

On August 27, 2007, the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I:	Michael V. Masciandaro, and Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.
Region II:	Ammon G. Morgan, Jr.
Region III:	Joseph P. Ciresi, 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 today was the first day back for the approximately 7600 Spring-Ford Area School District students. Mrs. Williams said students will be off on Friday, August 31 and Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day Holiday. Mrs. Williams reminded the community members to sign up for the fall classes through the Community Education Program where a wide variety of courses are offered. The catalog and registration form is available online at www.spring-ford.net under Community and then Community Education. Mrs. Williams invited the community members to tour Evans Elementary School located at 125 Sunset Road in Limerick on Sunday, September 9, 2007 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. following a dedication ceremony which will begin at 1:00 p.m.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Peter Ortiz, Foreman Architects, handed out an outline of information that he felt would address some of the questions that were directed to him over the last few days. Mr. Ortiz said the bids came in substantially higher than anticipated; two of the culprits responsible for the majority of the cost overage were the mechanical and electrical bids. These two items were eighty-seven and ninety percent over the original PlanCon Part D estimates. Mr. Ortiz said there were three reasons that contributed to the costs coming in so high and the first is the sharp rise in construction costs, the second reason is due to the type of HVAC system used for Geothermal heating and cooling which resulted in over twenty heat pumps needing to be installed in the attic space for the different building zones, the third reason is the Act 34 requirements under state law which limits the size of new construction on school buildings which forced us to consider putting in a second floor for additional space in the interior of the building rather than as an addition

to the building. Act 34 will allow the construction under the existing roof as it is then considered not to be new construction but construction in an existing area. Mr. Ortiz said initially Phil Foreman had the intention of going by the letter of the owner architect agreement where they would charge the school district as an additional service to slim the project down, change the drawings and rebid the project. Mr. Ortiz reported that since that letter, Dr. Hurda, Mr. Foreman, Dave Hersh as well as himself have been on the phone and an agreement was reached where Foreman Architects along with Schiller and Hersh would do the additional work for free.

Mr. Pettit arrived at 7:45

Mr. Ortiz said Foreman Architects is recommending two major changes in the design of the project; the first change would be to change the geo-thermal system to a more conventional HVAC system and get rid of the line which connects to the adjacent elementary school boiler room. The second and largest major change would be to delete the whole second floor as this area only houses six people and right now is one third of the entire area of building. Foreman Architects did some calculations to figure out what the worth of the second floor is by figuring out the cost of per square foot for the amount of people working on the second floor; the calculations showed that the cost was \$150,000.00 per person for the second floor. The deletion of the second floor would also eliminate the elevator and two sets of stairs thereby substantially reducing costs. Mr. Ortiz commented that due to the volatile market it is not possible to predict the exact level of cost reduction but it is believed to be very substantial and will get us close to the original estimates. Mr. Ortiz said he believes that ultimately the changes can be done in plus or minus a month. The drawings must be turned into the township again for their building code review and once approved we can then advertise for bids and turn everything in to the Department of Education for their review which they will finish by the time we start to receive bids. Mr. Ortiz said if we assume that it will take the township a month to review the paperwork, which could be a hopeful stretch, then sometime in November we could go out to bid and then receive the bids sometime in December.

Mr. Ortiz said there are three possible choices that the Board has and the first would be to award the bids as is, the second choice would be to have Foreman Architects along with Schiller and Hersh reduce the drawings and then rebid, the third choice is to rebid only part of the plan if for example you wanted to keep some of the bids but this can be tricky because you only have sixty-five days until the bids run out so the ones you are holding would have to agree to go beyond the sixty-five day timeline. Mr. Ortiz said the kind of things that we need to do in order to bring the costs down are going to force us to go out to bid anyway so option three really is not a viable one. Mr. Ortiz referenced a previous discussion that questioned the square footage per person for this project compared to other district administration buildings in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ortiz said right now with the way the present drawings and bids stand we are at 372 square feet per person for 46 people. Mr. Ortiz reported that Ridley Park School District's Administration Building has 474 square feet per person but they have a full size board room included in their building. The South Park District Administration Office in Pine Grove has 316 square feet per person with 444 square feet planned. Mr. Ortiz said when you reduce the area by taking off the second floor

which had a lot of open area you will be reducing the square feet per person from 372 to 300 which will put us on the low side. Mr. Ortiz commented that the reason he was presenting these comparisons was to show that the District with their original designs was not doing anything that was extravagant.

Mr. Weber asked if the savings by deleting the second floor would be \$900,000.00 and Mr. Ortiz said that was correct if using the existing bids. Mr. Weber questioned if you delete the geothermal option what would the savings be and Mr. Ortiz said Mr. Hersh has more information on that but he believes you could take off \$200,000.00 each from the mechanical bids and electrical bids. Mr. Weber asked what the payback would be on the geothermal option; Mr. Hersh reported that it is safe to say the geothermal system would pay for itself in five to seven years.

Mr. Masciandaro said he seems to remember previous discussions on geothermal saying it was very economical for us since we had a lot of wells already dug at this location; he questioned with the mechanical bid coming in much higher than anticipated doesn't this extend the payback time?

Mr. Hersh said the payback time of five to seven years does figure the higher mechanical costs into it. Mr. Hersh commented that we are not drilling any additional wells but some of the higher costs are due to the distance that we must run the piping and the tunneling under the driveway since the idea was to not dig up the driveway. Mr. Hersh said in looking at all the aspects that encompass the bids there are two heat recovery units that are on the two ends of the building and just the screening that is around the two units cost around \$20,000.00 which is more than the cost of the units themselves. The extended warranty covering both labor and materials adds about \$30,000.00 to the cost of the project. Mr. Hersh said one of the things the District was doing was picking up the permits but the heating permit was not part of this and that is worth \$12,000.00 so if the District were to pick that up there would be a savings on that cost. Mr. Hersh further reported that the automatic temperature control system was worth somewhere around \$120,000.00 so with the deletion of the second floor that number should be significantly reduced possibly down to around the \$80,000.00 range. Mr. Hersh said electrically they feel there could be some significant savings if the District did not own the transformer because if PECO owned the transformer and could move it closer to the building there could be a savings of around \$30,000.00. Mr. Hersh commented that the advantage of the District owning the transformer is that it could be placed on top of the ground but if PECO owns it they would require it be placed under the ground. Mr. Hersh said reducing the size of the generator would also be a significant savings as right now the system is designed so that the generator backs up the entire building, normally generators take care of emergency lights and the refrigerators and freezers. Mr. Hersh reported that the elimination of the card access system and instead use keys to enter the building could result in a savings of approximately \$30,000.00.

Mr. Morgan asked if the District went with a conventional style HVAC system would it be electrical or gas, Mr. Hersh said it would be gas.

Mr. Pettit asked if there was a bottom line number for this project with relation to the original bid versus this \$4.5 million dollar bid and Mr. Ortiz said he would consider it a success if we got within \$200,000.00 of the original number which would be \$3.4 to \$3.5 million.

Mr. Masciandaro asked about the soft costs which originally were in the \$700,000.00 range and he wondered if that was still the thinking, Mr. Ortiz said the soft costs would not decrease due to any of the reductions discussed here tonight and he believes the soft costs would come in around \$850,000.00. Mr. Masciandaro pointed out that the bids are \$4.4 million and with the soft costs we are looking at approximately a \$5.2 million dollar project. Mr. Masciandaro commented that the reason he was pushing for leasing is because you would pay approximately \$250,000.00 per year in leasing fees and that compared to the cost of the project is a large difference in money and that is money that you could put in the bank to more than cover the leasing fees. Mr. Masciandaro stated before we go back to the leasing option he would like to have a couple of questions addressed because he would still rather see the Bechtel Dairy Building renovated for an administration building. Mr. Masciandaro questioned if he were to go into business and have office space built how much would he have to think about in terms of cost per square foot, Mr. Ortiz said he is not comfortable answering that right now but he could get back to the Board with a number for that as his expertise is in building schools and school administration offices not the commercial end of things. Mr. Masciandaro said a good way for the Board to be able to manage this project is to say we need to bring the project in for a set amount per square foot because the architect cannot control what the District asks him to put into the project. Mr. Masciandaro commented that we need to do two things and the first thing is to reduce the square footage. He reported that he looked at a report online that stated normal office space, which is not administration buildings for schools, is 175-250 square foot per person which is much less than the 300 square feet that we talked about getting down to for this project. Mr. Masciandaro recommended we get the square footage down to 12,000 square feet which is 300 square feet per person which is above what the outside world is and he believes we can make do with that. Mr. Masciandaro said the second thing that we need to do is to give Mr. Ortiz a charge saying the project must be brought in at a certain amount per square foot and if it is possible to get the project in at 12,000 square feet at \$200.00 per square foot then we are looking at a \$2.4 million dollar building, which may be overly optimistic, but if we take this approach then we can get back to something we can live with. Mr. Masciandaro said he cannot look at any member of the public and say \$5.2 million for an administration building when The Needleworks is sitting right across the street that he knows we could have looked at leasing and gotten in there for \$1.5 million and \$250,000.00 per year. Mr. Ortiz said that figure was not including the renovation costs, Mrs. Williams said that was correct. Mr. Masciandaro commented that was not correct and Mrs. Williams said it was correct and was for raw walls, with no charges for common areas as we were responsible for all of that. Mrs. Williams said now that the building has gone to condominiums we will have a parking issue. Mr. Masciandaro said the project being up at \$5.2 million is going to open up a whole host of things for him. Mr. Ortiz agreed that the square footage and costs could be scaled down with this new proposal that deletes the construction of a second floor. Mr. Ortiz commented that he still believes we would be in good shape if we could come in

within \$200,000.00 over the original estimate. Mr. Ortiz said in three-fourths of the jobs that his firm does in various municipalities the municipal review takes no longer than six to seven months but this project has taken a year and a month due to the way Upper Providence Township works which is that they do not overlap any of the steps of the approval process, they do each step upon completion of the previous step.

Mrs. Williams commented that when the project began everyone sat down and a very careful means assessment was done, she asked if Mr. Ortiz was comfortable with the fact that if the building is scaled down it would be able to accommodate the number of people who work in it. Mr. Ortiz answered saying in getting rid of the second floor it essentially cuts out space for six future positions assuming you will be moving the present transportation, child accounting and census people downstairs to the first floor. Mr. Ortiz said you can come back at a later date and add to the building on the first floor as there is plenty of room to expand and with regards to Act 34 you will be able to build up to twenty percent of the existing area which will be about 2200-2300 square feet.

Dr. Hurda commented that previous discussions centered on the fact that the Board did not want to come back and have to add onto the building again in five or ten years. Dr. Hurda said original discussions started with one floor and then the discussion was let's make sure we are utilizing that building to our full capacity so that we do not have to go back to our taxpayers and ask to do it again. Dr. Hurda said she wants to make sure that everyone understands that if we cut the space for the six future positions, which she is comfortable with, we will at some point and time have to go back and expand the building. Dr. Hurda commented that the decision really is whether you are doing it today or tomorrow.

Mr. Masciandaro asked if we would be able to get 44 people into the building if it is scaled down and Mr. Ortiz said you could accommodate 40 people.

Mr. Morgan said his point last week in asking Dr. Hurda at the Work Session if this building would work for the District for fifteen years out was because if you reduce the square footage now and then in five or six years you decide to add onto the building by the time you add in the architects fees, go through the township permitting process and add in the increase in costs of construction, he does not believe you are going to be able to do that for the roughly \$900,000.00 you would be saving now.

Mr. Ciresi questioned if you add onto this building down the road wouldn't it cost us more as costs go up and he wondered what the disadvantage would be to adding the additional space on the downstairs now, outside of having to hold an Act 34 hearing. Mr. Ortiz said you would certainly have to have an Act 34 hearing but you would also have to have a referendum for the public to vote and approve the project. Mr. Ortiz said the public could disapprove the project and then there would be no project as you would be forced to start all over again. Mr. Ortiz commented that Spring-Ford would be the first District in Pennsylvania to hold a referendum and even PDE does not know what they will require as this has not been done before in the state. Mr. Ciresi questioned if we can put aside referendum and Act 34 and we were to add the square footage onto the base

and not add an upstairs would we still be looking at an additional \$900,000.00 or would it be less. Mr. Ortiz said hypothetically if the District were to build everything on the first floor and have no interior second floor you would probably save about 20 – 25 percent of the cost of the second floor for the same square footage.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Masciandaro about the website he quoted earlier wondering how much square footage per person was referenced and Mr. Masciandaro said the website was Office Environment, Inc. and it indicated 175 – 250 square feet per person for classic office space. Mrs. Williams questioned the amount of square footage per person that Mr. Masciandaro was looking to get the project down to and he said 300 square feet per person at a cost of \$200 per square foot for construction costs, right now the bids came in at \$257.

Mr. Masciandaro commented that an interesting future trend although he does not know how it would translate specifically to administration of a school district is telecommuting. Mr. Masciandaro said you could not have teachers telecommuting although we do have distance learning which is a form of telecommuting. Mr. Masciandaro said he could see where we could have certain administrative functions potentially telecommuting which could lessen how big the administration building expansion needs to be.

Mr. Ciresi asked Mr. Anspach about the storage and files that are currently in the basement of the current administration building saying under the new plans the storage in the new building would be greatly reduced. Mr. Ciresi referenced previous discussions regarding placing the information on storage discs, he asked Mr. Anspach about this possibility. Mr. Anspach said it would be a very costly to put the old files onto storage discs but possibly all future materials could be saved that way. Mr. Anspach commented that some files such as special education and board records need to be kept indefinitely while other files must be retained for seven years so you have to decide where to store the files we already have, do you keep them in the existing District Office basement if it is decided to keep that building as an alternative school or do you use some other type of record keeping storage facility. Mr. Ciresi asked how much space ideally we would be looking for in order to store the records and Mr. Anspach said he does not have an exact idea as there are some files such those for special education which seem to escalate over time. Dr. Hurda reported that we are working right now on a policy with the solicitor's office on the retention of records because there does come a point where you have to decide what you keep and what you do not keep. Dr. Hurda said there are some records that we do not have a choice about and they must be kept for ninety-nine years so if you must keep them then you must commit to the dollars and the investment in technology to store the information. Dr. Hurda stated the Board has to make a decision on what is more cost efficient the space and the boxes or the commitment to the new technology. Mr. Ciresi said if he remembers correctly the 5-7 building had some additional storage space available and he wondered if it would be possible to take some of that storage space and keep those records that we do not access on a monthly or weekly basis. We could categorize and secure them so they could only be accessed by the District Office staff who need access to it and then look at the option from this point forward of going to a fully electronic system to reduce the storage that we would need in the new building.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Ortiz about the handout he gave out, the proposed changes to rebid the project, she questioned if the new square footage was 11,915 and Mr. Ortiz said that was correct. Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Ortiz if what he needed tonight was for the Board to either accept the bids we have, or reject the bids and then agree to authorize the rebidding with the proposed changes that are listed in the handout. Dr. Hurda said if the Board decides to authorize the rebidding then there is a new motion that would have to go on the agenda and a draft of that motion was developed this afternoon in case there was a need for it tonight. Mr. Ortiz confirmed that if the Board decides to change the drawings and rebid then you have to inform the Department of Education officially of that through a form called "Attachment C" which requires Board action.

Mr. Ciresi wondered if the new proposed changes included both the drop in square footage as well as the dropping of the geothermal option and Mr. Ortiz said that was correct as the elimination of the geothermal would help you realize a bigger savings. Mr. Ciresi asked if the Board could see the comparison of the project both with and without the geothermal option. Mr. Hersh said his recommendation, if the Board decides to keep geothermal, would be instead of having a heat pump for each space have a total of five heat pumps instead of the twenty that are in the present design.

Mr. Weber cautioned the Board to think twice when considering doing away with the geothermal option especially with a 5-7 year payback time; Mr. Ciresi said he feels the same way. Dr. Hurda questioned Mr. Hersh regarding what his recommendation would be after looking at the geothermal, a conventional system and the payback time, she wondered if he still felt geothermal was a viable option for the District. Mr. Hersh said he believes it is a viable option since the District has had great success as far as payback time with other geothermal systems that have been installed especially since he would not be drilling additional bore holes but tapping into what already exists at Upper Providence Elementary School. Mr. Hersh reported that he believes we just need to reduce the amount and number of heat pumps in order to get the costs down.

Mrs. Williams asked the Board for a recommendation as far as cost in order to move this project forward. She commented that the proposal to do something with the District Office is in its thirteenth year and she understands that the numbers are high but we need to agree this evening on what we are going to do. Mrs. Williams asked if the Board still wanted to pursue geothermal, Mr. Ciresi said he wants to consider this. Mr. Ciresi said if we take Mr. Masciandro's number of \$252 per square foot and multiply it by 12,000 square feet then your costs would be around three million dollars which is significantly less than the bid numbers we have now.

Mr. Masciandro said one thing that bothers him is when you have a small project geothermal is tough to put in as it is a complex system. Mr. Masciandro commented that he does not mind spending money on good facilities for education but we have to build administrative offices that are on par with what office buildings normally are especially in light of our other future educational building projects. Mr. Masciandro said we absolutely need to fix our

administrative office problems and he commended Dr. Hurda for working every day in the current building.

Dr. Hurda commented that she is the last person to advocate taking money away from the education of students but she feels she must speak on behalf of the 38 people who work in the current administration building. She said we have people who work in basement, we have no heat as anyone who comes into her office will attest, it is either 100 degrees or 30 degrees, there is a septic tank that must be emptied, you cannot drink the water, and you cannot wash your hands. Dr. Hurda said there does come a point where it is not fair to ask people to work in an environment like our staff does and she has a very hard time asking people to work in a basement every day. Dr. Hurda further commented that when we sit here and listen to this discussion it diminishes the importance of the people who work in the District Office because we cannot seem to make a decision to move forward and do the right thing for people here in our District.

Mr. Pettit said he believes we should be working backwards saying here is the dollar figure, this is what we have to spend, make it work. Mr. Pettit commented that we have to consider telecommunications, possibly many of our administrative staff members could work this way and we therefore may not need a district office that would accommodate 40 staff members. Mr. Pettit agreed with Dr. Hurda that we cannot stay where we are as it is not fair to those people in the administration, let's get it moving but let's do it reasonably.

Mr. Anspach said he fully understands this but feels you have to look at two issues; the first being the upfront cost savings and secondly you need to look at what this building is going to cost you over the next twenty years. Mr. Anspach referenced geothermal saying it might be wise to put the money upfront if it is going to pay for itself in five years.

Mrs. Williams asked the Board Members to come up with a number to give Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Grispon said "3.5 million and not one dollar more for construction costs".

Mr. Masciandaro asked Dr. Hurda if she could make due with 3.5 million, Dr. Hurda said this is not about her but the staff would feel like they died and went to heaven if they were in a building that was up to code and basically like one that everyone else works in. Dr. Hurda commented that there is nothing extravagant in the building and she reminded the Board that the costs went up because this Board told her to make sure that she was not doing something short sighted and make sure that ten years from now you will have enough space and this is how the second floor came from. Dr. Hurda said there are several administrators who are being housed in classrooms at the 7th Grade Center and next year they will have to be moved out of those rooms as the rooms will be needed for students.

Mr. Morgan commented that no one is at fault and he attested that every project he has been associated with at work this past year has come in twenty percent more just because of the increase in costs for the materials and this is just the nature of the business. Mr. Morgan said he looked at the drawings and he agrees that there is nothing fancy about the new administration building and

although everyone is stunned by the price we need to do something sooner rather than later.

Mrs. Williams asked if 40 occupants included the four staff members who are currently housed in classrooms at the 7th Grade Center and Dr. Hurda said it did. Dr. Hurda commented that a building capacity for 40 occupants would take care of all the staff that currently is in the district office plus those who are housed elsewhere but it would have extra offices for future administrative employee growth.

Mrs. Williams asked the Board Members if there was a consensus for a number that they would support and feel comfortable with and she asked Mr. Ortiz if he had a number based on the reductions. Mr. Ortiz said if you take the elimination of the second floor and use the actual bid costs that were just received you would reduce your costs by \$900,000. Mr. Ortiz said he believes that by the time you take the second floor out of the drawings and re-bid it your savings might be only \$700,000 to \$800,000. Mr. Ortiz said the mechanical and electrical reduction would amount to about \$200,000 each so your actual savings would be in the approximate \$1.2 million dollar range which would bring your construction costs down to roughly \$3.5 million dollars which is the cost that the Board discussed tonight.

Mr. Masciandaro said the architects have no control over what goes into a building but they can have some control if the Board were to say you have to design a building for \$200 per square foot. Mr. Masciandaro commented that he believes the thing that got us into trouble is when we got up to 17,100 square feet so if we get down to 12,000 or 13,000 square feet we would be in good shape. He said he agrees with the \$3.5 million dollar figure that Mr. Grispon spoke about earlier. Mrs. Williams said \$3.5 is for construction costs and does not include soft costs. Mr. Masciandaro said that was correct and with the \$800,000 of soft costs added in we would be looking at a project of \$4.1 to \$4.2 million. Mr. Anspach reported \$4.5 million was the amount we had budgeted for in Capital Projects.

Mr. Ciresi asked if the project goes out to rebid when will it happen and Mr. Ortiz said they would need about a month and a few days to change the drawings which would then be submitted to Upper Providence Township Building Code review. Mr. Ortiz said he did not know how long the process would take on the townships end. Mr. Davis asked if the land development plan would be changed in any way and Mr. Ortiz said no all of the changes would be confined to the building.

Mrs. Williams asked if the Board Members could live with the figure of \$3.5 million in construction costs with the geothermal heat pumps being reduced from twenty down to roughly five; the Board Members all voiced their agreement to this.

- A. Peter Ortiz, Forman Architects, to provide an explanation of the New District Administration Building Project bids.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Paul Chrisman, Royersford, said he thinks the Board is making a mistake by setting a dollar value and then try to fit a building into it. He believes the School District should figure out what their needs are and then design for their needs instead of trying to work backwards. Mr. Chrisman commented that it has been said this project has been on-going for thirteen years and if you look in the rearview mirror sometime in the past if someone would have drawn a line in the sand and built the building it would have been much less than the \$4.2 million dollars you are talking about now. Mr. Chrisman said by constantly changing the scope of the project and the constant discussions regarding the price you have arrived where you are at now. Mr. Chrisman said the upgrade of the administration building use to be on the District Goals but now it does not even appear there anymore. Mr. Chrisman said if the Board had a dollar figure in mind before then you should have stuck to it and started cutting things rather than waiting until now after the fact. Mr. Chrisman commented that he believes it is a mistake to start over as the costs may not come in as low as the Board may think and justice will not be done to what the building needs to be. Mr. Chrisman questioned Item F1 under Finance saying for one student for 215 days of education we are going to spend an amount not to exceed \$92,267.25. Mr. Chrisman said that although he does not understand all the details regarding this he believes the average cost to educate a student in this district is about \$9,000.00 so for one student we are going to spend ten times the average cost per pupil, Mrs. Williams said this was correct and that this situation was for a special needs student. Mr. Chrisman said this is just an example in order to put costs into perspective.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved the May 29, 2007 board meeting minutes.
- B. The Board approved the June 18, 2007 work session minutes.
- C. The Board approved the June 28, 2007 board meeting minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations Donna Williams 2nd Mon. 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Williams reported that the Committee is very excited about the opening and dedication of Evans Elementary on Sunday, September 9 and they are looking forward to meeting the visiting guests from Ireland. The Committee announced that within the next few days they will be partnering with a municipality and finalizing plans for our dedicated television station. The District is looking forward to being able to do some programming.

Extracurricular Robert Weber 2nd Tues. 2 p.m.

Mr. Weber reported that the Extracurricular Committee met on August 14 and discussed the field study program, the McNelly scoreboard which is now in place, renovations to the softball field and the lack of locker rooms at the middle school level particularly the 8th Grade Center. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a future field house which would alleviate some of the locker room

problems. There were no club reports. The Committee discussed the fine job the American Legion did on the American Legion Tournament, resurfacing of the tennis courts and the fall sports activities.

Mr. Grispon said he wanted to read a statement on the Spring-Ford Area School District's oldest partnership, namely Spring City American Legion Baseball (SCALB). In 1998, in conjunction with the construction of the new high school a new baseball field was built by the school district. Also that same year the school district entered into a partnership with SCALB. Once the field was complete, Spring City American Legion Baseball provided various enhancements to the field. Those enhancements include dugouts, state of the art lighting system, scoreboard, concession stand, 524 seat grandstand with a press box, ticket booth, year round field maintenance, security fencing, phone system and "new and improved" sound system. We are in the process of completing a state of the art video security system. In excess of \$620,000 has been spent by SCALB on Ram Stadium. This has provided the school district with a first class baseball facility without impacting on taxpayer funds.

Spring City American Legion Baseball, Inc. was incorporated in Pennsylvania on September 3, 1998, as a non-profit corporation. It has tax-exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c) (3) as reapproved on October 28, 2002. It is also recognized as a Charitable Organization by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Spring City American Legion Baseball, Inc. is a separate organization from the Spring City American Legion Post 602 and is also separate from the actual baseball teams that have been in existence for over forty years. Each is an individual organization with separate treasuries.

The sole purpose of the Spring City American Legion Baseball, Inc. is to build and maintain a first class baseball facility for the Spring-Ford community. The board of directors is limited to fifteen persons. They are two from the sponsoring American Legion post, one from the Spring-Ford Area School District, one as the manager of the senior legion baseball team, and eleven at large from the Spring-Ford community.

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide youth baseball program. During these past seven decades, millions of young players have enjoyed playing baseball. The American Legion and their 2.8 million members have raised millions of dollars each year for players to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, leadership and good sportsmanship. The American Legion sponsors American Legion Baseball to give players an opportunity to develop their skills, personal fitness, leadership qualities and to have fun.

From August 7-11, 2007, Spring City Post 602 hosted the Pennsylvania American Legion State Tournament. In another cooperative effort the State Hall of Fame Dinner was held in the Spring-Ford High School Cafeteria and the Pennsylvania American Legion Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held in the school's auditorium. It was a very successful tournament. There were many positive comments from the visiting teams about our excellent facility. We even had School Board President Donna Williams and Assistant Superintendent Ken

Donahue participate in our opening ceremonies. Dr. Donahue threw the first pitch; it was a slider low and away.

I would like to publicly recognize SCALB President Walt Gadzicki and SCALB Treasurer and Tournament Director Todd Clemens and all the volunteers from the Spring-Ford community that made the tournament a rousing success. The tournament program was dedicated to one of our founding members, former Secretary of SCALB, Ron Nettles.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank Ross Smith and rest of the Boyertown American Legion Baseball Administration for their help in making this tournament happen.

V. PERSONNEL

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items A-N and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

A. Resignations:

1. **Amy Bornais**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, effective July 13, 2007.
 2. **Kelly A. Keller**, Royersford Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, effective August 15, 2007.
 3. **Joy Needles**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, effective July 24, 2007.
 4. **Elise Reiter**, District; Speech Therapist, effective July 16, 2007.
 5. **William Shirk**, High School; Assistant Principal, effective August 17, 2007.
 6. **Kathleen Doran**, High School; Part-time Food Service, effective October 1, 2007.
 7. **Connie lanetta**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Clerical Assistant, effective August 17, 2007.
 8. **Debra Liney**, Royersford Elementary School; Part-time Food Service, effective August 10, 2007.
 9. **Maria Santangelo**, High School; Part-time Food Service, effective August 15, 2007.
 10. **Lynn Saville**, Brooke Elementary School; Part-time Food Service, effective August 13, 2007.
- New Resignation:**
11. **Gale Kern**, 8th Grade Center; Part-time Food Service, effective August 23, 2007.

B. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Catherine C. Bala**, Brooke Elementary School; 2nd Grade Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively October 19, 2007 for the remainder of the 2007/2008 school year.
2. **Laura Camp**, 5/6th Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively December 21, 2007.
3. **Tara Chester**, Oaks Elementary School; ESL Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 22, 2007.
4. **Katie Davis**, High School; Learning Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively September 26, 2007 for the 2007/2008 school year.
5. **Diane Connors**, High School; Secretary, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective July 11, 2007.
6. **Charles Evans**, High School, 9th Grade Center; Head Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective July 2, 2007.
7. **Helen Johnstone**, High School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 21, 2007.

C. Administrative Employees with benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement, effective July 1, 2007:

1. **Douglas Kent**, Assistant Principal, Spring-Ford High School. Mr. Kent received his Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, as well as his Elementary and Secondary Principal Certification, from Immaculata University. He is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Immaculata University. Compensation will be set at \$97,000, prorated, effective upon release from current school district.
2. **Douglas K. Reigner**, Assistant Principal, Spring-Ford Middle School, 8th Grade Center. Mr. Reigner received his Bachelor's Degree from Lock Haven University and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, as well as his Elementary and Secondary Principal Certification, from Immaculata University. Compensation will be set at \$99,000, prorated, effective upon release from current school district.
3. **Sherry Sterling-Holt**, Supervisor of Special Education, Spring-Ford High School. Ms. Sterling-Holt received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland and her Master's Degree, along with her Special Education Supervisory Certificate from Temple University. Compensation will be set at \$103,000, prorated, effective upon release from current school district.

New Administration:

4. The Board approved of the Employment Agreement with **Mr. Lawrence Feeley**, Interim Assistant Principal, effective August 17, 2007 through October 31, 2007. Compensation is set at \$400.00 per day.
- D. **Professional Employees** with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2007:
1. **Kimberly Camilleri**, 8th Grade Center; Science Teacher, compensation will be set at \$44,000, MS, Step 4.
 2. **Lauren Keifer**, Spring City Elementary School; .5 Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$21,600, BS +18, Step 5 for the .5 position.
 3. **Bernadette Kucewicz**, 8th Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$51,500, MS, Step 7.
 4. **Susan Prophet**, High School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$54,000, MS, Step 8.

New Professional Employees: with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

5. **Cheryl Hoppel**, Brooke Elementary School; Speech, compensation will be set at \$79,300, MS, Step 15, effective date to be determined.
- E. **Temporary Professional Employees** with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2007:
1. **Jeannine Acri**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,500, MS, Step 1.
 2. **Janice Antal**, High School; Chemistry Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1.
 3. **Vicki Ellis**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$44,000, MS, Step 4.
 4. **Nathaniel Fisher**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,500, BS + 18, Step 1.
 5. **Cara L. Giese**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,250, BS + 18, Step 2.
 6. **Michael Gruber**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1.
 7. **Darrin Lehnart**, High School; Biology Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,950, BS, Step 2, prorated, *effective upon release from current school district.*

8. **Jennifer Low**, Royersford Elementary School; Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1.
9. **Marguerite Lownes**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$46,000, MS, Step 5.
10. **Shannon Solvason**, Limerick Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,500, BS + 18, Step 1.
11. **Jennifer Moran**, Spring City Elementary School; .5 Elementary School Counselor, compensation will be set at \$20,250, MS, Step 1 for the .5 position.
12. **Brandy Nelson**, 5/6th Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,950, BS, Step 2.
13. **Amanda Olson**, Limerick Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,650, BS, Step 3.
14. **Racquel Richter**, 8th Grade Center; Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,500, BS + 18, Step 1.
15. **Ryan Souder**, Spring City Elementary School; .5 Health & Physical Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$19,500, BS, Step 1 for the .5 position.
16. **Julie Stadulis**, Brooke Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,250, BS + 18 Step 2.
17. **Meghan Steckel**, Spring City Elementary School; .5 Music Teacher, compensation will be set at \$19,500, BS, Step 1 for the .5 position.
18. **Travis Wagner**, High School; Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1.

New Temporary Professional Employees with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

19. **Emily Kehl**, Royersford Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1, effective August 22, 2007.
20. **Jeannine Plitnick**, 5/6th Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,500, BS + 18, Step 1, effective August 21, 2007.
21. **Ann Ricci**, District-wide; .5 Gifted Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$21,350, Masters, Step 3 for the .5 position, effective August 21, 2007.

F. **Long Term Substitute Employees** with benefits, effective August 21, 2007:

1. **Jennifer Ilg**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,000, BS, Step 1 for the 2007/2008 school year.
2. **Brian Reimers**, High School; Communications Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,500, MS, Step 1 for the 2007/2008 school year.

New Long Term Substitute Employees with benefits:

3. **Amanda Leslie**, High School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,950, BS, Step 2, effective August 22, 2007, for the first semester.
4. **Yvonne Lockbaum**, High School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$39,950, BS, Step 2, effective August 21, 2007, for the 2007-2008 school year.

G. **Support Staff Employees:**

1. **Steve Anspach**, High School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
2. **Matthew Armentrout**, 5/6th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
3. **Karen Birmingham**, 8th Grade Center; 3.5 hour part-time Food Service employee, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
4. **Bruce Cartwright**, 7th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$14.56 per hour (includes degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
5. **Ellen Daw**, 8th Grade Center; Secretary, compensation will be set at \$13.39 per hour with benefits, as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive July 24, 2007.
6. **Kathy A. Deery**, 7th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
7. **Angela DeRosato**, Oaks Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.

8. **Deborah A. Devine**, Spring City Elementary School; Secretary, compensation will be set at \$13.25 per hour (includes degree rate) with benefits, as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive July 30, 2007.
9. **Jill Gillette**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
10. **Martina Gring**, 5/6th Grade Center; 3-hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
11. **Mary Heelan**, 5/6th Grade Center; 3-hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
12. **Charlotte T. Hettrick**, Evans Elementary School; Full-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour with benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
13. **Traci Horan**, High School; Library Assistant, compensation will be set at \$14.56 per hour (includes degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
14. **Connie lanetta**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$14.56 per hour (includes degree rate) with benefits, effective August 21, 2007.
15. **Debra Liney**, 8th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$14.56 per hour (includes degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
16. **Karen Lyons**, Upper Providence Elementary School; 4.5 hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
17. **Linda McDermott**, Evans Elementary School; 4.5 hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
18. **Wendy Monte**, High School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$14.56 per hour (includes degree rate), with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
19. **Teresa Poling**, 8th Grade Center; 3-hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.
20. **Susan Sparhawk**, Evans Elementary School; 4.5 hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.

21. **Kathleen Strange**, 5/6th Grade Center; Clerical Assistant, compensation will be set at \$11.25 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive August 13, 2007.
22. **Amanda Tamaki**, High School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
23. **Lydia M. Wisler**, 5/6th Grade Center; School Nurse, compensation will be set at \$25.06 per hour with benefits as per the Registered Nurses Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
24. **Maria L. Young**, High School; 3-hour part-time Food Service, compensation will be set at \$13.05 per hour *without* benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 27, 2007.

New Support Staff Employees:

25. **Janet Copenhaver**, Limerick Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.56 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 21, 2007.
 26. **Molly Fletcher**, Oaks Elementary School; Custodian, compensation will be set at \$ 15.12 with benefits as per the Custodial plan, effective August 28, 2007.
- H. The Board approved **Jeannine Acri** to be hired as a Special Education Teacher for the 2007 Summer ESY Program. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits, effective retroactive July 3, 2007 (FICA & Retirement). Funding will be from IDEA funds.
- I. The Board approved **Amanda Kolb** to be hired as Support Staff for the 2007 Summer ESY Program that was previously Board approved. Compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate) plus benefits (FICA & Retirement); Funding will be from IDEA funds.
- J. The Board approved of the appointment/reappointment of the **Extra-curricular and supplemental contracts** for the 2007/2008 school year (To-date listing attached).
- K. **Extra-Curricular Contracts:**
1. **Karen Wilson**, Playground Asst., \$10.60 per hour
 2. **Sheryl K. Gorey**, Playground Asst., \$10.60 per hour
- L. **Professional Substitutes:**
1. **Terrie Grove** Guidance
 2. **Stephen R. White** Health & Physical Education
- New Professional Substitute:**
3. **Kristina Harrison** Elementary

M. Support Staff Substitutes:

1. **Denise Charlton** Cafeteria
2. **Laurie Garay** Cafeteria
3. **Katherine E. Henry** Summer ESY Program
4. **Tonia Leonard** Support Staff
5. **Glenda Walker** Cafeteria

New Support Staff Substitutes:

6. **Janet Pierce** Support Staff

N. New Supplemental Contracts:

Playground Assistant

1. **Karen Guza**, Upper Providence Elementary School; \$10.60/hour

Volunteers

2. **Beth Happ**, Volunteer Swimming Coach, \$1.00
3. **Joseph Schroeder**, Volunteer Football Coach, \$1.00

VI. FINANCE

Mr. Grispon asked that item D3 be separated. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve items A – D2 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

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

1. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June

Boyertown Supply	Misc. Plumbing Supplies	\$	625.95
Edwards Inc.	Paper Shredder	\$	3,078.35
Follett Software Co	Wireless Scanner/Media Center	\$	2,260.16
Limerick Twp.	Professional Services	\$	122.40
Nickerson Corp.	569 Student Desks/941 Chairs	\$	83,244.97
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Payroll & Benefits	\$	6,785.94

July

A. G. Mauro	Hollow Metal Door	\$	549.00
Canon Business Inc	Laser Fax/3yr Maint. Agreemt.	\$	1,448.00
Denney Electric	38 U-Tubes	\$	311.60
Ferguson Enterprises	Misc. Plumbing Supplies	\$	398.83
Clinton Frey	Install Chemical Filter Tanks & Sink w/Pump /Teachers Lounge	\$	6,374.60
Invincible Furniture	Filing Cabinets (65)	\$	25,847.00
Limerick Township	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	2,460.17
Limerick Twp. Mun.	Professional Services	\$	97.90
Moore Medical Corp	Nursing Supplies	\$	165.70
P.E.C.O.	Electric Service	\$	9,786.85
PA American Water	Water Service	\$	843.58
Edward Postell Inc.	Move/Dozier/Haul Topsoil Piles	\$	9,096.00
Recreation Resource	Bike Rack	\$	665.40

Recreation Resource	Zeager Woodcarpet/Playgrounds	\$	5,625.00
Stanton Door Co.	2 Electric Strike Fail Secure	\$	588.00
Tague Lumber Co.	Misc. Supplies	\$	308.97
U.P.S. Store	Drawings (2 Inv.)	\$	39.24
Wenger	Conductor Stands/Workstation, Percussion Cabinet/Music St. Cart	\$	3,926.00

August

Crutchfield	Yamaha Stereo & Speakers	\$	494.95
Denney Electric	12 Compact Fluorescent Fixture	\$	718.44
Lakeshore Learning	Supplies/Equip – Kdg. Team	\$	1,802.93
Moore Medical	Treatment Table & Stool-Nurse	\$	490.00
Nasco	Reading Ctr. – Kdg. Team	\$	973.00
Edward Postell Inc.	Move/Dozier/Haul Topsoil Piles	\$	4,486.00
Star Audio/Visual	50 3M Overhead Projectors	\$	11,548.50
Teacher Direct	4 Set/25 Cubby Cabinets – Kdg	\$	1,667.92
Tri-State Elevator	Service – Elevators (2 Inv.)	\$	1,120.00
West Music Co.	Music Equipment (3 Inv.)	\$	2,834.26
World Book Inc.	Books – Library	\$	4,425.00
*Colonial Electric	Light Fixture & Wall Brackets	\$	1,531.17
*Emedco	Signage	\$	246.78
*Empire Technologies	Phones/Install./Programming	\$	11,221.00
*Follett Library Res.	4,857 Library Books, Automated Processing	\$	66,957.22
*Gopher	Physical Education Equipment	\$	662.38
*Interior Disp. & Fix.	Counter Top-Office Work Room	\$	160.00
*Limerick Township	Professional Services	\$	457.47
*Nasco	4 Fun W/Phonics Carpets-Kdg.	\$	1,399.80
*Nickerson	246 Student Desks/10 Chairs	\$	15,725.84
*Scholastic	Library Books	\$	1,506.00
*Sico	1 Pacer Table/Teacher Dining	\$	499.63
*Troxell Comm.	75 Tuffy Electric AV Carts	\$	4,923.00
	TOTAL	\$	300,500.90

2. **9th GRADE CENTER**

DLR Group	Professional Services (Final)	\$	7,500.00
	TOTAL	\$	7,500.00

3. **BROOKE ELEMENTARY**

*Worth & Co., Inc.	Applic.#11 – HVAC Contractor	\$	41,164.50
	TOTAL	\$	41,164.50

4. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WATERPROOFING PROJECT -8th GRADE CENTER

Arthur Altemose	Professional Services	\$	3,240.00
	TOTAL	\$	3,240.00

GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELDS

July

Martin Stone Quarry	Stone for drainage	\$	1,245.16
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August

Recreation Resource	Sportsplay Batting Cage	\$	1,610.45
*Martin Stone Quarry	Infield Mix (2 Inv.)	\$	3,703.86
*Martin Stone Quarry	Track Mix	\$	<u>283.51</u>
	TOTAL	\$	6,842.98

PATHWAYS

June

U.P.S. Store	Drawings - 10 th Ave.	\$	112.70
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July

U.P.S. Store	Drawings - Walking Path	\$	<u>175.85</u>
	TOTAL	\$	288.55

RESTROOMS

July

U.P.S. Store	Drawings – Restrooms	\$	<u>63.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	63.00

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS – BROOKE & SPRING CITY

June

U.P.S. Store	Drawings Brooke & Spring City	\$	<u>225.40</u>
	TOTAL	\$	225.40

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

1. **Facilities Management Plan- Sports Complex**

Stephen Parks Assoc.	Professional Services	\$	<u>1,663.01</u>
	TOTAL	\$	1,663.01

2. **Pole Barn Project – Maintenance & Operations Bldg.**

July

U. Providence Twp.	Building Permit	\$	400.00
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August

Trans-Fleet Concrete	10 Yds. Concrete	\$	<u>970.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	1,370.00

3. **Scoreboard Project**

June

Denney Electric	Misc. Electrical Supplies	\$	428.36
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July

Daktronics	Scoreboard	\$	39,666.00
Lafayette Welding	Columns & Reinforcement Rods	\$	8,693.43
Tom Stone Masonry	Pour Concrete	\$	960.00
Trans-Fleet Concrete	13 Yds. Concrete	\$	<u>1,297.00</u>

August

Colonial Electric	Electrical Supplies (3 Inv.)	\$	1,201.94
Lafayette Welding Inc	Crane Service & Riggers	\$	2,700.00
Rental World	Trencher/Equip. Trailer Rental	\$	212.76
Trans-Fleet Concrete	10 Yds. Concrete	\$	<u>950.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	56,109.49

4. <u>New District Office</u>			
<u>July</u>			
Foreman Architects	Professional Services	\$	7,371.55
Pottstown Mercury	Legal Ad- Bids for Admin	\$	1,065.03
Times Herald	Legal Ad- Bids for Admin	\$	931.78
<u>August</u>			
U. Providence Twp.	Unused EDU's	\$	1,764.00
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	416.00
	TOTAL	\$	11,548.36
5. <u>*Sukonik/Greenstein Condemnation</u>			
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	48.00
	TOTAL	\$	48.00

C. The Board approved 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. <u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>			
<u>June</u>			
Check No. 117369 - 117599		\$	1,043,571.91
<u>July</u>			
Check No. 117600 - 117986		\$	3,380,835.28
<u>August</u>			
Check No. 117987 - 118201		\$	796,462.55
2. <u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>			
Check No. 118202 - 118313		\$	637,457.27

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item D3 and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Grispon abstaining under Section 1111 of the School Code in conjunction with Section 3J of the Ethics Code.

3. <u>Board Checks held for approval</u>			
Check No. 118314 - 118479		\$	922,236.74

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items D4-M and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

4. <u>Athletic Fund</u>			
<u>June</u>			
Check No. 299483 - 299507		\$	27,623.87
<u>July</u>			
Check No. 299508 - 299530		\$	11,159.46

E. Administration recommends acceptance of the following bid awards for the 2007-2008 school year: Bids were due June 1, 2007.

ART SUPPLIES

Dick Blick		\$	5,200.33
T.B. Hagstoz		\$	2,755.73
Kurtz Brothers		\$	17,141.07
Nasco		\$	8,891.02
National Art & School		\$	12,486.07
S & S Worldwide, Inc.		\$	371.65
Sax Arts & Crafts		\$	17,331.55
Standard Stationery Supply		\$	2,467.14
Triarco		\$	<u>6,257.68</u>
	TOTAL	\$	72,902.24

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Lindenmeyr Munroe		\$	<u>142,516.74</u>
	TOTAL	\$	142,516.74

PAPER SUPPLIES

Becker's School Supplies		\$	13,598.03
Kurtz Brothers		\$	12,617.81
School Specialty Inc.		\$	385.54
Wrigley's Office Supply		\$	<u>219.84</u>
	TOTAL	\$	26,821.22

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - COMMUNICATION

Kelvin Electronics Inc.		\$	326.40
Metco		\$	86.40
Modern School Supplies		\$	82.00
Paxton Patterson		\$	112.36
Satco Supply		\$	<u>172.80</u>
	TOTAL	\$	779.96

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - MANUFACTURING

Paxton Patterson		\$	<u>34.85</u>
	TOTAL	\$	34.85

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - CONSTRUCTION

Industrial Arts Supply Co.		\$	48.00
Midwest Technology Products		\$	<u>685.68</u>
	TOTAL	\$	733.68

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - WOOD SUPPLY

Industrial Arts Supply		\$	150.00
Metco		\$	170.60
Midwest Technology Products		\$	722.16
MLCS LTD		\$	84.95
Paxton Patterson		\$	297.41
Pitsco		\$	8.65
Satco Supply		\$	<u>917.77</u>
	TOTAL	\$	2,351.54

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – PHOTO SUPPLY

HPI International Inc.	\$	72.70
Porter's Camera Store	\$	124.07
TOTAL	\$	196.77

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES

Brodhead Garrett Company	\$	106.00
Hearlihy Company	\$	65.02
Industrial Arts Supply	\$	905.30
Kelvin Electronics	\$	1,926.95
Metco	\$	878.83
Midwest Technology Products	\$	542.60
Pitsco	\$	98.00
Satco Supply	\$	79.13
TOTAL	\$	4,601.83

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – LUMBER SUPPLY

Industrial Plywood Inc.	\$	440.64
Lafferty & Company, Inc.	\$	550.00
TOTAL	\$	990.64

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – MECHANICAL DRAWING

Hearlihy Company	\$	187.34
Metco	\$	88.66
Modern School Supplies	\$	576.20
Paxton Patterson	\$	31.80
TOTAL	\$	884.00

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Henry Schein Inc.	\$	1,241.79
Medco Sports Medicine	\$	331.54
Medco Supply, Inc.	\$	408.93
Moore Medical Corp.	\$	1,526.09
National Health Supply	\$	367.90
School Health Corporation	\$	153.80
United Health Supplies, Inc.	\$	2,932.10
TOTAL	\$	6,962.15

DENTAL SUPPLIES

Henry Schein Inc.	\$	345.95
Medco Sports Medicine	\$	734.77
Mid-Island Medical Supply	\$	352.22
School Health Corp.	\$	131.32
United Health Supplies, Inc.	\$	731.59
TOTAL	\$	2,295.85

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES

Cannon Sports	\$	1,240.66
Gopher Sport	\$	2,645.79
Nasco	\$	2,275.27
BSN/Passons/GSC Sports	\$	7,731.68

Sportsmans		\$ 1,672.63
	TOTAL	\$ 15,566.03

SCIENCE SUPPLIES – MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE

Carolina Biological Supply Co.		\$ 35.05
Connecticut Valley Bio. Sup. Co.		\$ 9.00
Delta Education Inc.		\$ 234.51
Fisher Scientific Company LLC		\$ 196.99
Frey Scientific Company		\$ 1,438.88
Nasco		\$ 40.90
Para Scientific Company		\$ 36.22
Sciencelabs.com		\$ 82.64
Wards Natural Science Est. Inc.		\$ 46.03
	TOTAL	\$ 2,120.22

SCIENCE SUPPLIES – SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Carolina Biological Supply Co.		\$ 264.69
Connecticut Valley Bio. Sup. Co.		\$ 84.75
Fisher Scientific Company LLC		\$ 1,327.70
Flinn Scientific Inc.		\$ 107.20
Frey Scientific Company		\$ 863.02
Nasco		\$ 1,672.73
VWR Scientific Products		\$ 1,461.03
Wards Natural Science Est. Inc.		\$ 302.03
	TOTAL	\$ 6,083.15

FURNITURE – DISTRICT WIDE**State Contract**

Educational Furniture Solutions		\$ 1,291.20
Virco Inc.		\$ 1,887.13
Sico North America		\$ 4,790.16
	TOTAL	\$ 7,968.49

BAND EQUIPMENT – DISTRICT WIDE

Washington Music Company		\$ 15,768.00
Zeswitz		\$ 25,464.78
(Evans Elementary - \$11,956.66/ Strings - \$6,600.00)		
Wenger		\$ 1,985.00
Steve Weiss Music		\$ 1,092.88
	TOTAL	\$ 44,310.66

PUBLICATIONS

Kalil's Printing Inc.		\$ 15,115.00
District Activities Calendar, Crisis Plan, Post Secondary Planning Guide		
Trilogy Graphics Inc.		\$ 14,050.00
Newsletters (4 issues), Elementary Handbooks		
Zap Digital Inc.		\$ 3,129.60
Intermediate Handbooks		
Premier Agendas		\$ 19,224.75
Middle & Senior High Handbooks, Elem. &		

Intermediate Schools Student Planners

TOTAL

\$ 51,519.35

- F. The Board approved the following **independent contracts**:
1. **Melmark School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for two hundred fifteen (215) days at a rate of four hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$429.15) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-two thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$92,267.25).
 2. **Jedlie Circus Productions, Inc. – Readville, MA.** Provide two (2) assemblies entitled "*Jedlie's Bully Free*" at the 5/6 Grade Center on October 24, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 5/6 Grade Center Assembly Budget and shall not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).
 3. **Metamorphosis Performing Company – Reading, PA.** Provide two (2) assemblies on September 27, 2007 entitled "*Under Construction*" for the fifth grade classes at the 5/6 Grade Center. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 5/6 Grade Center Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred sixty dollars (\$760.00).
 4. **Metamorphosis Performing Company – Reading, PA.** Provide two (2) assemblies on March 27, 2008 entitled "*Under Construction 2*" for the fifth grade classes at the 5/6 Grade Center. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 5/6 Grade Center Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred sixty dollars (\$760.00).
 5. **BridgewaterTheater – Goshen, IN.** Provide an assembly on October 17, 2007 entitled "*Crossing the Line*" for the sixth grade classes at the 5/6 Grade Center. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 5/6 Grade Center Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred forty-five dollars (\$745.00).
 6. **BridgewaterTheater – Goshen, IN.** Provide an assembly on March 28, 2008 entitled "*Krista's Enemy*" for the sixth grade classes at the 5/6 Grade Center. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 5/6 Grade Center Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred forty-five dollars (\$745.00).
 7. **Aqua Sport Physical Therapy, P.C. – Norristown, PA.** Provide athletic training services, pre-game taping, game training supervision and medical assistance services performed in connection with Spring-Ford Area School District's athletic programs. This contract is based on thirty-five (35) hours per week and is effective from August 13, 2007 through June 13, 2008. Funding for this contract was budgeted for in the 2007-2008 General Fund and shall not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

8. **Ken-Crest Services – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for forty-five (45) days at a rate of sixty-one dollars and twenty cents (\$61.20) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed two thousand seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$2,754.00).
9. **The Siera Group – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide training and assistance concerning Assistive Technology for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided from August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for a total of twenty-seven (27) hours at a rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand fifty dollars (\$4,050.00).
10. **High School to Work Transition Services – Telford, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget at a rate of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) per marking period for a total not to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00).
11. **Therapy Source, Inc. – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide Speech and Physical Therapy services for the Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-two and one-half (22.5) hours of service and twenty-five (25) hours of transportation time at a rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,325.00).
12. **Ms. Claire Choutka – Limerick, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis support in the school setting for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for eight (8) hours per month between August 28, 2007 and June 30, 2008 at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).
13. **Main Line Rehabilitation Associates, Inc. – Exton, PA.** Provide seventy-two (72) hours of cognitive therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP and eight (8) hours of training and consultation for the teachers and assistants working with this student. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per hour with a total not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).
14. **Sandra Gallagher – Pottstown, PA.** Provide instructional and consultative services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided from July 1, 2007 through June 20, 2008 at a rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour for three (3) hours per week.

Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand fifty dollars (\$4,050.00).

15. **Wilson Language Training – Oxford, MA.** Provide Level I Intensive Course Certification for one teacher in the Wilson Reading System. This includes a start-up seminar, online course work, a student practicum and live observations of work with students. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and will not exceed one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00).
16. **Judson Kane – Hatfield, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for one hundred forty-four (144) hours at a rate of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$3,312.00).
17. **Mia Cusamano – Oaks, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for two hundred sixteen (216) hours at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00).
18. **Judson Kane – Hatfield, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP as part of the Extended School Year Program. Services will be provided for thirty-six (36) hours at a rate of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eight hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$828.00).
19. **Mia Cusamano – Oaks, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP as part of the Extended School Year Program. Services will be provided for forty-five (45) hours at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,125.00).
20. **Lovaas Institute – Cherry Hill, NJ.** Provide Discrete Trial Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for four hundred fifty (450) hours at a rate of fifty-three dollars (\$53.00) per hour. The contract will also include supervision of therapists for up to four (4) hours per month for ten months for a total of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00). Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed thirty thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$30,350.00).
21. **Joy Brewster and Associates – LaGrangeville, NY.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs

student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for four hundred thirty-two (432) hours at a rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per hour. This contract will also include ten (10) hours per month for ten (10) months of ABA consulting at a rate of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-four thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$24,620.00).

22. **Cynthia Mosier – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy services for the 2007-2008 school year for special needs students. Services will be provided for forty (40) hours per week for thirty-six (36) weeks at a rate of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-two thousand eighty dollars (\$82,080.00).
23. **Pennsylvania Tourette's Syndrome Association, Inc. – Gettysburg, PA.** Provide training for staff working with a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for at least twenty-five (25) participants for ninety (90) minutes of training plus printed materials at a rate of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus mileage, ten dollars (\$10.00) for additional participants, plus a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) speaker fee. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
24. **Catherine Secord – Phoenixville, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for four hundred fifty (450) hours at a rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00).
25. **Dr. Greg Dale – Durham, NC.** Develop individual and team profiles and provide Leadership Team Training for the Administrative Retreat held on Monday, August 13, 2007 at the Montgomery County Community College. Funding shall be paid from the 2007-2008 Professional Development Budget and shall not exceed two thousand four hundred sixteen dollars and ninety-two (\$2,416.92).
26. **Lakeside Educational Network – Fort Washington, PA.** Provide nine (9) educational slots at the **Vantage Alternative Program**, Souderton, PA for special needs students for the 2007-2008 school year. The cost of the contract will be set at twenty-five thousand nine hundred sixty-five dollars (\$25,965.00) per slot. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed two hundred thirty-three thousand six hundred eighty-five dollars (\$233,685.00) for the educational slots.
27. **Buxmont Academy, Community Service Foundation – Pipersville, PA.** Provide three (3) instructional slots to special needs students as per the IEPs for the 2007-2008 school year. This contract

is for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of ninety-seven dollars and eighty-two cents (\$97.82) per day per guaranteed slot. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed fifty-two thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars and eighty cents (\$52,822.80).

28. **Alternatives Unlimited – Baltimore, MD.** Provide fifteen (15) educational slots at **Tri-County Learning Academy**, Pottstown, PA for the 2007-2008 school year. The cost of the contract will be ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for ten (10) regular education slots and sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$62,500.00) for five (5) special education slots. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed one hundred fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$152,500.00).
29. **New Life Youth and Family Services – Harleysville, PA.** Provide three (3) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) per day per slot for a total of twenty thousand seven hundred dollars (\$20,700.00) per slot. This contract is in effect from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and will be funded through the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed sixty-two thousand one hundred dollars (\$62,100.00).
30. **Perkiomen Valley Academy – Frederick, PA.** Provide five (5) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of one hundred two dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$102.78) per day per slot for a total of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500.00) per slot. This contract is in effect from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and will be funded through the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$92,500.00).
31. **Lakeside Educational Network – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide one full time Intervention Counselor to deliver on-campus problem/resolution services for the 2007-2008 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000.00).
32. **Lakeside Educational Network – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide psychological and counseling support services as outlined in student IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

New Independent Contracts:

33. **Bucks County Intermediate Unit – Doylestown, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be for the 2007-2008 school year and will include multiple disabilities support, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and health services. Funding will be paid from

the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

34. **Lansdale Tutoring and Testing – Lansdale, PA.** Provide Algebra and Math Instruction at Spring-Ford High School for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for a maximum of three (3) days per week at a rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour for a total of one hundred eight (108) hours. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$3,240.00) plus mileage at a rate of 0.485 per mile.
 35. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc. – Doylestown, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy services for special needs students for the 2007-2008 school year as per the IEPs. Services will be provided for sixteen (16) hours per week for thirty-eight (38) weeks at a rate of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed thirty-four thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars (\$34,656.00).
 36. **Amy Marks – Royersford, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy services for the 2007-2008 school year for special needs students as per the IEPs. Services will be provided for twenty-four (24) hours per week for forty (40) weeks at a rate of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed fifty-four thousand seven hundred twenty dollars (\$54,720.00).
 37. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc. – Doylestown, PA.** Provide one speech and language therapist for special needs students as per the IEPs. Services will be provided for one thousand four hundred forty (1,440) hours at a rate of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$86,400.00).
 38. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide an assembly on accepting responsibility at Limerick Elementary. Funding will be paid by the 2007-2008 Limerick Home and School League and shall not exceed five hundred fifty-one dollars and sixty cents (\$551.60).
- G. The Board approved of a Program Quality Review for the District's Autistic Support Program to be coordinated by Theodore H. Davis of Innovative Professional Learning, LLC. The total fees, compensation for travel, lodging, meal expenses, and honoraria for some evaluation team members shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Funding will be paid from the 2007-2008 Special Education Budget
- H. The Board approved the closing of the Class of 2007 High School Activity Account. As required, student officer signatures recommending final disbursement of funds have been obtained.

- I. The Board approved submitting to PDE, PlanCon Part J: Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for the New 5-7 Intermediate School (Project #2690). This report has been reviewed by the architect, DLR Group, and the financial records audited by Maillie, Falconiero & Company, LLP.
- J. The Board approved submitting to PDE, PlanCon Part J: Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for the 9th Grade Center (Project 3063). This report has been reviewed by the architect, DLR Group, and the financial records audited by Maillie, Falconiero & Company, LLP.

NEW FINANCE

- K. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:

General Fund

- Money Market – June/July 2007
- PSDLAF – June/July 2007
- PSDMAX – June/July 2007
- Checking Account – June/July 2007
- PLGIT Account – June/July 2007
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – June/July 2007
- Payroll Account – June/July 2007
- Tax Account – June/July 2007

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – June/July 2007
- 7th Grade Activity – June/July 2007
- 8th Grade Activity – June/July 2007
- High School Activity – June/July 2007
- Athletic Account – June/July 2007

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – June/July 2007
- Note of 2004 – June/July 2007

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – June/July 2007
- Debt Service Fund – June/July 2007
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – June/July 2007

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – June/July 2007
- Cafeteria Checking Account – June/July 2007
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – June/July 2007
- Investment Account – June/July 2007

- L. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:

JUNE

Checks No. 7502 - 7541 \$ 328,194.17

JULY

Checks No. 7542- 7613 \$ 30,326.77

- M. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2007 – 2008 school year:

Limerick Township	No. 1 - 5
Royersford Borough	No. 1 - 38
Spring City Borough	No. 1 – 4
Upper Providence Township	No. 1 – 17

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Morgan asked that Item L be separated. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items A-K and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved change order PC -1 at Evans Elementary School to J. R. Reynolds. This change order is an addition to the contract for the relocation of the water lines in the media center area due to errors and omissions. The total amount of this addition is five thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$5,279.00) and will be deducted from the architect's fee. Funding will come from the Evans Elementary School Construction Fund.
- B. The Board approved change order PC -2 at Evans Elementary School to J. R. Reynolds. This change order is an addition to the contract for the relocation of the heat pumps on the first floor due to errors and omissions. The total amount of this addition is six thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars (\$6,833.00) and will be deducted from the architect's fee. Funding will come from the Evans Elementary School Construction Fund.
- C. The Board approved change order MC-2 at Evans Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order is an addition to the contract for the relocation of the heat pumps on the first floor due to errors and omissions. The total amount of this addition is three thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$3,621.87) and will be deducted from the architect's fee. Funding will come from the Evans Elementary School Construction Fund.
- D. The Board approved change order EC-4 at Evans Elementary School to MBR Electric. This change order is an addition to the contract for the relocation of the heat pumps on the first floor due to errors and omissions. The total amount of this addition is two thousand four hundred ten dollars and forty-five cents (\$2,410.45) and will be deducted from the architect's fee. Funding will come from the Evans Elementary School Construction Fund.
- E. The Board approved change order PC-3 at Evans Elementary School to J.R. Reynolds. This change order is a deduction to the contract for unused equipment. The total amount of this deduction will be three thousand fifteen dollars (\$3,015.00).
- F. The Board approved change order FP-1 at Evans Elementary School to ABJ Sprinkler. This change order is a deduction to the contract for the

unused equipment. The total amount of this deduction will be three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

- G. The Board approved change order MC-1 at Brooke Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order is a deduction to the contract for the unused equipment. The total amount of this deduction will be two thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$2,175.00).
- H. The Board approved change order MC-3 at Evans Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order, due to errors and omissions, is for the addition of insulation to the copper piping supply and return to all of the heat pumps. The total amount of this addition is thirteen thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$13,759.00) and will be deducted from the architect's fee. Funding will come from the Evans Elementary School Construction Fund.
- I. The Board approved change order MC-4 at Evans Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order is a deduction to the contract for the unused equipment. The total amount of this deduction will be thirteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$13,400.00).
- J. The Board approved change order MC-5 at Evans Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order is a deduction to the contract for the repair of a damaged light pole. The total amount of this deduction will be seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$791.00).
- K. The Board approved change order MC-6 at Evans Elementary School to Worth and Company. This change order is a deduction to the contract allowing Worth and Company to use K-Cooper in lieu of L-Cooper at the heat pump areas of the building. The total amount of this deduction will be one thousand four hundred fifty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$1,456.52).

Mr. Morgan made a motion to table Item L and Mr. Grispon seconded it. Mrs. Williams explained that there were some concerns raised this week regarding an additional fee to resurface the tennis courts. Mrs. Williams said due to these concerns the recommendation is to table this in order for the Board to have time to get some answers to their questions. Mr. Morgan said his next direction would be to have Premier Courts come to the next Property Committee meeting to answer any questions. The motion passed 8-0.

- L. Administration recommends approval to go out to bid and award to the lowest bidder the installation of an acrylic all weather surface on the five tennis courts at the 9th Grade Center at a price not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00). Funding will come from the G.O.B. Series of 2004 – Capital Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Williams said the Board is going to ignore Item M and proceed to Item N.

- M. Administration is recommending approval to accept the following lowest responsible bidders for the New District Administration Building including

the following alternates, rejecting all other bidders and alternates not selected and pending solicitor review, for a total project amount of four million four hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,434,500.00).

The contractors and alternates are as follow:

General Construction – Gateway Management - \$2,593,800.00
Accepting alternates 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and rejecting all other alternates
Total: \$2,636,700.00

Fire Protection – Precision Fire Protection, Inc. - \$90,435.00
Accepting alternate 1 and rejecting all other alternates
Total: \$98,300.00

Plumbing Construction – G & S Taylor Mechanical - \$187,000.00
Accepting alternates 1, 12 and rejecting all other alternates
Total: \$189,700.00

HVAC Construction – Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. - \$732,200.00
Accepting alternates 1, 14 and rejecting all other alternates
Total: \$720,800.00

Electrical Construction – Catanzaro Electric, LLC - \$766,000.00
Accepting alternate 1 and rejecting all other alternates
Total: 789,000.00

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item N and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0. Mr. Davis reminded the Board that they would need a new motion to authorize another submission from Mr. Ortiz to the Commonwealth. Mrs. Williams responded that the motion is prepared; she asked Mrs. Fern to pass the new motion out to the Board members. Mr. Ciresi asked if the price that was just discussed should be added to the motion and Mrs. Williams said yes.

- N. The Board **rejected all bids** associated with the New District Administration Building.

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items O-R and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Rocchio asked if Item Q was on the agenda last week and Mrs. Williams responded that it was a new item. Mr. Rocchio asked for an explanation of this item and Mr. Ziegler answered that the item was for Mr. Altemose to design a dryvit front for the 8th Grade Center which would be 1 to 1 ½ inch foam covered by a plaster type material. Mr. Ziegler said it is something that is already in place on some of our other school buildings. Dr. Hurda asked if this is something being done in order to remediate some of the things identified though the Feasibility Study with regards to securing the front of the building a little bit better, Mr. Ziegler confirmed this. The motion passed 8-0.

- O. The Board approved the following Maintenance Service Agreements for the 2007-08 School Year as follows:

Simplex Grinnell	NT-400 Access Control System Maintenance Agreement	\$	8,860.00
Simplex Grinnell	Inspection Service of Fire and Alarm Systems	\$	16,524.41
Tri-State Elevator	Elevator Maintenance Agreement and Inspection	\$	11,400.00
Brocks Fire Protection			
	Portable Fire Extinguisher Insp. (approx.)	\$	3,600.00
	Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems	\$	1,069.50
Anchor Fire	Sprinkler System Inspection	\$	4,950.00
Johnson Controls	HVAC & ATC Controls	\$	98,996.00
Carrier Corp.	Heat Pumps	\$	55,800.00
Secure-A-Home	Security Monitoring	\$	3,820.00
Perna Wastewater	Kitchen Grease Trap Cleaning	\$	2,015.00
URI – The Duct Cleaners			
	Kitchen Hood Exhaust Cleaning & Dishwasher Exhaust Cleaning	\$	7,600.00
Allied Waste Services			
	Trash and Recycle (Year 2 of a 3 year bid)	\$	66,890.64
Fleming Pest Control			
	Integrated Pest Management Services	\$	6,216.00
Wood Floor Services Inc.			
	Gym Floor Refinishing	\$	11,330.00
R.J. McCarville Assoc.			
	Bleacher Inspections	\$	3,120.00
R.J. McCarville Assoc.			
	Folding Door / Partition Inspection	\$	9,640.00

New Property

- P. The Board approved retaining Anchor Fire Protection Company for the engineering services for the sprinkler systems at Brooke Elementary School and Spring City Elementary School at a rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00) per hour for a not to exceed price of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). Funding will be paid from the G.O.B. Series of 2004 – Capital Improvement Plan.

- Q. The Board approved retaining Arthur Altemose Architects for engineering and designing documentation for the bidding of the “dryvit” surfacing on top of the front façade at the 8th Grade Center for a price not to exceed twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$21,600.00). Funding will be paid from the G.O.B. Series of 2004 – Capital Improvement Plan.
- R. The Board approved retaining KMS Design Group to design and prepare documentation for the bidding of the walkways/paths around the High School Athletic Fields for a not to exceed price of nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$9,700.00). Funding will be paid from the G.O.B. Series 2004 – Capital Improvement Plan.

Addendums to Property:

Mrs. Williams read Item S an addendum to the agenda. Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item S and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- S. The Board approved PlanCon Part F, Attachment C – Post Bid Opening Certification, which indicates that the Spring-Ford Area School District wished to re-bid the entire District Administration Office Project.

Mrs. Williams commented that we need an additional motion in order to approve a cap on the project as well as what the Board wants to see in the project. The wording of the motion was discussed. Dr. Hurda confirmed the wording of the motion. Mr. Masciandaro confirmed this was correct and pointed out that this amount is ample as the current cost is \$257 per square foot and if the project is scaled down to 12,000 square feet with a cap of \$3.5 million the new cost per square foot would be \$291 which should be enough to get the project done. Mr. Ortiz said he believes that \$3.5 is a realistic number and he asked for some latitude with regards to the HVAC system, he asked that he and Mr. Hersh go back and evaluate the geothermal system versus a conventional system.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item T and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Rocchio commented that he is certain that either this Board or the next will take care of the sad state of affairs over at the administration building. He said he along with the Board has let us down, let the taxpayers down by not acting on this earlier. Mr. Rocchio said the fact that this was not acted on earlier has cost the taxpayers of Spring-Ford about one million extra dollars and even though it will cost us more money than it would have three years ago it is still the right thing to do. Mr. Grispon said the cost is \$3.5 million and not one dollar more so the architects will figure it out and if they come back without the geothermal then it is okay as long as it is under \$3.5 million as this is the direction we are giving them with this motion. Mr. Grispon said the idea is to get this project done and if we do not have geothermal it is not the end of the world. The motion passed 8-0.

- T. The Board approved capping the District Administration Office Renovation Project at \$3.5 million construction costs.

Dr. Hurda acknowledged the cooperation the District has had with Mr. Hersh and Mr. Ortiz as we have gone through this process. Dr. Hurda said it is virtually unheard of for an architect to act in good faith and move forward with a project without any additional costs.

PSBA REPORT**John Grispon**

President George Bush has signed into law H.R. 2272, now Public Law 110-69, legislation intended to improve math and science education. The legislation, known as the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Act (COMPETES), includes a number of education provisions aimed at improving teacher quality and increasing opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

The new law authorizes new spending on math and science programs, but it does not guarantee they will get that money. Appropriations for those programs are included in three separate spending bills under consideration by Congress. If Congress appropriates money for all the programs, it will cost \$43.3 billion over three years, though much of that spending would be devoted to research programs in technology, energy and other areas.

VIII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items A-K and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL

- A. **Patrick J. Nugent**, Principal, to attend "*Trends and Issues in High School Scheduling*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Friday, October 19, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$55.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- B. **Maren Trout**, College Career Coordinator, to attend "*Philadelphia Area Catholic College Tour*" in Philadelphia, PA from Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$50.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- C. **Judith Wambold**, Teacher/World Language Department Chairperson, to attend "*PSMLA Conference 2007 – Communities: The Language Around Us*" in King of Prussia, PA on Friday, October 19, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$210.67 - \$85.67 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

UPPER PROVIDENCE

- D. **Dr. Melissa Patschke**, Principal, to attend "*Designing Quality Elementary School Master Schedules*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, October 18, 2007 in the afternoon only. The total cost of this ½ day conference is \$55.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

- E. **Dr. Melissa Patschke**, Principal, to attend "*PAESSP: The Bridge Over Troubled Waters*" at the Penn Radisson Harris Hotel in Harrisburg, PA from Sunday, October 21 through Tuesday, October 23, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$585.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES

- F. **Douglas Carson**, Maintenance Foreman, and **Mike Costello**, Maintenance, to attend "*PSBA Boiler Seminar*" at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Great Valley, PA on Thursday, September 27, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$118.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

New Conferences/Workshop Recommendations:

DISTRICT OFFICE

- G. **Timothy Anspach**, Business Manager, to attend "*Montgomery & Chester County Business Administrators*" at the Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony, PA from Wednesday, September 26 through Friday, September 28, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$473.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- H. **Warren Gardocki** and **Richard Grove**, Senior Field Technicians, to attend "*Microsoft Business Desktop Deployment Hands – On Lab*" at the Microsoft Malvern Office in Malvern, PA from Tuesday, October 16 through Thursday, October 18, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$165.00 from the Technology Budget. No substitutes are needed.
- I. **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, and **Gloria Moyer**, Coordinator of Transportation, to attend "*Transportation Conference*" at Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA on Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$1188.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

- J. **Patricia Glass**, Librarian, to attend "*Introduction to Understanding by Design*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$150.56 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- K. **Cortland Bigelow**, **Carrie Buckwalter**, **Sue Choi**, **Susan Hess**, **Monica Johner**, and **Janice Straubel**, Teachers, to attend "*Exploring the 5e Model in Science*" at the Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, PA on Monday, October 1, 2007. The total cost of this

conference is \$2171.99 – \$1421.99 from the 2007-2008 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and \$750.00 from the substitute account.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Items A-E and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved the admission of Lais Cristina Pecorari, a foreign exchange student, for the 2007-2008 school year. Lais is from Matão, São Paulo, Brazil and is sponsored by the Rotary International Youth Exchange. Rotary International has a long-standing relationship with the Spring-Ford School District, placing students annually.
- B. The Board approved John Eckstine, Director of Bands and David Nicol, Director of Chorus, to take the Spring-Ford Area High School Music Department (Chorus and Bands) to Virginia Beach, VA to participate in the Fiesta-Val Music Festival from Thursday morning, April 10, 2008 through Sunday evening, April 13, 2008. The band and chorus will be travelling by chartered bus and staying in a hotel in the Virginia Beach area. The competition will include concert, chorus and jazz bands. The cost of the trip shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per student. The Music Association will provide several fundraisers throughout the school year for students to earn money toward the expense of the trip. All costs incurred will be paid for by the students attending the trip. There will be no cost to the district.
- C. The Board approved John Eckstine, Director of Bands, to take the Spring-Ford Area High School Indoor Winter Guard to Wildwood, NJ to participate in the Tournament Indoor Association Championship from Friday morning, May 2, 2008 through Sunday evening, May 4, 2008. The Indoor Guard will be travelling by chartered bus and staying in a hotel in the Wildwood area. The cost of the trip shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per student. All costs incurred will be paid for by the students attending the trip. There will be no cost to the district.
- D. The Board approved Balil A. Baqai, a Spring-Ford senior to spend his senior year at Drexel University where he has been admitted into the Engineering Program. Signed letters of recommendation have been made by the high school principal and guidance counselor. The student is ranked in the top ten percent of his class and meets all of the qualifications under the Spring-Ford Guidelines for Early College Admission.
- E. The Board approved the use of a school district phone line at Ram Stadium by Spring City American Legion Baseball for the 2008 American Legion Baseball season at no cost to Spring City American Legion Baseball. Spring City American Legion Baseball will in turn allow the Spring-Ford High School Baseball Team use of the new phone system, the new and improved sound system, and the cordless microphone at Ram Stadium during the 2008 high school baseball season at no cost to the school district.

- F. The following policies are submitted as a first reading:
1. Policy #707 – PROPERTY: Use of Facilities
 2. Policy #806 – OPERATIONS: Child Abuse
 3. Policy #910.1 – COMMUNITY: Community Engagement
 4. Policy TBD – Civility

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that he is pleased to report that tonight he delivered to Dr. Hurda and Mrs. Fern the back-up materials to file the waiver request with Upper Providence Township for the bathroom facilities on the high school campus. Mr. Davis commented that we have no control in terms of the township's response but hopefully it will be approved and move quickly.

Dr. Hurda introduced the new supervisor of special education for Spring-Ford High School, Mrs. Sherry Sterling-Holt. Dr. Hurda said Mrs. Sterling-Holt comes to us with approximately thirty years of experience in the area of special education and will be a tremendous asset to us. Dr. Hurda welcomed Mrs. Sterling-Holt to the District staff.

XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Paul Chrisman, Royersford, commented that from some of the comments he heard this evening he came up with an additional idea which would be to promote our students to pursue cyber education thereby alleviating the need for an addition to the high school.

Mr. Masciandaro commented with regards to the Property Committee minutes which mentioned that the old scoreboard is still up and would not be taken down until the Coach McNelly name is removed from it. Mr. Masciandaro said he does not believe we should wait to take the board down as the name is barely readable and we should move quickly to get the proper naming of the stadium up somewhere so that the old scoreboard which is an eyesore can be removed. Mr. Masciandaro reported that the new scoreboard looks great and is visible when you drive into the lot. Mr. Masciandaro asked if we could move forward somehow in order to expedite putting a proper name on the stadium so that it does not hold us up in getting the old scoreboard down. Mr. Weber said the plans are to repaint the name and move it but before doing so they were researching the proper structure to hold it. Mr. Grispon said it is supposed to go up above the press box but first we must figure out the repainting of it and the proper way to install it. Mr. Morgan said he believes it is not being taken down until the time it can be reinstalled out of respect for the name since it does not appear anywhere else in the stadium.

Mr. Rocchio commented that he was fortunate enough to attend the convocation which is the opening day rally for the teachers and administrators. Mr. Rocchio said he was very impressed. He said there was a comment made during the presentation that Dr. Hurda knew every one of the 800 – 1000 people that were in the auditorium and he believes this is true as she probably talked to everyone in there. Mr. Rocchio said this is an incredible feat that Dr. Hurda has accomplished in the time that she has been in the District. Mr. Rocchio further commented that seeing the excitement from the new staff on being here makes him wish that he had grown up in Spring-Ford. Mr. Rocchio said it was a very proud day for him and he encouraged every Board Member to take the opportunity to attend in the future as he believes there is no way you cannot walk out of there feeling we are great.

Mr. Ciresi reported that two news crews came to the opening of Evans Elementary and the report featured schools. Mr. Ciresi said not only was Evans Elementary highlighted but also the high school and the flex school. Mr. Ciresi commented that we are now becoming the spot in the county and even in the region that other districts are looking at and saying what are they doing in Spring-Ford and how do we do it. Mr. Ciresi said as a community to see our buildings highlighted on television we should be proud especially those who helped prepare the building, the community and the administration who supported it.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:31.

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 Fern
Board Secretary