

On May 29, 2007, the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I:	Michael V. Masciandaro, Bernard F. Pettit and Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.
Region II:	Ammon G. Morgan, Jr., and Joseph M. Petrowski
Region III:	John S. Grispon and Robert A. Weber
Presiding Officer:	Donna L. Williams
Superintendent:	Dr. Marsha R. Hurda
Business Manager:	Tim Anspach
Solicitor:	Marc Davis, Esq.
Student Rep.:	Michael J. Masciandaro

Board President, Mrs. Williams, opened the meeting with the call to order, roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Williams announced that Kevin Chang, a SF 8<sup>th</sup> grader received an award for his performance during the Octave Club of Norristown Competition in which he competed with 20 pianists from area public and private schools. Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Morgan to tell about his experience in Louisiana with the House of Heroes Project.

#### **Mr. Ciresi arrived at 7:35**

Mr. Morgan reported that when he signed on to chaperone this trip he thought it would be just chaperoning 27 students, putting some nails in some wood, screwing some wires together, and hooking up some pipe but as everyone who read the newspapers found out there were a lot of delays. The students were phenomenal in the way they jumped in, built a shed, poured concrete, and dealt with the rain on Wednesday. Mr. Morgan said nothing stopped the students from persevering as every day they would come up and ask what they could do now. Mr. Morgan said the highlight of the event took place on Thursday when the Louisiana National Guard honored the Western Center with the Louisiana Distinguished Civilian Service Medal which is the highest medal that a civilian can be awarded by the military. Mr. Morgan had the award on display and read the words printed on the award. Mr. Morgan introduced the some of the volunteers who were present in the audience and thanked them for their help. Mr. Morgan said when we discuss vocational education it is usually about learning a skill but this trip took it way beyond that as everyone learned about the spirit of America and how to work hand in hand with people they never met before, people who have served our country. Mr. Morgan reported that everyone had a good time and returned home safely. Mrs. Williams thanked Mr. Morgan for taking his personal time to go to Louisiana and help with this project. Mr. Petrowski thanked all of the volunteers and those who helped to

raise the money to make this project happen. Mr. Petrowski said he is very proud of the Western Center. Mr. Morgan thanked the Community of Lake Charles for their outpouring of help.

Mrs. Williams introduced the Limerick Elementary Video which is part of the series of videos that tour the district's elementary schools.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. Mrs. Williams opened the floor up for public comment. There were no questions or comments. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved **Resolution #2007-20** honoring the Boys' High School Lacrosse Team on winning the PAC 10 championship.
- B. The Board approved **Resolution #2007-22** honoring the Spring-Ford Middle School Music Department commending them for their outstanding accomplishments while competing at the 2007 Music in the Parks Festival in New England, Massachusetts.

### **I. PRESENTATIONS**

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Dr. Hurda and Mrs. Williams presented Resolution #2007-20 to Kevin Donnelly and Kevin Czapor, coaches, and the members of the Boys' High School Lacrosse Team for winning the PAC 10 Championship.

Mr. Donnelly said this year they had a very successful season in spite of a slow start. The season concluded with an overtime victory against Owen J. Roberts two weeks ago. Mr. Donnelly said the boys have put a lot of hard work and effort into a successful season and a successful program.

- B. Presentation of **Resolution #2007-20** to the Boys' High School Lacrosse Team honoring them for winning the PAC 10 Championship.

Dr. Hurda and Mrs. Williams presented Resolution #2007-22 to Kris Jennings and the Drum Majors who were representatives of the Spring-Ford Middle School Music Department for their achievements while competing at the 2007 Music in the Parks Festival.

Ms. Jennings thanked the School Board and the District Administration for the support they offer to the students and the music program at the middle school. Ms. Jennings reported that the students look forward to taking their talents and putting it before other schools and a panel of national judges. This festival had thirteen school districts from throughout the eastern seaboard. Ms. Jennings

said the students did phenomenal all the way through the festival but each year there is one trophy for the Esprit de Corp Award. This award recognizes the school that demonstrates and displays the most outstanding professionalism and respect both onstage and offstage; Spring-Ford was the recipient of this prestigious honor this year. Ms. Jennings thanked the Board and Dr. Hurda for allowing them the opportunity and for the support offered to the students as the results do shine.

- C. Presentation of **Resolution #2007-22** to the Spring-Ford Middle School Music Department honoring them for their outstanding accomplishments while competing at the 2007 Music in the Parks Festival.

Dr. Hurda said the next presentation is an example of the good things that can happen when people work together. Dr. Hurda said several years ago National Penn Bank and Spring-Ford School District started a Partnering Program and tonight we are going to see the fruits of those labors as well as hear more about the partnering process that will continue with National Penn Bank.

Dr. Hurda introduced Tom Spann, Vice President of National Penn Bank. Mr. Spann introduced the bank representatives with him who included Roxanne Stauffer, Vice President, Ray Abbott, Senior Vice President, and Todd Alderfer, Division President. Mr. Spann said National Penn believes that their customers are also their partners and they consider the Spring-Ford Area School District one of their most highly valued partners which is why back in 2005 they welcomed the chance to support "Music for All", one of the Partnering with Spring-Ford Programs. Mr. Spann showed the display of musical instruments that have been refurbished as part of the program. He said they are pleased that students will be able to use the refurbished instruments to enrich their musical experience. Mr. Spann reported that at the last meeting with Dr. Hurda he inquired about what other needs the District may have and how can they offer their support. Dr. Hurda informed them that the high school needed sponsorship for a new scoreboard. Mr. Spann said National Penn felt this was a great opportunity to support talent in another arena. Mr. Spann proudly announced that National Penn Bank is the first sponsor to come on board with the new scoreboard. Mr. Spann thanked Dr. Hurda and the Board for giving National Penn the opportunity to support these projects. Mr. Spann presented the refurbished instruments to Kris Jennings and the two drum majors.

Ms. Jennings said it is a wonderful opportunity to have the instruments refurbished so that they can be put into the hands of kids who may not be able to afford to rent or own an instrument. Ms. Jennings thanked National Penn Bank for their help and support and commented that they will be put to good use within the District.

Dr. Hurda expressed her appreciation to National Penn Bank as they were very supportive of the partnering program in terms of the instruments. Dr. Hurda said when she approached them about the scoreboard sponsorship they immediately said yes. Dr. Hurda said they were the first organization to say yes that they will sponsor the scoreboard and this will certainly help the District as we move into the future even in terms of athletics.



bussing them over to practice so next year they are going to move the practices back to the individual elementary schools which will help encourage participation. Mr. Rocchio said the Committee also covered Dynamic Indicators of Basic Entry Literacy Skills which are a set of standardized individually administered measures of early literacy development. Mr. Rocchio said the Administration and the elementary principals will be working on implementing this for their schools next year. Mr. Ciresi asked if Dr. Hurda could give an overview along with a recommendation on the palm pilots program and how to move forward with this at the next Curriculum Committee meeting. Dr. Hurda said the next meeting would be next year as there is no meeting in June. Dr. Hurda said she can put it in the packet to go home to the board this week. Mr. Grispon said if we are thinking of increasing graduation requirements the Curriculum Committee should work hand and hand with the Finance Committee basically because this will be a big budgetary item. Mr. Rocchio said that was a good point and there will be a lot of issues and impacts into the requirements for graduation which is why we want to have several meetings throughout the fall. Mr. Rocchio said this is just in the beginning phase and there is no timeline for implementation. Mr. Masciandaro said this fits in with the plan for curriculum and what we are spending over the course of time as we are finally getting in the mode as a Board to have longer term plans in virtually every area.

**Property/Facilities                      Ammon Morgan, Jr.                      2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. 7 p.m.**

Mr. Morgan reported that the Property Committee met on Wednesday, May 9 and discussed Evans Elementary. Mr. Morgan said the final paving and grading is being completed, the punch list is being worked through, and the dirt will be removed as soon as a trucking company is obtained to do the work for us. Mr. Morgan said PlanCon F for the new district office is on the agenda for approval tonight. The Committee also discussed the field plans and it was decided to bring it back to the table for Board discussion, which took place last week. Mr. Morgan said there was discussion on shortening the girls' softball field, installing dugouts and some portable bleachers that we have around the District in order to make the field more usable.

**VI. PERSONNEL**

Mr. Weber asked that Item L be separated. Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Items A-K and Mr. Grispon seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

**A. Resignations:**

1. **Robert Brownback**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Principal, for the purpose of retirement, revised retirement date effective July 13, 2007.
2. **Robyn Burckhardt**, High School; Art Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2007.
3. **Rosalyn Capor**, Limerick Elementary School; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last teacher day, June 14, 2007.
4. **Sharon Hollenbach**, High School; Biology, Applied Science Teacher, effective with the last teacher day, June 14, 2007.

5. **Joseph Krueger**, District; Supervisor of Special Education, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 30, 2007.
6. **Mary Louise McAdoo**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; French Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last teacher day, June 14, 2007.
7. **Howard DeHaven**, District; Custodian, effective February 22, 2007.
8. **Karen Slifer**, Intermediate School; Part-time Food Service, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last school day, June 13, 2007.

**New Resignation:**

9. **Moroskie, Brandie**, High School; Math Teacher, effective with the last teacher day, June 14, 2007.

**B. Leaves of Absence:**

1. **Jessica Hauseman**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary School Counselor, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective August 21, 2007 for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2007/2008 school year.
2. **Jean Marie Lare**, Upper Providence Elementary School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, for a Sabbatical Leave of Absence, effective for the 2007/2008 school year.
3. **Cheryl Murgia**, High School; Broadcasting Productions, for a Sabbatical Leave of Absence, effective for the 2007/2008 school year.
4. **Kristin Rouyer**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; French Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the 2007/2008 school year.
5. **Sherry Stockmal**, Intermediate School; Math/Science Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively September 28, 2007 for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2007/2008 school year.
6. **Nina Calamaro**, Intermediate School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy effective April 24, 2007.
7. **Kathleen Cox**, High School; Support Technician, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 28, 2007.
8. **Kathryn Musselman**, High School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 8, 2007.

**New Leaves of Absence:**

9. **Brigitte Diaz**, Oaks Elementary School; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective September 24, 2007.
10. **Celeste Foresta**, Staff Development, District Office; Administrative Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective June 8, 2007.

**C. Support Staff Employee Hires:**

1. **Joseph P. Burns**, Evans Elementary School; Custodian, compensation will be set at \$14.46 per hour with benefits as per the Custodial Plan, effective May 30, 2007.
2. **June Perry**, Evans Elementary School; Custodian, compensation will be set at \$14.46 per hour with benefits as per the Custodial Plan, effective May 30, 2007.
3. **Trudiann Shuler-Neumann**, Evans Elementary School; Secretary, compensation will be set at \$12.25 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective May 15, 2007.

**New Support Staff Employee Hires:**

4. **Judy John**, High School; Full-time Food Service Person, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour with benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
5. **Michael Quay**, Evans Elementary School, Custodian, compensation will be set at \$14.46 per hour with benefits as per the Custodial Plan, effective July 1, 2007.

**D. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School**

1. **James Collins**, Winter Track Club Advisor, \$1,282, Code J
2. **Barry Shafer**, Wrestling Announcer, Scoreboard & Timer, \$29 per hour, Code N

**E. Extra-Curricular Contracts: 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**

1. **Bev Reimund**, IS Kiwanis Builder's Club Advisor, \$481, Code K
2. **Lindsey Waltermeyer**, IS Kiwanis Builder's Club Advisor, \$481, Code K

**F. Professional Staff Substitute Hires:**

1. **Carly Chirano** Health/Physical Education
2. **Christine Fabish** Science, Biology
3. **Antoinette Gardner** Spanish
4. **Amy Hale** Elementary Education
5. **Eric Houck** Social Studies

- 6. **Joseph Kirtner** Earth & Space Science
- 7. **Christina Kulp** Elementary
- 8. **Jaime McElwee** Elementary / Special Education
- 9. **Robyn Miller** Elementary Education
- 10. **Rebekah Sanders** Elementary Education

**New Professional Staff Substitute Hires:**

- 11. **Jeannine Acri** Elementary / Special Education
- 12. **Kenneth Kirschner** Health & Physical Education
- 13. **Mary Jane Wendler** Early Childhood

**G. Support Staff Substitute Hire:**

- 1. **Mary R. Hoff** Support

**New Support Staff Substitute Hire:**

- 2. **Nancy Dwinn** Support

- H. The Board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District Custodial Plan effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010.
- I. The Board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District Assistants' Plan effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010.
- J. The Board approved amending all non-contractual Employee plans to reflect changes in the IRS codes which allow for one type of payment for unused sick leave, that which is placement of monies into a tax shelter plan until such time as employee is eligible to obtain such monies.
- K. The Board approved ratifying the Memorandum of Understanding between the Spring-Ford Area School District and the Spring-Ford Education Association dated March 26, 2007, for the purpose of amending the benefits provision for unused sick leave set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Association in effect for the 2006-2007 through 2010-2011 Contract Years as presented.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item L and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Weber asked if this has ever been done before and Dr. Hurda explained that in the past there were two in-service days at the end of the school year that provided teachers the opportunity to work on relocation. This year because we substituted an in-service day for an Election Day teachers have only one day so this is simply giving teachers the equivalent of what other teachers have had in the past. Mr. Weber said he did not buy the explanation and he wondered why we did not schedule an in-service day and give it to the teachers. Dr. Hurda said we have a teacher's contract that tells us how many in-service days we can have and how many total school days we must have. Mr. Weber said we could have changed those in-service days couldn't we and Dr. Hurda said the Board

made a decision that they wanted the students to have off for Election Day and in order to fit all the in-service days in we used Election Day as an in-service day. Dr. Hurda said this option eliminated the second in-service day at the end of the school year so this motion is not offering teachers any more than they had in the past so we are going to bring them in one day during the summer. Mr. Weber said he does not agree with Dr. Hurda. Mr. Morgan asked if this was total dollars and the answer was yes. The motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- L. The Board approved the 2007-2008 Teacher Relocation Plan in the amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

#### **NEW PERSONNEL**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items M-S and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Dr. Hurda acknowledged Joseph Krueger saying he has been the Special Education Supervisor for a number of years and he has just recently announced his retirement; she wished him well.

- M. **Professional Employee Hires**, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2007:
  - 1. **Shannon Reece**, High School; Biology Teacher, compensation will be set at \$48,700, MS, Step 6.
- N. **Temporary Professional Employee Hires**, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2007:
  - 1. **Corrine Calcagno**, High School; Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000 BS, Step 1.
  - 2. **Matthew Cappellitti**, High School; Mathematics Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,700, MS, Step 3.
  - 3. **Cynthia Cooper**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Secondary School Counselor, compensation will be set at \$40,500, MS Step 1.
  - 4. **Laura DiBattista**, High School; Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$48,450, BS, Step 10.
  - 5. **Brittany Lewis**, High School; Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,500, MS, Step 1.
  - 6. **Deanna Shetaugh**, High School; English Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,950, BS, Step 2.
  - 7. **Amy L. Sgrignioli**, High School; Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1.
  - 8. **Christina Young**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,500, MS, Step 1.

- O. The Board approved the following Special Education teachers to be hired for the **2007 Summer ESY Professionals including Fast Forward and Tutor Programs**. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Funding will be from IDEA funds.

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| 1. <b>Jean Bertucci</b>      | 8. <b>Jo-Ann Messer</b>     |
| 2. <b>Laura Camp</b>         | 9. <b>Shonna Schulz</b>     |
| 3. <b>Daniel Flore</b>       | 10. <b>Megan E. Seip</b>    |
| 4. <b>Karen DeLange</b>      | 11. <b>Stacy Shiffer</b>    |
| 5. <b>Joanna D'Orazio</b>    | 12. <b>Erin Siuchta</b>     |
| 6. <b>Julie Lieberman</b>    | 13. <b>Meghan F. Timmes</b> |
| 7. <b>Yvonne M. Lockbaum</b> |                             |

- P. The Board approved the following **certificated nurses** to provide services to the **ESY Program**; \$30.00 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement), total cost for all combined will not exceed \$2,355.

1. **Cathy Bradfield**
2. **Beth Happ**
3. **Bridget Mullins**

- Q. The Board approved the following **ESY-Support Staff** to be hired for the **2007 Summer ESY program(s)** that were previously Board approved. Compensation for new employees will be set at \$13.00 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement); Regular hourly employees will be paid at their current hourly rate. Funding will be from IDEA funds.

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| 1. <b>Marie Armentrout</b> | 11. <b>Sharon Platchek</b>     |
| 2. <b>Helen M. Brennan</b> | 12. <b>Dannette M. Rodgers</b> |
| 3. <b>Lisa Hornberger</b>  | 13. <b>Paul Seip</b>           |
| 4. <b>Lori Hoyle</b>       | 14. <b>Natalie Stark</b>       |
| 5. <b>Cynthia Isabella</b> | 15. <b>Terri Stefanelli</b>    |
| 6. <b>Lynn Keene</b>       | 16. <b>Patricia Wynn</b>       |
| 7. <b>Doreen Kelly</b>     | 17. <b>Brian M. Johnson</b>    |
| 8. <b>Laura McQuaid</b>    | 18. <b>Nicola Pascal</b>       |
| 9. <b>Casey Murphy</b>     | 19. <b>Brittany Wagner</b>     |
| 10. <b>Emily Peden</b>     |                                |

- R. The Board approved the following Instructional Assistants to provide services to the **ESY Program**; \$13.50 per hour (degree rate) plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Regular hourly employees will be paid at their current degree rate. Funding will be from IDEA funds.

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| 1. <b>Mary Ann Christy</b> | 3. <b>Eric Hill</b>   |
| 2. <b>Stephanie Hahn</b>   | 4. <b>Kate Songer</b> |

- S. The Board approved **Michael J. Siggins**, for the Principal position at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Mr. Siggins is a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, a Master of Education from DeSales University and has completed post graduate work at Penn State and Nova University. Mr. Siggins has been an Assistant Principal at the Eighth Grade since

September, 2002, Compensation is set at \$110,619.01, prorated, plus benefits per the Administrative Plan, effective July, 16, 2007.

**VII. FINANCE**

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

Mr. Petrowki asked that Item A be separated. Mr. Masciandaro asked that Items F & I be separated. Mr. Weber asked that Item O be separated. Mr. Pettit asked that Item H be separated. Mr. Grispon asked that Item D3 be separated.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Petrowski asked about A1 and the library furniture shelving. He said this is the item that was separated from the Evans Elementary General Contract and he believes the cost was considerably less to leave it in the contractor's scope. Mr. Petrowski said we are paying substantially more to buy it on our own and he feels that before we had cancelled the contract we should have investigated the furniture and the shelving. Mr. Anspach said when we take things away from the bid we need to look at the mobile furniture allocation and that did not happen so he will probably be coming back to the Board as we get our final total to see how close we are to the \$540,000.00 which is the same allocation for furniture that was given for Upper Providence Elementary which was done 2 ½ to 3 years ago. The motion passed 9-0.

A. The Board approved the payment for the following invoices for the month of **MAY**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2004**:

**1. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Boyertown Supply	Plumbing Supplies (2 Inv.)	\$	1,516.31
Brocks Fire Prot., Inc.	Fire Extinguisher (Kitchen)	\$	179.50
Bursich Assoc. Inc.	Professional Services	\$	377.55
Carboni Taylor Inc.	Library Furniture/Shelving	\$	89,388.89
Chem-Aqua	Treatment for Boilers	\$	166.38
Cunningham Piano	2 Refurbished Yahmaha Pianos	\$	7,790.00
DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	4,239.56
DTK Janitorial Sup.	Rest Room Dispensers	\$	6,000.00
Empire Technologies	Phones/Install./Programming	\$	25,477.94
Clinton Frey Plumb.	Labor/Material Install Pump In Elevator Pit	\$	3,936.73
Grainger	First Aid Kit	\$	119.30
KMB, Inc.	92 Sections Penco Clipper Shelving & Installation	\$	13,650.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #16- Electric Contractor	\$	45,862.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #17- Electric Contractor	\$	138,806.00
Oehlert Brothers	#2 Fuel Oil (3 Inv.)	\$	886.21
PA American Water	Water Service	\$	517.43
PECO	Electric Service	\$	8.27
Peter Lumber Co.	Misc. Supplies	\$	72.40
Jay R. Reynolds	Applic. #17- Plumbing	\$	22,340.50
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Payroll & Benefits April 07	\$	3,354.66
Worth & Company	Applic. #16- HVAC Contractor	\$	94,611.88
Zimmerman Supply	Anser Extractor Package (1)	\$	895.00

*Allsteel	Furniture- Office Areas	\$	8795.50
*AmSan/Sanitary Sup	Stallion Carpet Extractor	\$	2,784.00
*Colonial Electric	Lighting Contactor/Misc Supplies	\$	1,683.51
*Fixture Furniture	Furniture-Office Areas	\$	6,142.08
*Franklin Chemical	6 Nilfisk Adv. Bac Pac Vacuum	\$	2,735.88
*Franklin Chemical	2Dayton Wet/Dry Vac w/acces.	\$	875.70
*Limerick Township	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	2,380.99
*PECO	Electric Service	\$	5,567.39
*SMJ Contracting Inc	Applic. #19- General Contractor	\$	215,568.30
*Versteel	10 Performance Tables- Office, Conference, IPC & Work Rooms	\$	4,849.90
*Zimmerman Supply	4 Flatbed Carts & 1 Desk Dolly	\$	1,816.46
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>713,396.22</b>

**2. BROOKE ELEMENTARY**

Lafayette Welding	Aluminum Closure for Heater/AC	\$	708.00
*Worth & Company	Applic. #10- HVAC Contractor	\$	14,820.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>15,528.00</b>

Mr. Weber asked that Item G be separated. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items B & C and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

B. The Board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **MAY**, in connection with the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT – Fund 22:**

**1. New District Office**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	480.00
Foreman Architects	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	18,283.37
U. Providence Twp.	Escrow	\$	7,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>26,263.37</b>

C. The Board approved of 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.

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Items D1, 2 and 4 and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

D. Checks:

1.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>		
	<u>April</u>		
	Check No. 116230 - 116283	\$	507,625.55
	<u>May</u>		
	Check No. 116284 - 116574	\$	1,333,989.84
2.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>		
	Check No. 116575 - 116651	\$	477,819.93

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Item D3 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0 with Mr. Grispon abstaining under Section 1111 of the School Code in conjunction with 3J of the Ethics Code.

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| 3. | <u>Board Checks held for approval</u><br>Check No. 116652 - 116872 | \$ 431,917.35 |
| 4. | <u>Athletic Fund</u><br><u>April</u><br>Check No. 299197 – 299359  | \$ 24,670.16  |

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item E and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

E. The Board approved the following **independent contracts**:

1. **Janet Schreiner/The Cat’s Pajamas – Wynnewood, PA.** Provide a presentation entitled “Reading Rocks” at both Oaks Elementary and Upper Providence Elementary on June 12, 2007. Funding will be through each school’s 2006-2007 Parent Association and shall not exceed a total of one thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$1,510.00) or seven hundred fifty-five dollars (\$755.00) per school.
2. **Linda Fratantoni/Yellow Dyno Childrens Safety Programs – West Chester, PA.** Provide two (2) assemblies at Upper Providence Elementary on May 31, 2007. Funding will be paid through the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00).
3. **Maria Boyer/Philstar Entertainment – Stowe, PA.** Provide a presentation entitled “Move Smart” at Upper Providence Elementary on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Funding will be paid through the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).
4. **Nick Gregory and Dave Gillies/Give and Take Jugglers – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide a presentation in conjunction with the Family Orientation Night at Upper Providence Elementary on May 30, 2007. Funding will be paid through the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).
5. **Variety Club – Worchester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-nine (29) days at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,625.00).
6. **Dr. Carol H. Roberts of the Child Study Institute – Bryn Mawr, PA.** Conduct educational testing and provide and independent educational

report for a special needs student as part of a pre-hearing conference agreement. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

7. **Perkiomen Pines Day Camp – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for thirty-four (34) days at a rate of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed one thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars (\$1,156.00).
8. **Variety Club – Worchester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-four (24) days at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).
9. **Variety Club – Worchester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for two special needs students as per the IEPs. Student number one will receive four (4) two (2) week vocational training sessions at a rate of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per session for a total not to exceed one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00). Student number two will receive twenty-four (24) days of ESY Programs at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day. Funding Services will be provided for twenty-four (24) days at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day for a total not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600.00).
10. **Ken-Crest Services – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for nineteen (19) days at a rate of sixty-one dollars and twenty cents (\$61.20) per day at the Production Center and ninety-six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$96.96) per day in the Alternative program. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed three thousand one hundred two dollars (\$3,102.00).
11. **St. Edmonds Home – Rosemont, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for a nine (9) week program at a rate of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per week. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600.00).
12. **Cabrini College – Radnor, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program to a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided at Upper Darby High School in Drexel Hill, PA. Funding will

be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

13. **Susan Parsons – Wallingford, PA.** Provide instructional services for a special needs student as part of an Extended School Year Program per the IEP. Services will be provided for a total of ninety-six (96) hours at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed five thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$5,280.00).
14. **Kerri Houser – Primos, PA.** Provide instructional services for a special needs student as part of an Extended School Year Program per the IEP. Services will be provided for a total of thirty-nine (39) hours at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed two thousand one hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,145.00).
15. **Camp Joy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for three (3) special needs students as per the IEPs. Student number one will receive fifteen (15) days of services. Student number two will receive thirty (30) days of services. Student number three will receive thirty days of services. Services will not exceed a total number of seventy-five (75) days at a rate of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per day. Six hundred dollars (\$600.00) will be funded from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400.00) will be funded from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds).
16. **ESF Summer Camps – Bryn Mawr, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for two (2) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for a total of twenty-nine (29) days at a rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per day per student. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget (IDEA Funds) and shall not exceed four thousand sixty dollars (\$4,060.00).

#### **NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS**

17. **Jack Chambers/Creative Educational Concepts – Chester Spring, PA.** Provide student workshops entitled “Our School as a Better Community” at Upper Providence Elementary on August 29 and August 30, 2007. Funding will be paid by the 2007-2008 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).
18. **Quinn Developmental Services – Fort Washington, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for two special needs students as per the IEPs. Services will be provided for thirty (30) days at a rate of one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per day per student. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00).

19. **Catherine Secord – Phoenixville, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for one special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for two hundred twenty (220) hours at a rate of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed two thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$2,860.00).

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item F and Mr. Grispon seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro asked for an explanation on Item F since it was for such a large amount. Mr. Davis said as he indicated to the Board last week even though a preliminary budget was done back in the spring under Act 1, which is what was required under the new law; PDE has suggested that 687 of the School Code requires a proposed final budget and then a final budget be passed. Mr. Davis said tonight we are passing the proposed final budget, the board is not bound by this proposed final budget in any way and can make changes; he urged the Board to move forward tonight so that the process can be maintained because you have to have thirty days or you will not make the July 1 timeline. Mr. Davis said if a Board member has changes or comments they want to take up with Administration or Mr. Anspach that is perfectly appropriate but it is appropriate to move forward this evening. Mr. Masciandaro asked if it is thirty days from this until the final budget and Mr. Davis said it must be posted twenty days. Mr. Masciandaro said the normal timing would be preliminary budget to final budget is thirty days and since we did the preliminary budget in February we are well within that and he asked for clarification if it is twenty days from this for approval of the final budget. Mr. Davis said he believes you must pass it thirty days ahead and post it twenty days ahead. Mr. Davis said we use to call it the preliminary budget but it was technically wrong it was really the proposed final budget and it was always passed at the May action meeting or else a special meeting would have had to be held. Mr. Masciandaro asked what the date was for the Board meeting for the approval of the final budget and Dr. Hurda said the June Board Meeting is the 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Masciandaro said if this sounds confusing to the public it is also confusing to the Board but that is Act 1. Mr. Petrowski commented that the state has not appropriated money for those sections of the budget for which we are counting on revenue income and Mr. Anspach said this was correct. The motion passed 9-0.

- F. The Board approved the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2007/2008 school year in the amount of \$110,130,466.00. The proposed final budget will be available for public inspection twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed budget will be presented and considered for approval as the final budget.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item G and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Weber said the motion says we can borrow from the Capital Reserve and he asked if we were going to borrow from the Capital Reserve. Mr. Anspach said we do not need to borrow but this is just a safety net since we made our commitment to the other consortium schools and if we do not keep the commitment it would blow everybody else out of the water. Mr. Anspach said it is a 5.75% savings so it is in our best interest to take advantage of this. Mrs. Williams commented that we have done this for about the last six years and we

have not had to do this yet, Mr. Anspach confirmed this. Mr. Weber said if we do borrow from the Capital Reserve Account what interest rate will we have to pay and Mr. Anspach said whatever the going rate would be. Mr. Weber asked if the rate could be established in the motion, Mr. Anspach suggested 4%. Mr. Masciandaro asked if past practice has been to pay interest when we borrow from the Capital Reserve Account and Mr. Anspach said we have not borrowed from the Capital Reserve Account so this has not been done. Mr. Masciandaro asked if the interest rate discussion could be referred to the Finance Committee. Mrs. Williams asked if there was a second to support Mr. Masciandaro on sending the interest rate discussion to the Finance Committee and Mr. Petrowski said it could be simplified by saying the motion could include the wording the interest rate would be the same as the interest rate on the account that it is taken out of. Mrs. Williams asked if Mr. Masciandaro was willing to withdraw his motion to send it back to the Finance Committee and Mr. Masciandaro said it really was not a motion. Discussion took place regarding the wording of the original motion. Mr. Weber said if the motion is reworded to show an interest rate then he will be happy. Mr. Petrowski said the wording could be "the interest rate will be the rate from the fund it is borrowed from". Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Ciresi and Mr. Pettit to withdraw their motion and second and they did this. The original motion was withdrawn.

- G. Administration recommends board approval to prepay 2007-2008 Health Care estimated at \$6,500,000.00 on August 15, 2007. All members of the Chester County Health Care Consortium have to agree with this prepayment option to take advantage of the discount of 5.75%. The administration also recommends that if cash is needed to fulfill this obligation, money can be borrowed from the Capital Reserve Fund with an understanding that the Capital Reserve Fund will be reimbursed in full with interest.

Mr. Petrowski stated the new wording for Item G:

Administration recommends board approval to prepay 2007-2008 Health Care estimated at \$6,500,000.00 on August 15, 2007. All members of the Chester County Health Care Consortium have to agree with this prepayment option to take advantage of the discount of 5.75%. The administration also recommends that if cash is needed to fulfill this obligation, money can be borrowed from the Capital Reserve Fund with an understanding that the Capital Reserve Fund will be reimbursed in full with interest **at the rate of the fund it is transferred from.**

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item G and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Ciresi asked about the savings since we are doing this earlier and Mr. Anspach said the total net savings is \$192,000.00. The motion passed 9-0.

- G. The Board approved prepaying the 2007-2008 Health Care estimated at \$6,500,000.00 on August 15, 2007. All members of the Chester County Health Care Consortium has to agree with this prepayment option to take advantage of the discount of 5.75%. The administration also recommends that if cash is needed to fulfill this obligation, money can be borrowed from the Capital Reserve Fund with an understanding that the

Capital Reserve Fund will be reimbursed in full with interest at the rate of the fund it is transferred from.

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Item H and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Pettit commented that Fox Rothschild does a good job for our District but he is concerned about conflicts between us and the Pottsgrove District with regards to the Western Center as we have the same firm representing us. Mr. Pettit said we must bear this in mind when we move forward as this could play a role when you have the same counsel and are representing both parties. Mr. Grispon commented that the conflict would go away if a settlement is reached regarding the Western Center and Mr. Pettit said in a legal world it is not necessarily the conflict but the potential for conflict. Mr. Grispon said he has a problem with a lawyer questioning another lawyer as this is a conflict to begin with. Mr. Pettit said a conflict is when you have adverse interests of the two parties you are representing. Mr. Grispon said lawyers on School Boards questioning other lawyers would be a conflict. Mrs. Williams broke the discussion off by saying she has found that in almost twelve years of serving on the School Board with Mr. Davis' firm as the solicitor, the entire time; there has never been an issue or any appearance of impropriety or conflict. Mrs. Williams said she understands Mr. Pettit's concern but she has not seen it. The motion passed 9-0.

- H. The Board approved continuing with the legal services (2007-2008) of Fox Rothschild LLP at an annual retainer of \$22,000.00 charged on a quarterly basis in equal installments of \$5,500.00. Items not covered under the school retainer are subject to a blended hourly rate of \$170.00 per hour or established rates as listed under Miscellaneous Matters and Rates outlined in the agreement.

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Items I-N and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- I. The Board approved reimbursing the tax collectors from the Borough of Royersford and Upper Providence Township for the upgrade to their computer systems due to Act 1 pertaining to the installment requirements. This is a one-time reimbursement and shall not \$800.00.
- J. The Board approved PSC Info Group, Oaks to print and mail the real estate and per capita bills for July 2007. A comparison between outsourcing the mailing and the tax collectors handling the mailing showed that outsourcing of the printing and mailing would save the District an estimated \$2,750.00.
- K. The Board approved the advertisement of **Resolution #2007-16** in accordance with the requirements of the Local Tax Enabling Act. This resolution raises the level of exoneration for per capita taxes from \$5,000.00 an individual to \$12,000.00 an individual.
- L. The Board approved the advertisement of **Resolution #2007-17** in accordance with the requirements of the Local Tax Enabling Act. This resolution raises the level of exoneration for the EMS tax (previously

known as OPT) to the \$12,000 .00 limit to be in compliance with the Emergency and Municipal Tax threshold.

- M. The Board approved the transfer of \$569,741.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for the proceeds from the refinancing of bonds in 2006 and 2007 representing a total savings of \$2,969,578.00 over a 6 year period. The district must budget the Bond Refinancing Savings as follows: 2006/07 \$569,741.00; 2007/08 \$1,960,237.00; 2008/09 \$119,969.00; 2009/10 \$119,106.00; 2010/11 \$119,106.00; 2011/12 \$82,306.00.
- N The Board approved the transfer of \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund from the 2005/2006 school for the purpose of earmarking funds for the Maintenance Capital Projects. As reflected on page B-3 of the 2006/07 Budget Book, these funds are as a result of additional state reimbursement for years of 2002/03 and 2003/04. The State Tax Equalization Board approved the revision of Market Value from \$912,570,000.00 to \$20,000,000.00; a reduction of \$892,570,000.00.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item O and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Davis commented that last week discussion took place on whether or not the contract was renewable at the same rate and Mr. Davis said Administration must be aware that there is a thirty day renewal requirement so if the District wants to renew the contract it should be brought to the April meeting next year. Mr. Grispon commented that the Intermediate Unit may become a partner with regards to public relations and communications because in their strategic plan it states that they want to become the primary source of school districts for the large PR, communication projects, and crisis communication projects; this includes developing business opportunities that offer the districts solutions to their communication needs. Mr. Grispon said the Intermediate Unit has just hired the new communications director who comes from a state that had referendum and they are pushing to see if the school districts are going to cooperate and try and save money with regard to public relations. Mr. Weber asked if we did not renew this contract how much would it hurt the educational process of any of our students and Dr. Hurda responded saying it is tough to quantify that as so much of what the PR firm has done for us is to educate our community on what kind of things are occurring in the District which is absolutely critical in an Act 1 environment in order for the community to support our budgets. Dr. Hurda commented that they have been instrumental in helping us deal effectively with a number of crisis we have had this year so how does this directly affect students is tough to say because it really is the District at large more than students in a specific way. Mr. Pettit responded that school districts like any other entity need PR and while there may not be involvement with education per say but for the public to be aware of what the schools are doing and how well we are doing is very important. Mr. Weber asked if this is really worth \$54,000.00, he does not have a problem with the PR firm but with the cost. Mr. Masciandaro asked about the part time staff member who handled this that we do not have anymore and the fact that money was already allocated for this type of activity. Dr. Hurda said this is correct and the first two years we were with Communication Solutions we had a person in-house and the salary was about \$28,000 per year and we now no longer have that person. Dr. Hurda said we now use Communication

Solutions for everything and interestingly enough we have expanded their role in the community and they have not expanded their fees to us. Dr. Hurda said even though it seems like a significant amount of money it is important to realize that it is less actual dollars now than when we first brought Communication Solutions on board because we do not have the in-house person. The motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- O. The Board approved the independent contract with Communication Solutions for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$54,000.00 for retained services.

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Item P and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- P. The Board approved the independent contract with Scientific Learning in Oakland, California for an upgrade of the Fast ForWord Program from the 2x version to Gateway, and for a yearly service agreement to include Progress Tracker Online Data Accountability System and Support Services via telephone, email and the internet. The cost of the upgrade is three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) which includes the upgrade and one day training for up to fifteen (15) people. The cost of the yearly service agreement is three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00). Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00).

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item Q and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Pettit expressed his personal appreciation and said he believes he speaks for most of the Board when he says Mr. Anspach has done an excellent job for the District, he is very pleased to be able to vote for his additional term as treasurer. Mrs. Williams said she would be remiss if she did not also mention Mrs. Rhoads. Mr. Anspach said he would be remiss if he did not mention the entire team that backs him up in his office every day. The motion passed 9-0.

- Q. The Board approved Timothy C. Anspach, Business Manager, to be reappointed as Spring-Ford Area School District Board Treasurer for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2007.

#### **NEW FINANCE**

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Items R-U and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- R. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:
  - General Fund
    - Money Market – April 2007
    - PSDLAF – April 2007
    - PSDMAX – April 2007
    - Checking Account – April 2007
    - PLGIT Account – April 2007
    - Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – April 2007
    - Payroll Account – April 2007



maintenance program. Work will be scheduled during the summer months. Funding will come from the General Fund Maintenance Budget.

- B. The Board approved **Resolution #2007-18** for Foreman Architect Engineers to submit PlanCon F, Construction Documents, for the District Administration Offices located on Lewis Road in Upper Providence Township (Attached).
- C. The Board approved **Resolution #2007-19** stating that the Board will not enter into construction contracts until it has received written approval for PlanCon F, Construction Documents, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

#### **NEW PROPERTY**

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Item D and Mrs. Williams seconded it. Mr. Grispon asked what the total cost is for Item D and what we are paving. Mr. Cooper said this is for repair work for the paving throughout the District for things such as sink holes in parking lots and small paving jobs or patching. Mr. Petrowski said the motion should be reworded to say small paving. Dr. Hurda said the motion could say District-wide Paving/Repair Bid and the Board agreed. The motion passed 9-0.

- D. The Board approved awarding the District-wide Paving/Repair Bid to **Dan Molloy Paving, Inc.** at a cost of \$73.00 per square yard, rejecting all other bids.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items E-G and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- E. The Board approved awarding the Filter Bid to **Filter Recon**, in Spring City, Pa for stock filters in the amount of \$8,485.02 and **Airpure Sales & Service**, in Folcroft, PA for custom filters in the amount of \$5,092.94, rejecting all other bids. Funding will be paid from the General Fund Maintenance Budget.
- F. The Board approved going out to bid for the design and engineering of fire suppression systems for both Brooke and Spring City Elementary Schools.
- G. The Board approved entering into a state contract with Berkshire Systems to have the new fire alarm system installed at Brooke Elementary School for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 as per the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item H and Mr. Morgan seconded it. Mr. Pettit asked what the total cost was for this item and Mr. Cooper said he believes the number is \$230,000.00. Mr. Cooper said what we are asking for first is approval to have Romtec come in and give us designs, we will then need to go before the township to get approval, and it must then come back to the Board for approval to file with PDE. Mrs. Williams commented that the \$230,000.00 is just an estimate and Mr. Cooper said that was correct. Mr. Petrowski asked if they

were prefabricated models and Mr. Cooper said that was correct. Mr. Masciandaro referenced the field plan and the prioritization of the plan and the funding of the plan. Mr. Masciandaro said last week when he asked Mr. McDaniel if you could only have one thing what would it be and the answer was the softball field. Mr. Masciandaro said he then asked Mr. McDaniel if he had to eliminate one thing what would it be and the answer was the field hockey/boys and girls lacrosse field. Mr. Masciandaro commented that here we are not even listening to the best and worst of it; we are jumping right into the middle of the plan and picking off a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of stuff and he does not feel it is the right way to plan our expenses. Mr. Masciandaro said we need to be a little more cautious before we just jump ahead with this type of expenditure. Mrs. Williams said although she was not at the meeting last week when she watched the tape of the meeting she saw Mr. Weber choose from the options and Mr. Grispon asked if there were any objections to these items being placed on the agenda for this week. Mr. Grispon said it was perceived that the restrooms were the most important because there are no restrooms over there, a lot of fields are being used, and there are people going into the woods to go to the bathroom which is not sanitary. Mr. Grispon said this is something we can do now; the big ticket items would go back to the Extra-curricular and Property Committees for more recommendations and then back to the Finance Committee. Mrs. Williams said her point was that she clearly heard Mr. Grispon ask if there were any objections to these being on the agenda for this week and seeing none this is how they appeared here. Mr. Petrowski asked how many items we are talking about and Dr. Hurda said there are three restroom facilities, the softball field, and the pathway around the high school which makes five items. Mr. Petrowski asked about the costs and Mr. Cooper said the restrooms come in couplets so the total price comes to somewhere around \$231,000.00 and this amount depends on what the township is going to need from us. Dr. Hurda clarified that what we are asking for tonight is just approval to go out to design and then submit the drawings to the township, we would be coming back at a later date for approval to move forward and spend the money. Mr. Grispon asked what the timeline is and will the restrooms be there for fall sports, Mr. Cooper said if the township tells him they can be put in then the restrooms can be here in six weeks. The motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Masciandaro voting no.

- H. The Board approved Romtec Inc., under state contract, to design and submit drawings for restroom facilities as recommended by the field plan.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item I and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. Mr. Ciresi asked if this motion includes the scoreboard that was talked about at the Property Committee Meeting and the answer was no. Mr. Masciandaro said this work is going to be done by our own staff and he questioned the cost of \$35,000.00, Mr. Cooper said a lot of work will be moving dirt, moving the bleachers, digging dugouts and the items we need to get quotes for we will go out and get quotes for. Mr. Cooper said if we have \$45,000.00 to work with it will include backstops, under drains, outfield being remarked and redone, safety fencing for the dugouts and if we have enough left over then we will get the scoreboard but if not then we will look at this next year. Mr. Cooper said a plain scoreboard would cost around \$4,000.00 and then we will get quotes to put it in. Mrs. Williams asked about Item J and what the cost would be for the walkways and Mr. Cooper said his best estimate would be around \$80,000.00. Mr. Cooper

said he will bid it in certain phases so the Board can pick how much they want to spend. The motion passed 9-0.

- I. The Board approved making improvements to the girls' softball field as recommended by the field plan. The majority of this work will be completed in-house by the District's Maintenance Department.

Mr. Masciandaro said there is a discrepancy between the amount Mr. Parks listed on his field plan which was \$50,000.00 and Mr. Cooper's estimate of \$80,000.00. Mr. Cooper said it could come in at Mr. Parks' number but this is his estimate, the bids are going to come in at whatever they are going to come in at. Mr. Cooper said when the bids come in then the Board can pick how far they want to go. Mr. Masciandaro commented that he would like to see the Board go out and ask for what was on Phase 1 and the top priority list for the field plan as this seems to be getting out of order. Mr. Morgan said we just paid \$45,000.00 to pave the little bit of parking lot behind the flex school.

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Item J and Mr. Grispon seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- J. The Board approved going out to bid to complete the pathways around the high school campus fields as recommended by the field plan.

#### **IX. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM**

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items A & B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Ciresi asked Dr. Hurda to explain Item B and what the program and criteria was. Dr. Hurda said Blake Tran and James Bonney competed at the state level at the Future Business Leaders of America competition and as a result of their achievements at the state level they have been selected to compete at the national level. Dr. Hurda commented that this is the first time we have had students from the Future Business Leaders of America reach that level of competition so this is quite an honor for the School District and Mrs. Stackhouse, their advisor, for these students to move forward and represent our District. The motion passed 9-0

- A. The Board approved the 2006-2007 summer curriculum projects and assessments listed in the amount of \$62,140.90 based on a current rate of \$30.00/hour plus benefits. (See attachment)
- B. The Board approved sending two students, Blake Tran and James Bonney, and their advisor, Mrs. Margaret Stackhouse, to compete at the Future Business Leaders of America National Competition in Chicago, Illinois from June 26 through July 2, 2007. The total cost for attending this competition shall not exceed three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00).

#### **PSBA REPORT**

**John S. Grispon**

Last week, PSBA President William LaCoff presented testimony to the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee in opposition to HB 258, legislation that would require school districts to delay the start of classes until

after Labor Day. LaCoff said that the proposal creates an unwarranted state mandate that is capable of being resolved at the local level. David Hutchinson, school director from the State College Area School District, and Jason Hopp, a school director from the Wilson School District, also testified in opposition to HB 258.

Last month, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that independent living apartments associated with a nursing home facility were tax exempt under the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act. The case is important to school districts because the ruling further diminishes the tax base available to school districts and is likely to cost school districts many millions in revenue.

This week PSBA conducted a news conference to call on the governor and the state legislature to develop a comprehensive, workable plan to address the critical over-reliance on school property taxes to fund public education.

“The results of the Act 1 front-end referenda indicate that voters and property owners of the commonwealth want more comprehensive and meaningful property tax reform,” said William LaCoff, 2007 PSBA president and a member of the Owen J. Roberts School Board.

“PSBA has repeatedly said that high property taxes are a symptom of a larger problem, namely a broken system of financing public education,” said Thomas J. Gentzel, executive director of PSBA. “PSBA believes that a workable solution to local tax reform requires the legislature and the governor to revamp local tax systems, reduce the costs to school districts of providing a public education and increase the level of state funding to adequately meet the needs of all students.”

**X. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items A – I and Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

The following individuals were approved for attendance at the following conferences/workshops:

<b>CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, registration, food, and accommodations</b>
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**HIGH SCHOOL**

- A. **Daniel Holman** and **Katherine Songer**, Athletic Trainers, to attend “*Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium*” at the Lancaster Host Conference Center in Lancaster, PA from Thursday, June 14 through Saturday, June 16, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$647.90 from the 2006-2007 Athletic Budget. No substitutes are needed.
- B. **Barbara O’Brien** and **Maria Kardick**, Media Specialists, to attend “*A Day with Will Richardson: Building Online Communities*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, May 30,

2007. The total cost of this seminar is \$440.00 - \$190.00 from the 580 account and \$250.00 from the substitute account.

- C. **Maren Trout**, College Career Coordinator, to attend "*PA Association for College Admission Counseling Conference*" at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Seven Springs, PA on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$666.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CENTER

- D. **Frances Harmon**, Teacher, to attend "*Oxton House – Decoding Automaticity with Dr. Fischer*" in Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, July 10, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$235.00 from the 2007-2008 580 account. No substitute is needed.

#### OAKS

- E. **Kate Cabrera** and **Karen DeLange**, to attend "*Selective Mutism*" at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA on Friday, June 1, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$696.75 – 446.75 from the Special Education Budget and \$250.00 from the substitute account.

#### LIMERICK

- F. **Jennifer Kravitz**, Teacher, to attend "*Responsive Classroom I – Week Long Institute for Elementary Educators*" at the Chestnutwold Elementary School in Ardmore, PA from Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3, 2007. The total cost for this conference is \$673.50 from the 2007-2008 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- G. **Rachel Shore**, Teacher, to attend "*New Teacher Conference 2007*" at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on Thursday, June 21 and Friday, June 22, 2007. The total cost for this conference \$390.55 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

#### ROYERSFORD

- H. **Janet H. Gebhardt**, Math and Reading Support Teacher, to attend "*Response to Intervention Readiness Symposium*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Friday, May 18, 2007. The total cost for this conference \$20.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

#### DISTRICT-WIDE

- I. **Vicki Maumus** and **Elaine Sandilos**, Psychologists, to attend "*Autism Diagnostic Workshop*" in Philadelphia, PA on Wednesday, June 6 and Thursday, June 7, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$134.72 from the Psychologist's Budget. No substitutes are required.

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. The following policies are submitted as a first reading:
1. Policy #214 – PUPILS: Class Rank
  2. Policy #910 – COMMUNITY: Community Relations/Dissemination of Printed Materials

**NEW OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Grispon explained that this resolution is about cyber charter schools and was requested by PSBA in an effort to get a bill sponsored by Karen Beyer of Northhampton County out of committee. The more resolutions they get the better the chances of getting the bill moving forward.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- B. The Board approved **Resolution #2007-21** in support of House Bill 446 which transfers funding responsibility for cyber charter schools to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and requires greater accountability from the cyber charter schools.

**XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davis reported that his office has contacted Mr. Anspach on a number of assessment appeals regarding the hiring of appraisal services. Mr. Davis said if the Board has any questions on this they can certainly contact his office. Mr. Davis said it is important that Administration provide his office with the appropriate information so that they can advise the District on how hard to pursue this and how much further ahead the appeal should go. Mr. Davis said his office only gets involved at the District's request on commercial appeals.

**XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Carol Wetzel, Limerick Township, asked if the bathrooms being placed on the athletic fields will be handicap accessible and Mr. Cooper said everything you put in today must be handicap accessible. Mrs. Wetzel said she was reading the minutes from last month and the Feasibility Study referenced some ADA deficiencies but the copy of the study that she picked up at the District Office did not show this information only information on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Dr. Hurda asked Mrs. Wetzel to contact the office and she will be happy to get her the complete report. Dr. Hurda reported that the District is already working through some of the items that were identified as needing implementation in some of our buildings so a lot of the items have already been taken care of or are in place to be taken care of.

Mr. Morgan commented that while he was in Louisiana he had the opportunity to talk to some of the officials down there who told him that they have a 9% sales tax and totally fund their schools that way. The property taxes for the area run anywhere from \$50.00 to \$400.00.

Mr. Petrowski reminded the public that on Monday night, June 4, the Joint Operating Council for the Western Center will start at 6:00 p.m. due to the fact that there is a Convention at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Petrowski said the Administration has been working very hard with the other districts on a low cost option. They have devised a curriculum that

will allow our children to get their academics at Spring-Ford and vocational training at the Western Center. Mr. Petrowski said if everyone votes their conscience and that of the taxpayers on Monday night then hopefully Spring-Ford can come up with enough votes along with the other districts to get this project off of dead center. The convention will take place at 7:30 p.m.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

**APPROVED DISTRICT GOALS**

1. Formulate a plan to provide a quality in-house alternative education program for students within the Spring-Ford School District.
2. Provide a quality career and technical education for students in grades 10-12 focusing on what is both educationally and economically feasible.
3. Develop a long range comprehensive secondary school facilities plan.
4. Develop and implement a transition plan for students and parents as children move through grades 4-8.
5. Track and monitor key measures for student success: graduation rates, drop out rates, scholarships, college acceptance rates and the feedback from past graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
Board Secretary