

On January 25, 2010 the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

- Region I: Edward T. Dressler, Jr., Bernard F. Pettit and David R. Shafer
- Region II: Clara M. Gudolonis, Julie A. Mullin and Donna L. Williams
- Region III: Mark P. Dehnert, and Thomas J. DiBello
- Presiding Officer: Joseph P. Ciresi
- Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda
- Business Manager: Timothy Anspach
- Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.
- Student Rep.: Michael John

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ciresi informed the public that the Superintendent's/Parents Advisory Council has been cancelled for this month due to a scheduling conflict at the high school.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Hurda announced that January has been designated as School Board recognition month and tonight is an opportunity to show our appreciation to the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of School Directors. Dr. Hurda introduced a video saying, "Who better to say thank you than the Spring-Ford students that benefit from your Board service". Dr. Hurda then asked each Board Member to come forward as she called their name. She presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation.

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

Dr. Hurda announced that the Spring-Ford Area School District has been honored this year with 10 Keystone Achievement Awards for demonstrating sustained academic progress. Dr. Hurda gave an explanation on the background of the Keystone Achievement Awards and the criteria for receiving this award. Dr. Hurda introduced the Principals from each of the schools that were recipients of this year's Keystone Achievement Awards.

- B. Presentation of the Keystone Achievement Awards to the following schools:
 - Brooke Elementary
 - Evans Elementary
 - Limerick Elementary
 - Oaks Elementary
 - Royersford Elementary
 - Spring City Elementary
 - Upper Providence Elementary
 - 5/6 Grade Center
 - 8th Grade Center
 - 9th Grade Center

Dr. Hurda commented that tonight we will be accepting the retirement of Mr. David Willauer. Dr. Hurda stated that Mr. Willauer spent 35 years in Royersford Elementary School, ten years as a 5/6 grade teacher and 25 years as the Principal. Dr. Hurda spoke about Mr. Willauer's unwavering dedication to the district. Dr. Hurda stated that Mr. Willauer will be greatly missed and the district wishes him well in his retirement.

Dr. Hurda said that tonight we will also be accepting the retirement of Mrs. Sherry Sterling-Holt, the Special Education Supervisor at the High School for the last several years. She came to Spring-Ford from the Philadelphia School District and has worked very hard during her time here always putting the needs of our students first. Dr. Hurda said after 30+ years in education we wish Mrs. Sterling-Holt well as she begins her retirement and this exciting new phase of her life.

The meeting recessed for cake in honor of Board Appreciation Month. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Ciresi thanked the Administration for the presentations to the Board. He thanked Leadership Team for the dinner they provided for the School Board this evening. Mr. Ciresi thanked Mr. Willauer for his 35 years of service to Spring-Ford. Mr. Ciresi stated that Mr. Willauer's commitment to the district is above and beyond.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mike Masciandaro, Upper Providence, stated that he came back tonight in order to recognize Mr. Willauer. He stated that during his time on the Board he appreciated working with Mr. Willauer. Mr. Masciandaro said that honesty, integrity and leadership are just three of the things that come to mind when thinking about Mr. Willauer and the interactions the Board has had with him. Mr. Masciandaro asked if the district could make sure that the website, the television broadcast and the on demand video broadcast of School Board meetings could all be in sync as currently they are not. Mr. Masciandaro commented that last Monday the Board passed the proposed preliminary budget and he wanted to remind the Board, that as they go through the budget process and feel victimized by the unfunded federal mandates, they have a very powerful mechanism for speaking to legislators which is in the form of a resolution.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved the November 16, 2009 Work Session minutes.
- B. The Board approved the November 23, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.
- C. The Board approved the December 7, 2009 Reorganization Meeting minutes.
- D. The Board approved the December 7, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel	Bern Pettit	As needed
No report.		

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-I and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. Resignations:

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

B. Leaves of Absence in accordance with Board Policy:

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

6. **June Perry**, Evans Elementary School; Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective January 11, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

New Leaves of Absence:

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

C. Temporary Professional Employee:

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

D. Long Term Substitute:

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

New Long Term Substitute:

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

E. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

1. **Nicole K. Flood**, Majorette/Twirler Co-Instructor, \$1,070
2. **Nicole Gerenyi**, Musicale Choreographer, \$1,067
3. **Nicole Gerenyi**, Musicale Assistant Director, \$388
4. **Carol Jefferson**, Assistant Coach-Boys' and Girls' Winter Track, \$2,506.50
5. **Karen Miscavage**, Head Coach Cheerleading Winter, 9th Grade, \$1,786

6. **Susan Prophet**, SNAP Club Advisor, \$388 (Replaces Comedy Club \$388)
7. **Douglas W. Raines**, Indoor Percussion Team Instructor, \$2,140
8. **Lauren Slack**, Assistant Coach Boys' and Girls' Winter Track, \$2,506.50

New Extra-Curricular Contract: High School

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

F. Extra-Curricular Contract: Middle School

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

G. Professional Staff Substitutes:

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

H. Support Staff Substitutes:

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

I. Personnel Information Items

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

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

VI. FINANCE

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

Dr. Hurda reported to the Board that Letter U had an error and underneath Spring City Borough Additions it should read Spring City Borough Deletions and not the word Additions again.

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-W and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **JANUARY** in connection with the **SERIES A of G.O.B. 2007:**

1. **SENIOR HIGH- ALTERATION & ADDITIONS**

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

ABJ Sprinkler	Applic. #2- Fire Protection Contr.	\$ 144,306.00
Apex Plumbing	Applic. #5- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 39,015.00
EI Associates	Professional Services	\$ 604.52
E.R. Stuebner, Inc.	Applic. #6- General Contractor	\$ 618,319.04
Goshen Mechanical Inc.	Applic. #7- HVAC Contractor	\$ 716,178.60
Goshen Mechanical Inc.	Applic. #8- HVAC Contractor	\$ 319,856.40
Lenni Electric Corp.	Install 2 ADA PED Buttons	\$ 3,738.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #7- Electric Contractor	\$ 97,948.00
RamJack	Pre-Construction Piers (5) & (2) Commercial Brackets Sideload	\$ 8,000.00
Rental World	Equip. Rental-Breaker Elect. for Pier work	\$ 468.69
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies (2)	\$ 7.20
*ABJ Sprinkler	Applic. #3- Fire Protection Contr.	\$ 21,636.00
*APEX Plumbing	Applic. #6- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 72,387.00
*Berkshire Systems Inc.	Card Access	\$ 3,483.00
*E.R. Stuebner, Inc.	Applic. #7- General Contractor	\$ 572,686.36
*Hilti Inc.	Misc. Supplies	\$ 311.91
*Earth Engineering Inc.	Professional Services	\$ 2,200.00
*Limerick Township	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 633.17
*MBR Construction	Applic. #8- Electric Contractor	\$ 75,082.00
	TOTAL	\$2,774,025.69

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

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

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

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

1. **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE**

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

Office Basics	Misc. Supplies	\$	142.80
*Office Basics	Misc. Supplies	\$	71.94
	TOTAL	\$	4,847.53

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

DECEMBER

EI Associates	Professional Services	\$	126.90
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JANUARY

EI Associates	Professional Services	\$	3,612.17
	TOTAL	\$	3,739.07

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. **Weekly Checks prior to Work Session**

November

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

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

January

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

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

November

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

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

- F. The Board approved the Independent Audit Report as submitted by Maillie, Falconiero & Company LLP for the fiscal year 2008/2009. The audit examined the financial statements, tested evidence supporting the amounts, examined internal control, insured evidence of proper documentation, compliance with laws, regulations, and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. This audit was without findings or material weaknesses. A display copy of this audit report is available at the district office.
- G. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-01** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Administrative Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- H. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-02** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- I. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-03** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Technology and Information Services Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- J. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-04** regarding the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget** for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.
- K. The Board approved the Western Center for Technical Studies 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$5,174,710. Spring-Ford's share of the cost is \$1,255,349 which represents a decrease of \$9,848 (.78%) from last year's budget. The decrease is primarily a result of the change in WCTS's programming from a full- time to a half-time program beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.
- L. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-05** appointing Berkheimer as its exclusive tax collector of its Local Services Tax for the initial term commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 and any subsequent renewal terms thereafter.
- M. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-06** authorizing, empowering and directing the proper officers of the Governing Board to appoint Berkheimer as its tax hearing officer under and pursuant to the local taxpayers bill of rights for the express purpose of adjudicating appeals thereunder.
- N. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-07** authorizing, empowering and directing the proper officers of the Governing Board to appoint a Liaison between it and Berkheimer, the duly appointed collector of the local services tax for the district, for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the district for official purposes.
- O. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-08** authorizing and empowering its local tax collector, Berkheimer, to impose and retain the costs of collection on delinquent taxes.

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

8. **Andrew Pogson – Stratford, Ontario.** Provide an assembly at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “The Freddy Fusion Science Magic Show” on April 14, 2010. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).
9. **Danielle Fisher (Clayote Gallery & Studio) – Boyertown, PA.** Provide a six (6) week after-school program for sixth grade students entitled “Mudpuppies” – After-school Clay Art Program. The one hour classes will be held at the 5/6 Grade Center on February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9 and 16, 2010. There will be no cost to the district for this after-school program as all fees (\$75 per student) will be paid by those students participating in the program and will include all supplies.
10. **Camp Joy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for two (2) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for four (4) weeks/20 days per student at a rate of one hundred fifty-four dollars per day per student. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA Funds in the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$6,160.00).
11. **Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. – Towson, MD.** Provide a “Drop Back In Program” in partnership with Tri-County Learning Academy in Pottstown, PA for those students who have dropped out of Spring-Ford Area High School. This program will enable students to earn their diploma. Tri-County Learning Academy will be reimbursed 90% of the Basic Education Subsidy for each student; the district will retain the remaining 10%. As a result this program will not incur any additional costs to the district.
12. **Art’s Alive – Spring City, PA.** Provide an “Artist in Residence Program” at Limerick Elementary School. The student body along with a professional artist in residence will design and create mosaic murals to hang in the outdoor classroom wall area as a permanent artwork collection. Funding will be paid from the Limerick Elementary School Assembly Budget and shall not exceed six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) - \$5,600.00 to Jessica Gorlin-Liddell (Artist in Residence) and \$900.00 to Robyn Burckhardt, Art’s Alive!
13. **Marc Spiegel – Washington, DC.** Provide an assembly at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Einstein Alive!” on February 10, 2010. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Elementary Assembly Budget and shall not exceed nine hundred five dollars (\$905.00).
14. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide two (2) assembly programs at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Spring: Eggs-traordinary Program!” on March 24, 2010. Funding will be paid by the 2009-2010 Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Grant and shall not exceed one hundred thirty-three dollars (\$133.00).
15. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide two (2) assembly programs at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Spring: Colonial Life” on April 29, 2010. Funding will be paid by the 2009-2010 Upper

Providence Elementary Home and School Grant and shall not exceed one hundred thirty-three dollars (\$133.00).

New Independent Contracts:

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

New Finance:

- S. The following Treasurers’ Reports were approved:
- General Fund
 - Money Market – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PSDLAF – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PSDMAX – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Checking Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - PLGIT Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Payroll Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Tax Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Activity Accounts
 - Elementary Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - 7th Grade Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - 8th Grade Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - High School Activity – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Athletic Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Bond Funds
 - Note of 2007A – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Other Funds
 - Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Debt Service Fund – Nov./Dec. 2009

- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – Nov./Dec. 2009
- Cafeteria Fund
- Cafeteria Money Market – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Cafeteria Checking Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – Nov./Dec. 2009
 - Investment Account – Nov./Dec. 2009

T. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
December

Check No. 9230 - 9285 \$ 311,592.03

U. The Board approved the following **additions/deletions** from the per capita tax for the 2009-2010 school year:

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

V. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2009-2010 school year:

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

W. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits** for the 2009-2010 school year:

Permits No. 2960 – 2989

VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mrs. Williams asked about Item B and if this was something that was already planned for in the Technology Budget. Dr. Hurda replied yes it was budgeted for this current year as you want to be a little proactive before you have a problem so it was included as part of our expenditures. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. Administration recommends approval to send seven students; Kevin Maher, Scott Griswold, Colin Quinn, Bryan Murray, Kisha Oister, Chanshi Chibwe, Kinjal Patal and their advisor, Ms. Ashley Bilotti, to compete at the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference and Competition in Hershey, PA from April 11 through April 14, 2010. These students qualified to participate in the state FBLA competition as a result of their performance on event tests administered at the FBLA regional competition. The total student cost for attending this state competition shall not exceed two thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$2,159.50). Participation in this competition will be supported through the General Fund.

- B. Administration recommends the purchase of a new Cisco ASA5540 firewall at a cost of approximately \$17,214.00 under the CoStars statewide purchasing contract through ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania. The new firewall will replace the existing Cisco Pix 525 firewall that is now 6 years old. Funding is through the 2009-2010 Technology Fund.

VIII. PSBA REPORT/MCIU REPORTS Tom DiBello

There was no MCIU report, the meeting is later this week. Mr. DiBello reported that the MCIU Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, 20, 2010. The Committee discussed the following:

Keystone Exams which were published in the January 9th PA Bulletin so they are now official. The exact method of roll out has not yet been made public.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation released their report that examines from a student's viewpoint why students do or do not finish college. Interestingly, the number one reason students do not complete college is due to the financial pressures of having to work and go to school. 23% of college students have dependent children.

Comprehensive School Safety - Secretary of Education Gerald Zahorchak and the State Board of Education announced a comprehensive plan to address school safety issues. The statewide initiative calls for the adoption of school climate standards, clearer school violence reporting requirements, and better tools for monitoring school safety.

PSERS – The Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on public pension issues on December 16, 2009. The Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) projects that the employer contribution rate will dramatically increase in the near future and remain beyond high beyond 2032. PSERS' employer contribution rate (shared by the state and school entity) will increase from 4.78% in fiscal year 2009-2010 to 8.22% in fiscal year 2010-2011 and is projected to peak at 33.6% in 2014-2015. The rate increase is primarily due to a downturn in investment earnings, earnings assumption changes, costs associated with previous liability deferrals, and increased pension benefits enacted by the Legislature in 2001 and 2002.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-R and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

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

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- F. **Ashley Bilotti**, Business Education Teacher/FBLA Advisor, to attend "*Future Business Leaders of America: State Leadership Conference*" at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from Sunday, April 11 through Wednesday, April 15, 2010. Ms. Bilotti will be accompanying the 7 Future Business Leaders of America students who advance to the state level competition. The total cost of this conference is \$1,112.00 - \$662.00 from the 580 account and \$450.00 from the substitute account.
- G. **Emily McGranahan**, String Director, to attend "*AP Workshop – Music Theory*" in Philadelphia, PA on January 29 and January 30, 2010. This workshop is a mandatory requirement for teaching the AP Music Theory course being offered at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year. The total cost of this workshop is \$789.69 - \$489.69 from the 580 account and \$300.00 from the substitute account.
- H. **Linda Crane**, Art Teacher, to attend "*AP Workshop – Studio Art*" in Philadelphia, PA on January 29, 2010. This workshop is a mandatory requirement for teaching the AP Art course being offered at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year. The total cost of this workshop is \$602.00 - \$452.00 from the 580 account and \$150.00 from the substitute account.

7TH GRADE CENTER

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

5/6 GRADE CENTER

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

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

DISTRICT WIDE

- M. **Johnna Weller, Edward Smith, Mitchel Edmunds, Jacqueline Havrilla, Tina Weidenbaugh, Missie Patschke, and Dan Currie**, Leadership Team Members, to attend "*Leadership Series: Pyramid Response to Intervention: RTI and PLCs and How to Respond When Students Don't Learn*" at the Berks County Intermediate Unit on March 22, 2010. The total cost of this conference is \$840.00 from 2009-2010 Stimulus Funds. No substitutes are needed.
- N. **Sandra Cerniglia, Tara Chester**, ESL Teachers, and **Wendy Taylor**, Literacy Coach, to attend The Center for Applied Linguistics "*What's Different About Teaching Reading to Students Learning English?*" in Washington, DC from May 24 through May 26, 2010. The total cost for this three day workshop including substitutes is \$5,189.20 and will be paid for with 2009-2010 Title III Funds.
- O. **Jan Pymer, Shonna Schulz**, Teachers, **Jen Smith** and **Caren Yucha**, Speech Clinicians, to attend "*Competent Learner Model Training Series*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on January 28, 2010, March 23, 2010 and May 6, 2010. The total cost for this training is \$1,872.00 - \$72.00 for mileage and \$1,800.00 for substitutes. All expenses are being paid from the 2009-2010 IDEA Federal Stimulus Funds.
- P. **Denise Emel** and **Susan Hess**, Media Specialists, to attend "*A Day in the Outdoor Classroom*" presented by Penn State Cooperative Extension in Collegeville, PA on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$100.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

- Q. **Debora Zelle**, and **Jacquelyn Raco**, Certified School Nurses, to attend “*PASNAP Annual Education Conference*” in Pittsburgh, PA from Friday, April 9 through Sunday, April 11, 2010. The total cost for this conference \$1338.70 from the 2009-2010 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant.
- R. **Susan Pronchik**, **Jessica Hauseman**, **Nick Lemuell** and **Darryl Perecko**, School Counselors, to attend “*MCCA: Counseling Defiant Children*” at the North Montco Technical Center on February 3, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$40.00 for registration from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- X. OTHER BUSINESS**
- Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.
- A. The following policies were approved:
1. Policy #202 – PUPILS: Eligibility of Nonresident Students
 2. Policy #206 – PUPILS: Assignment Within District
 3. Policy #801.1 – OPERATIONS: Electronic Records Retention
 4. Policy #915 – COMMUNITY – Foundation/Establishment of Corporation
- B. The following over-night trip was approved:
1. John E. Eckstine, Jr., Band Director, Yvonne O’Dea, Vocal Music Director, and Emily McGranahan, Orchestra Director, to take the Spring-Ford High School Wind Ensemble, Choir and Orchestra participants on a **two day competition to the “Fiesta-Val” Championships in Virginia Beach, VA** from Thursday, April 15 through Sunday, April 18, 2009. The Music Department will be traveling by chartered bus and staying in a hotel in Virginia Beach. The cost of the trip shall not exceed three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$395.00) per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association will provide three fund-raisers throughout the school year for students to earn money towards the trip expenses. There will be no cost to the district.
- C. The Board approved the qualifying members of the High School Indoor Track Team to participate in the New Balance Games being held at the Armory Track & Field Center in New York City on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Funds for lodging (one night) and meals will be paid from the Winter Track Team Booster Club Account. There will be no cost to the district. Student-athletes will miss the last two class periods on Friday, January 22, 2010 and will be responsible for all school work that is missed.
- XI. DISCUSSION ITEM**
- Mr. Ciresi stated in past the Board has set forth goals that they would like to see accomplished in the upcoming years. He asked the Board to discuss this a little bit tonight and then put some ideas on the table for discussion at the February Work Session for the Board to begin to discuss at Committee meetings.

Mr. Pettit asked if the Board would have an opportunity to present their own suggestions and recommendations and Mr. Ciresi replied yes. Mr. Pettit said he believes it would be better served to hold the discussion until February. Mr. Ciresi asked the Board Members to come to the table in February with several ideas that can be discussed in length to determine what the Board may be looking for

A. District Goals

XII. INFORMATION ITEM

There were no questions or comments.

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

XIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that he has reported periodically on the lack of progress on the 10th Avenue Bypass project. Mr. Davis gave some background on the project for the newly elected Board Members. Mr. Davis reported that the district met with the township and the developer for the property and the compromise that was worked out at that time was that we would just mirror what he was going to do and where our driveway was coincidental with his driveway we would upgrade it to township specs. The benefit of this to the developer was that when he went to build a road there it would already be up to township specs and he therefore would have a road he could dedicate. The developer said he would get back to us but since that time he has been non-responsive to Mr. Davis' telephone calls and letters. Mr. Davis stated that he asked the township to orchestrate a meeting. Mr. Davis said the meeting took place and the developer's council appeared and mentioned something about moving a sewer line. Mr. Davis said the sewer line the developer wants us to move has nothing to do with what we are looking to do but would be of value to him. Mr. Davis explained when you condemn property it is a snapshot in time. Mr. Davis stated he believes if we condemn an easement we are not inhibiting or hurting the developer's property at all so why would the district pay the developer the equivalent of what Mr. Cooper believes to be the cost to move the sewer pipe which is \$85,000. Mr. Davis stated if the Board is still of the belief that this access roadway is of a need for the school district, and would benefit the high school and is something you wish to do then he would suggest that an appraiser be hired. The appraiser could determine if the easement would do nothing to diminish the value of the property.

Mr. Ciresi asked about the driveway in the back of the high school and what would it do for the traffic on Lewis Road and Dr. Hurda responded that there would be a dramatic drop. Dr. Hurda said we have made as many improvements as we possibly can with the flow of traffic in and out of the 10-12 Grade and the 9th Grade Centers. She stated that the reality of it is that we have too many vehicles coming out of just one exit way. The 10th Avenue extension would be a huge benefit not just to our school but to the community. Dr. Hurda commented that this is bigger than just fixing a problem at the high school but as good stewards in the community we need to try and find a way to resolve the traffic situation. Mr. Ciresi asked if the Board wanted this moved back to the Property Committee for a recommendation on moving forward. Mr. Davis said if you do decide to move forward then he would suggest hiring an appraiser because we wouldn't want to blindly condemn until you had some sense of what your appraiser feels it would cost you.

Mr. Dehnert asked how long the process to condemn would take and Mr. Davis explained the process and said it could take anywhere from a couple months to 9 months or a year. Mr. Davis said hopefully this discussion will get somebody's attention and a courtesy of a response.

Mrs. Williams asked if this is something that has to go back to the Property Committee or can we just give a go ahead with this to speed the process up since the high school addition is scheduled to open up for the next school year. Mr. Davis replied that Mr. Anspach can get quotes from several appraisers the district has used and bring them back to the Board next month. Mr. Ciresi stated that this item could possibly be an action item at the February Work Session meeting.

Mr. Dehnert asked how long it would take to build the road and Mr. Cooper explained the longest time is spent getting the project out to an engineer to write the specifications, then you must get the project out to Limerick Township so that they can approve where it ties into Penndot and this could take a couple of months. Mr. Cooper said once you get it out to bid and you have the contractor the road itself is not that big of a deal as it is probably a 30 day to a 60 day project depending on the weather and what time of year you would start. Getting everything through the bidding stage and through the Township for approval takes about three times longer than it would take to build it. Mr. Davis stated one benefit we have is that the Township has indicated that Penndot is turning the road over to them so that will make the process easier.

Mr. DiBello said at the Work Session last week there was talk about getting the total number of unfunded mandates and he asked if Mr. Anspach had an idea of when the Board might receive these. Mr. Anspach replied he would have them to the Board for next Finance Committee meeting.

XIV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Masciandaro, Upper Providence, said he was glad to see the Board discussing goals. He suggested that the Board solicit public input on the goals and use the Strategic Plan as an additional source for goals. Mr. Masciandaro stated that the PSERS payout has always been out there looming and our approach has always been twofold. First we have always done some prefunding in the budget to try to soften the blow when it happens but we really cannot catch up with the curve when it zooms up the way it is and it is really not fair to burden the public. Mr. Masciandaro urged the Board to start now and use their powers to stir things up at NSBA, PSBA, MCIU and the power of resolutions. Mr. Masciandaro said he agrees with moving forward with the 10th Avenue Bypass and exercising the district's right of eminent domain. Mr. Masciandaro asked the Board not to be shy about pursuing this as this project is clearly something that is a public need and the more the Board talks about it the more negotiation power Mr. Davis has on behalf of the district.

Mr. Ciresi commented that Mr. Anspach has talked about PSERS and the year 2013 and has kept it in the minds of the Board and the Administration. Mr. Ciresi stated that the district has put some funds aside for when this occurs but when it peaks we could never have that much put away for it. Mr. Ciresi reported that the district once again has gone through an audit with flying colors and he congratulated Mr. Anspach, Mrs. Rhoads and the entire Business Office on this accomplishment. Mr. Anspach

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stated that it truly is an honor for the district and the community to receive an excellent audit report.

Mr. Ciresi announced that the Board would be meeting in an Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary