4. Shonna Schulz | Special Education |

VI. FINANCE

*** DENOTES NEW PAYMENTS SINCE THE WORK SESSION**

A. Administration recommends approval of payment for the following invoices for the month of JANUARY in connection with the **SERIES A of G.O.B. 2007:**

1. SENIOR HIGH- ALTERATION & ADDITIONS

DECEMBER

Apex Plumbing	Applic. #4- Plumbing Contractor	\$	66,465.00
Earth Engineering Inc.	Professional Services	\$	8,044.25
Limerick Township MA	Professional Services	\$	1,685.35
Montco Fence	Fence Relocation	\$	900.00
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies (14)	\$	70.20

JANUARY

ABJ Sprinkler	Applic. #2- Fire Protection Contr.	\$	144,306.00
Apex Plumbing	Applic. #5- Plumbing Contractor	\$	39,015.00
EI Associates	Professional Services	\$	604.52

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E.R. Stuebner, Inc.	Applic. #6- General Contractor	\$ 618,319.04
Goshen Mechanical Inc.	Applic. #7- HVAC Contractor	\$ 716,178.60
Goshen Mechanical Inc.	Applic. #8- HVAC Contractor	\$ 319,856.40
Lenni Electric Corp.	Install 2 ADA PED Buttons	\$ 3,738.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #7- Electric Contractor	\$ 97,948.00
RamJack	Pre-Construction Piers (5) & (2) Commercial Brackets Sideload	\$ 8,000.00
Rental World	Equip. Rental-Breaker Elect. for Pier work	\$ 468.69
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies (2)	\$ 7.20
*ABJ Sprinkler	Applic. #3- Fire Protection Contr.	\$ 21,636.00
*APEX Plumbing	Applic. #6- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 72,387.00
*Berkshire Systems Inc.	Card Access	\$ 3,483.00
*E.R. Stuebner, Inc.	Applic. #7- General Contractor	\$ 572,686.36
*Hilti Inc.	Misc. Supplies	\$ 311.91
*Earth Engineering Inc.	Professional Services	\$ 2,200.00
*Limerick Township	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 633.17
*MBR Construction	Applic. #8- Electric Contractor	\$ 75,082.00
	TOTAL	\$2,774,025.69

2. **9th GRADE CENTER PARKING LOT**

DECEMBER

Home Depot	(50)- 4' U Posts/ (8)- Rls Barrier	\$ 372.00
Martin Stone Quarries	Stone (2 Inv.)	\$ 616.57
Pottstown Trap Rock	Broken Asphalt Material 238 Ton	\$ 1,910.08
Rental World	Equipment Rental-Compressor	\$ 110.00

JANUARY

Berks Products	Winter Concrete 56 Yds (2 Inv.)	\$ 6,596.88
Drumheller Construction	Labor/Set/Pour Concrete for Curbing, Sidewalks & Crosswalks	\$ 17,520.00
Martin Stone Quarries	Stone	\$ 620.69
*Kugler Excavating	Haul Blacktop to Pottstown Trap Rock Quarry	\$ 900.00
	TOTAL	\$ 28,646.22

3. **10TH AVENUE BY-PASS**

Fox Rothschild LLC	Professional Services	\$ 90.00
	TOTAL	\$ 90.00

B. Administration recommends approval of payment for the following invoices for the month of **JANUARY**, in connection with the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT – Fund 22:**

1. **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE**

DECEMBER

Upper Providence Twp.	Unused EDU's	\$ 3,010.00
Vimco	Concrete Sealer (5 Gal)	\$ 720.00
Wabash Valley Mfg. Inc.	8' Perforated Steel Table	\$ 902.79

JANUARY

Office Basics	Misc. Supplies	\$ 142.80
*Office Basics	Misc. Supplies	\$ <u>71.94</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,847.53

2. **OAKS WALK IN REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER**

DECEMBER

EI Associates	Professional Services	\$ 126.90
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JANUARY

EI Associates	Professional Services	\$ <u>3,612.17</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,739.07

C. Administration recommends approval for next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, Federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.

D. Checks:

1. Weekly Checks prior to Work Session

November

Check No. 133845 – 133950	\$ 625,726.94
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December

Check No. 133951 – 134424	\$2,601,191.97
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2. Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting

January

Check No. 134425 – 134596	\$ 825,637.84
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Check No. 134732 – 134796	\$1,007,268.51
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3. Board Checks held for approval

Check No. 134597 – 134731	\$ 230,489.88
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4. Athletic Fund

November

Check No. 302032 – 302051	\$ 23,415.76
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December

Check No. 302052 – 302152	\$ 15,852.43
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E. Administration recommends approval for the establishment of the 7th Grade Center Courtyard Activity Account. This club is being formed so that a group of full time special needs students can work on flower beds, the patio and a variety of other educational activities in the courtyard.

F. Administration recommends board approval of the Independent Audit Report as submitted by Maillie, Falconiero & Company LLP for the fiscal year 2008/2009. The audit examined the financial statements, tested evidence supporting the amounts, examined internal control, insured evidence of proper documentation, compliance with laws, regulations, and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. This audit was without findings or material weaknesses. A display copy of this audit report is available at the district office.

- G. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-01** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Administrative Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- H. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-02** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- I. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-03** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Technology and Information Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- J. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-04** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- K. Administration recommends approval of the Western Center for Technical Studies 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$5,174,710. Spring-Ford's share of the cost is \$1,255,349 which represents a decrease of \$9,848 (.78%) from last year's budget. The decrease is primarily a result of the change in WCTS's programming from a full-time to a half-time program beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.
- L. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-05** appointing Berkheimer as its exclusive tax collector of its Local Services Tax for the initial term commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 and any subsequent renewal terms thereafter.
- M. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-06** authorizing, empowering and directing the proper officers of the Governing Board to appoint Berkheimer as its tax hearing officer under and pursuant to the local taxpayers bill of rights for the express purpose of adjudicating appeals thereunder.
- N. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-07** authorizing, empowering and directing the proper officers of the Governing Board to appoint a Liason between it and Berkheimer, the duly appointed collector of the local services tax for the district, for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the district for official purposes.
- O. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2010-08** authorizing and empowering its local tax collector, Berkheimer, to impose and retain the costs of collection on delinquent taxes.
- P. Administration recommends approval to rescind a prior approved motion for expenditures related to the 10th Avenue Access Road Project from the Capital Reserve Account. All associated costs of the 10th Avenue Access Road Project will be charged to the High School Construction Fund.

Q. Administration recommends approval of the following **independent contracts**:

1. **Progressions – Stowe, PA.** Provide direct instruction in the school environment for a special needs student. Services will include the provision of written reports to the multidisciplinary team for evaluation reports and IEP preparation. Services will be provided for up to thirty-six (36) days at a rate of one hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$123.50) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand four hundred forty-six dollars (\$4,446.00).
2. **Claire Choutka – Limerick, PA.** Provide applied behavior analysis observation and consultation for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for six (6) hours per month for three (3) months at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250.00).
3. **Slim Goodbody Corporation – Lincolnville Center, ME.** Provide two (2) assemblies at Evans Elementary School on the value of exercise and good nutrition. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$675.00).
4. **Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital – Malvern, PA.** Provide four (4) assemblies entitled "Cruisin Not Boozin" at the 8th Grade Center on June 11, 2010, the 9th Grade Center on February 9, 2010, the 10-12 Grade Center for 10th grade students on February 11, 2010 and the 10-12 Grade Center for 11th and 12th grade students on May 11, 2010. There is no cost to the district for these assemblies as they are being funded by a grant through the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation.
5. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide six (6) presentations entitled "Winter Secrets...Animals in Winter" for the kindergarten classes at Evans Elementary School. Funding will be paid through the 2009-2010 Evans Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed six hundred sixty dollars (\$660.00).
6. **Edward R. Zartler, Ph. D. – Collegeville, PA.** Provide a portable planetarium at Upper Providence Elementary School on February 24, 2010 for the second grade classes entitled "STARLAB". There is no charge to the district for this presentation.
7. **Quiver Farm Projects – Pennsburg, PA.** Provide an assembly at Evans Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Elementary Science Budget and shall not exceed eight hundred eight dollars (\$808.00).
8. **Andrew Pogson – Stratford, Ontario.** Provide an assembly at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled "The Freddy Fusion Science Magic Show" on April 14, 2010. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).

9. **Danielle Fisher (Clayote Gallery & Studio) – Boyertown, PA.** Provide a six (6) week after-school program for sixth grade students entitled “Mudpuppies” – After-school Clay Art Program. The one hour classes will be held at the 5/6 Grade Center on February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9 and 16, 2010. There will be no cost to the district for this after-school program as all fees (\$75 per student) will be paid by those students participating in the program and will include all supplies.
10. **Camp Joy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for two (2) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for four (4) weeks/20 days per student at a rate of one hundred fifty-four dollars per day per student. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA Funds in the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$6,160.00).
11. **Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. – Towson, MD.** Provide a “Drop Back In Program” in partnership with Tri-County Learning Academy in Pottstown, PA for those students who have dropped out of Spring-Ford Area High School. This program will enable students to earn their diploma. Tri-County Learning Academy will be reimbursed 90% of the Basic Education Subsidy for each student; the district will retain the remaining 10%. As a result this program will not incur any additional costs to the district.
12. **Art’s Alive – Spring City, PA.** Provide an “Artist in Residence Program” at Limerick Elementary School. The student body along with a professional artist in residence will design and create mosaic murals to hang in the outdoor classroom wall area as a permanent artwork collection. Funding will be paid from the Limerick Elementary School Assembly Budget and shall not exceed six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) - \$5,600.00 to Jessica Gorlin-Liddell (Artist in Residence) and \$900.00 to Robyn Burckhardt, Art’s Alive!
13. **Marc Spiegel – Washington, DC.** Provide an assembly at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Einstein Alive!” on February 10, 2010. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Elementary Assembly Budget and shall not exceed nine hundred five dollars (\$905.00).
14. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide two (2) assembly programs at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Spring: Eggs-traordinary Program!” on March 24, 2010. Funding will be paid by the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Grant and shall not exceed one hundred thirty-three dollars (\$133.00).
15. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide two (2) assembly programs at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Spring: Colonial Life” on April 29, 2010. Funding will be paid by the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Grant and shall not exceed one hundred thirty-three dollars (\$133.00).

New Independent Contract:

16. **Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artist, Inc. – Lawrence, KS.** Provide an assembly which encourages students to become “real champions” in life entitled “Peter Nestler - The Rope Master ” at Upper Providence Elementary School on February 16, 2010. Funding will be paid by the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00).
 17. **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Norristown, PA.** Provide remedial reading and math instruction to Sacred Heart School students who qualify for non-public school Title I services for the 2009-2010 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Federal Consolidated Grant - Title I Funds and shall not exceed nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$915.00).
- R. Administration recommends approval of Healthy Choices After-School Elementary Student Sports Clubs and Walking Clubs for the 2009-2010 school year. These one-hour sessions are age-appropriate physical activity opportunities to meet student needs and interests in addition to planned physical education, as called for in Policy #246 PUPILS: Student Wellness. Facilitators for these activities are funded by the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant. There will be no cost to the district for these clubs.

New Finance:

- S. The following Treasurers’ Reports are submitted for your approval:
- General Fund
 - Money Market – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PSDLAF – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PSDMAX – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Checking Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PLGIT Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Payroll Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Tax Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Activity Accounts
 - Elementary Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - 7th Grade Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - 8th Grade Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - High School Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Athletic Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Bond Funds
 - Note of 2007A – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Other Funds
 - Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Debt Service Fund – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – Nov./Dec. 2009

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – Nov./Dec. 2009
- Cafeteria Checking Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
- Investment Account – Nov./Dec. 2009

T. Administration recommends approval of the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
December

Check No. 9230 - 9285 \$ 311,592.03

U. Administration recommends approval of the following **additions/deletions** from the per capita tax for the 2009-2010 school year:

Limerick Township Additions	No. 1 – 66
Limerick Township Deletions	No. 1 – 638
Royersford Borough Deletions	No. 1 – 135
Spring City Borough Additions	No. 1 – 13
Spring City Borough Additions	No. 1 – 155
Upper Providence Township Deletions	No. 1 – 335

V. Administration recommends approval of the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2009-2010 school year:

Limerick Township Exonerations	No. 040 – 041
Royersford Borough Exonerations	No. 086 – 091
Upper Providence Township Exonerations	No. 098 – 102

W. Administration recommends approval of the following **Use of Facilities Permits** for the 2009-2010 school year:

Permits No. 2960 – 2989

VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

- A. Administration recommends approval to send seven students; Kevin Maher, Scott Griswold, Colin Quinn, Bryan Murray, Kisha Oister, Chanshi Chibwe, Kinjal Patal and their advisor, Ms. Ashley Bilotti, to compete at the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference and Competition in Hershey, PA from April 11 through April 14, 2010. These students qualified to participate in the state FBLA competition as a result of their performance on event tests administered at the FBLA regional competition. The total student cost for attending this state competition shall not exceed two thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$2,159.50). Participation in this competition will be supported through the General Fund.
- B. Administration recommends the purchase of a new Cisco ASA5540 firewall at a cost of approximately \$17,214.00 under the CoStars statewide purchasing contract through ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania. The new firewall will replace the existing Cisco Pix 525 firewall that is now 6 years old. Funding is through the 2009-2010 Technology Fund.

VIII. PSBA REPORT/MCIU REPORTS Tom DiBello

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

The following individuals are recommended for attendance at the following conferences/workshops:

CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, registration, food, and accommodations

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Bruce Cooper**, Director of Planning, Operations and Facilities, to attend *“ALLSAFE Environmental – Recertification Course”* in New Cumberland, PA on February 4, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$195.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- B. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to attend *“PASPA Annual Conference”* in Harrisburg, PA from February 24 through February 26, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$375.00 for registration; all other expenses are being paid by Mrs. Leiss. No substitute is needed.
- C. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to represent the district at the *“Greater Philadelphia Teacher Job Fair”* in West Chester, PA on March 10, 2010. The total cost for this job fair is \$350.00 from the 2009-2010 Human Resource Budget. No substitute is needed.
- D. **Gary Spohn**, Director of Technology, to attend *“PA Educational Technology Exposition and Conference”* in Hershey, PA on February 22, 2010. There is no cost to the district for this conference as Mr. Spohn is paying all expenses. No substitute is needed.
- E. **Judy Kuhns**, Technology Integration Specialist, to attend *“PA Educational Technology Exposition and Conference”* in Hershey, PA from February 21 through February 23, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$563.80 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

- F. **Ashley Bilotti**, Business Education Teacher/FBLA Advisor, to attend *“Future Business Leaders of America: State Leadership Conference”* at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from Sunday, April 11 through Wednesday, April 15, 2010. Ms. Bilotti will be accompanying the 7 Future Business Leaders of America students who advance to the state level competition. The total cost of this conference is \$1,112.00 - \$662.00 from the 580 account and \$450.00 from the substitute account.

- G. **Emily McGranahan**, String Director, to attend “*AP Workshop – Music Theory*” in Philadelphia, PA on January 29 and January 30, 2010. This workshop is a mandatory requirement for teaching the AP Music Theory course being offered at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year. The total cost of this workshop is \$789.69 - \$489.69 from the 580 account and \$300.00 from the substitute account.
- H. **Linda Crane**, Art Teacher, to attend “*AP Workshop – Studio Art*” in Philadelphia, PA on January 29, 2010. This workshop is a mandatory requirement for teaching the AP Art course being offered at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year. The total cost of this workshop is \$602.00 - \$452.00 from the 580 account and \$150.00 from the substitute account.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- I. **Dr. Tina Weidenbaugh**, Principal, to attend “*Getting Results Process*” at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit on February 11, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$33.00 for mileage. No substitute is needed.
- J. **Dan Butterweck**, Teacher, to attend “*CHAMPS: A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Behavior Management*” in King of Prussia, PA on February 19, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$162.00 - \$12.00 for mileage from the 580 account and \$150.00 from the substitute account.

5/6 GRADE CENTER

- K. **Jenifer Smith**, Speech Clinician, to attend “*Assistive Technology Core Team Update*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on January 26, 2010. The total cost for this training is \$168.15 - \$18.15 from the 580 account and \$150.00 from the substitute account.

LIMERICK/EVANS

- L. **Francine Caputo**, School Psychologist, to attend “*Asperger’s Disorder and Autism: Advances in Understanding and Interventions*” in Philadelphia, PA on February 2, 2010. There is no cost to the district for this conference as Ms. Caputo is paying all expenses. No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT WIDE

- M. **Johnna Weller, Edward Smith, Mitchel Edmunds, Jacqueline Havrilla, Tina Weidenbaugh, Missie Patschke, and Dan Currie**, Leadership Team Members, to attend “*Leadership Series: Pyramid Response to Intervention: RTI and PLCs and How to Respond When Students Don’t Learn*” at the Berks County Intermediate Unit on March 22, 2010. The total cost of this conference is \$840.00 from 2009-2010 Stimulus Funds. No substitutes are needed.
- N. **Sandra Cerniglia, Tara Chester**, ESL Teachers, and **Wendy Taylor**, Literacy Coach, to attend The Center for Applied Linguistics “*What’s Different About Teaching Reading to Students Learning English?*” in Washington, DC from May 24 through May 26, 2010. The total cost for this three day workshop including substitutes is \$5,189.20 and will be paid for with 2009-2010 Title III Funds.

- O. **Jan Pymer, Shonna Schulz**, Teachers, **Jen Smith** and **Caren Yucha**, Speech Clinicians, to attend "*Competent Learner Model Training Series*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on January 28, 2010, March 23, 2010 and May 6, 2010. The total cost for this training is \$1,872.00 - \$72.00 for mileage and \$1,800.00 for substitutes. All expenses are being paid from the 2009-2010 IDEA Federal Stimulus Funds.
- P. **Denise Emel** and **Susan Hess**, Media Specialists, to attend "*A Day in the Outdoor Classroom*" presented by Penn State Cooperative Extension in Collegeville, PA on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$100.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.
- Q. **Debora Zelle**, and **Jacquelyn Raco**, Certified School Nurses, to attend "*PASNAP Annual Education Conference*" in Pittsburgh, PA from Friday, April 9 through Sunday, April 11, 2010. The total cost for this conference \$1338.70 from the 2009-2010 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant.
- R. **Susan Pronchik, Jessica Hauseman, Nick Lemuell** and **Darryl Perecko**, School Counselors, to attend "*MCCA: Counseling Defiant Children*" at the North Montco Technical Center on February 3, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$40.00 for registration from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The following policies are submitted for approval:

- 1. Policy #202 – PUPILS: Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 2. Policy #206 – PUPILS: Assignment Within District
- 3. Policy #801.1 – OPERATIONS: Electronic Records Retention
- 4. Policy #915 – COMMUNITY – Foundation/Establishment of Corporation

- B. The following over-night trip is recommended for Board approval:

- 1. John E. Eckstine, Jr., Band Director, Yvonne O'Dea, Vocal Music Director, and Emily McGranahan, Orchestra Director, to take the Spring-Ford High School Wind Ensemble, Choir and Orchestra participants on a **two day competition to the "Fiesta-Val" Championships in Virginia Beach, VA** from Thursday, April 15 through Sunday, April 18, 2009. The Music Department will be traveling by chartered bus and staying in a hotel in Virginia Beach. The cost of the trip shall not exceed three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$395.00) per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association will provide three fund-raisers throughout the school year for students to earn money towards the trip expenses. There will be no cost to the district.

- C. Administration recommends approval for the qualifying members of the High School Indoor Track Team to participate in the New Balance Games being held at the Armory Track & Field Center in New York City on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Funds for lodging (one night) and meals will be paid from the Winter Track Team

Booster Club Account. There will be no cost to the district. Student-athletes will miss the last two class periods on Friday, January 22, 2010 and will be responsible for all school work that is missed.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. District Goals

XII. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Effective January 1, 2010, the IRS mileage rate will decrease to 50.0 cents per mile. Currently the rate is 55.0 cents per mile.

XIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

XIV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

XV. ADJOURNMENT