

On April 22, 2013 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 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 Willard D. Cromley
Region II: Clara M. Gudolonis, Dawn R. Heine and Julie A. Mullin
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
Business Manager: Timothy Anspach
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Rep.: Elizabeth Brady

The following Board Member was absent: **Mark P. Dehnert**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. DiBello reminded parents that as of 4:00 p.m. today report cards were available via Skyward. He also invited the community to come out and help the Spring-Ford Area School District celebrate the Girls Basketball State Championship during "An Evening with the State Champs: Sharing a Legacy," which will be held Thursday, April 25th. A celebration dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. will be held in the high school cafeteria followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. He advised the community that they are welcome to attend both events. For more information, visit the district's website. Mr. DiBello announced that the 15th Annual Cool School Summer Program will take place at Upper Providence Elementary School starting in June. All classes will be held from Monday through Thursday. For more information on the program, visit the district's website. Mr. DiBello reported that the district's commencement ceremonies will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13th at Coach McNelly Stadium. In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 14th. Parents were reminded to check their children's individual building websites for news on activities and events taking place in their schools. Information on events taking place is also available by visiting the district's website. Mr. DiBello announced that there was exciting news to share and stated that they were pleased to find out this week that the formerly known Mr. Roche will be known as Dr. Allyn J. Roche. Mr. DiBello said the Board is proud to have him join them as Dr. Allyn J. Roche.

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the public. Mr. DiBello announced that before the meeting tonight the Board met in an Executive Session to discuss personnel items.

II. PRESENTATION

Ms. Shelly reported that she was one of two teachers who was fortunate enough to be a part of the Limerick Exchange Program. Ms. Shelly stated that this was one of the best experiences she has had thus far in her teaching career. Mr. Shelly spoke about all of her experiences while in Ireland. She stated that she had no idea that this experience would be such a life altering experience for everyone involved both students and teachers.

Andrew Wilson thanked everyone on behalf of his colleagues and himself for their voyage to the Emerald Island this past March. Andrew stated that although they shared a relatively similar experience traveling to Ireland, he could not stress enough how individualistic and authentic each of their experiences truly were. Andrew shared his experiences during the two weeks he was in Ireland and provided a PowerPoint along with pictures of his visit. Andrew stated that he has made brothers, sisters, friends, best friends, comrades, companions, and family for a lifetime. He added that going into this exchange program one year ago he could honestly say that he didn't think that the 14 Irish lads and lassies could affect him so much, but now looking back on everything he does not think he could picture his life without each and every one of them. Andrew concluded by saying with every positive connotation of friendship, these students will forever be his soul mates.

Elizabeth Brady stated that she will be presenting on her own personal experience on the Irish Exchange Program. Elizabeth commented that it was an amazing experience and she is very glad that Spring-Ford has this program for all of them to participate in. Elizabeth said she has made many memories and hopes to go back to Ireland again in the future. Elizabeth spoke about the host family she stayed with and the experiences she had while staying with them. Elizabeth reported that saying goodbye to everyone was one of the hardest things she ever had to do and she stated that there were a lot of tears and hugs at departure.

Billie Landis commented that a week ago Ms. Shelly asked the students who participated in the Irish Exchange Program for two words that would describe the program and he said he believes he speaks for everyone involved when he says that there are not two words in the English language that could truly grasp what the exchange program meant for each and every member on it. Billie spoke about his experience of going to a professional soccer game and how he will always hold that memory in his heart. Billie added that no matter how fantastic their individual experiences were it was always so much better when they all had a chance to be together. Billie spoke about his experience in learning about the history of Ireland. Billie reported that upon his arrival back to the United States people have asked what his he has been asked to talk about his favorite moment while in Ireland was and he stated that to be completely honest there is not one specific moment that was better than the rest. Billie said he is so grateful for the Irish experience and he hopes to be able to go back again very soon to revisit his family over there.

Mr. Ciresi thanked them for their report and stated that he thinks back to how this little idea in his kitchen came about and how it has come to change so many lives. Mr. Ciresi commented that he could have never imagined where this has gone and he credited Angela Larkins for her help with the initial thought and conversation. Mr. Ciresi stated that when some of the Board visited Ireland they shared some of the same feelings in

visiting the same places that the students visited. Mr. Ciresi asked if they could sum up in one word what the experience was worth to them and the students indicated that was a tough question, Ms. Shelly replied relationships....relationships created between the students, the families and the teachers. Ms. Shelly added that she knows there are some students who will be traveling here over the summer and she also has plans to meet up with some of the teachers who will come here in the summer.

Mr. DiBello commented that over the past several months the Board has been questioned over the importance of this Limerick to Limerick Exchange Program and it has been said that it is a waste of time and money. Mr. DiBello asked the students from their perspective if the program was worth it or not as they plan on trying to extend the program to other countries. Elizabeth Brady replied that she would definitely say the program was worth it and as she has heard the Board has said several times it is a global society and global economy. Elizabeth added that they need to be able to associate with the rest of the world, understand that things differ in other countries, be accepting of other cultures and that is what this program did for them. Elizabeth stated that eventhough they speak English they are completely different from us this was a great experience for everyone involved.

Dr. Goodin thanked Ms. Castellano, Mr. Tier, Ms. Shelly and all of the chaperones who took the time to accompany our students over there.

Mrs. Mullin stated that she does the yearbook at Evans Elementary and every year since this has started the visitors from Ireland have visited Evans Elementary and the students really look forward to the visit. Mrs. Mullin commented that this is an experience that your average fourth grader does not get somewhere else. She added that besides the impact on the elementary school kids she wants people to remember, when others are complaining that too much time was wasted on the trip, that there are not many nights they sit at the Board table and hear words such as relationships, gracious, thankful and life-changing. Mrs. Mullin encouraged anyone hearing someone complain about the decisions that are made by the Board to please talk to a student who went or a staff member who went on this trip all without a dime from the taxpayers.

Mr. DiBello clarified that the investment the district does make to the program is the funding of the chaperones to accompany the students. Mr. DiBello added that all in all the few dollars that are spent to send the teachers are priceless.

Mrs. Mullin replied that money was well spent. Mrs. Mullin stated that there were Board Members who worked very hard to raise money to help fund this trip. .

A. **Elizabeth Brady**, Student Representative to the School Board, **William Landis** and **Andrew Wilson**, 12th Grade Students, and **Ms. Janell Shelly**, British Literature Teacher, to present on the "Limerick-2-Limerick Exchange 2013".

Mr. DiBello stated that unfortunately good things always come to an end and tonight a very good thing is coming to an end but on the flip side we have something new starting. He reported that after two years of listening to Elizabeth provide us with awesome student representative reports, value with her student input with her very astute way of putting things we have to say goodbye. Mr. DiBello said tonight will be Elizabeth's last evening as the Student Representative to the School Board and tonight will be her final report. Mr. DiBello welcomed Taylor Auman and stated the he will be taking over for

Elizabeth and he is sure that Taylor's reports will be just as awesome. Mr. DiBello presented Elizabeth with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Elizabeth stated that it is hard to believe that after spending the last two years as the student board representative, she is am now leaving the position. She recalled her first board meeting when she was accepting the position and the Board was saying good- bye to the representative who came before her, Taylor Daily. The Board had wished Taylor well with graduation and starting college and Elizabeth recalled thinking that it sounded like it was worlds away. She stated that she now sits here in the same position that Taylor was and cannot believe how quickly it all went by. Elizabeth commented that she started on this board as a sophomore and now here she is as a senior a little less than two months away from graduating. Elizabeth stated that she has spent half of her time in high school as the student representative and is thankful for the memories and the knowledge that she gained in doing so. Elizabeth commented that she learned fairly quickly what the term "pending litigation" meant. She said she wanted to thank each one of the Board for always making her feel as though she was their equal, and she said she can honestly say that this experience has helped her mature and grow as a person. Elizabeth reported that she comes from a long line of educators: teachers, superintendents, school board members, and principals so she is proud to carry on the legacy. Elizabeth stated that she is also proud to have represented Spring-Ford. She said that she cannot imagine what it would have been like to go to any other school as the staff here have been truly amazing as well as the student body. Elizabeth added that this school has so much to offer to its students so to have been a part of that is truly amazing. Elizabeth commented that she cannot leave out Mrs. Fern as she has always been an incredible aid to her. She said that whenever she had a question Mrs. Fern always made sure she had an answer. Elizabeth concluded by saying thank you to the Board for all of the unselfish time and effort they put into making the district one of the best. Elizabeth stated that she would not trade this experience for the world and she will miss spending her Monday nights with everyone.

Mr. Ciresi commented that Elizabeth will be missed and he looks forward to seeing her in the future and wishes her luck in everything she does. Mr. Ciresi stated that he feels they must also thank Elizabeth's mom who has not missed a meeting in almost two years. Mr. Ciresi thanked Mrs. Brady for her commitment to Elizabeth's education and her time with the Board. Mr. Ciresi stated that all of this attests to the type of woman Elizabeth has turned out to be and he thanked Mrs. Brady for her time and energy with them and for allowing them to take Elizabeth for the past two years to serve here.

- B. Farewell to the current Student Representative to the School Board, **Elizabeth Brady**. Introduction of the new Student Representative to the School Board, **Taylor M. Auman**.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Heine made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved the February 25, 2013 Board Meeting minutes.

NEW APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B. The Board approved the March 18, 2013 Work Session minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**Student Rep. Report Elizabeth Brady**

Elizabeth reported that as school is starting to wrap up there are a lot of activities coming up. She reminded seniors be sure to turn in their graduation forms by April 30th for commencement, which will take place on Thursday, June 13th with a rain date of Friday, June 14th. Elizabeth also reminded all seniors that are taking part in commencement that they will need to participate in graduation practice, and most importantly be on time for practice. She announced that all students who are registered to take an AP exam in May will need to turn in the rest of their exam fees by the beginning of May. Elizabeth reported that this Saturday, the 27th of April, Prom will take place at Drexelbrook for the second year and SNAP's post-prom will take place at the high school shortly after with a "Back to the Future" theme. She stated that students have had the past two weeks at their lunches to purchase tickets and turn in their post-prom registration. Elizabeth commented that they came dangerously close to selling out of tickets, but luckily did not. She also shared that this past Friday, the Senior High School held its first ever SAT Boot Camp in the Hurda Learning Center and many students attended. Elizabeth reported that from what she heard a lot of students had a good time and did benefit from having the experience. She announced that the 9th Grade Center is currently holding a fundraiser for the Class of 2016 by selling t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Dr. Weidenbaugh reported to her that the 9th grades were preparing for their keystone exams which will take place in May.

Mr. DiBello asked if Taylor had anything he would like to add. Taylor stated that he is grateful for the opportunity he has been given and looks forward to working with the Board. He thanked everyone involved in the selection process. Mr. DiBello welcomed him aboard.

Curriculum/Technology Julie Mullin 1st Tues. 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mullin reported that the Curriculum/Technology Committee met on April 2nd where Mr. Reynolds updated the committee on the high school technology refresh for the 2013-2014 school year. The committee recommends approval on the new AP French materials necessitated by the changes in the AP Exam. The committee discussed the high school novel and literature approval process and the committee requested that the same process be considered for movies that are regularly being used during instruction. Dr. Floyd updated them committee on Project Lead the Way and the Keystone Exam schedule. He also provided an update on the Curriculum Review Cycle and the Elementary Literacy Plan.

MCIU Tom DiBello 4th Weds. 7:45 p.m.

There was no report.

Superintendent's Report Dr. David R. Goodin

Dr. Goodin reported that he would like to congratulate Mr. Josh Matthews who is the new 2013 Mr. Spring-Ford. Dr. Goodin stated that the contest was held last Friday evening and there were nine candidates. Dr. Goodin said he was one of the judges involved in scoring the candidates on things such as group dance, entrance talent, video and of course the swimwear category. Dr. Goodin reported that it was a great event with a packed house and this is one of the events that is a highlight of his year. Dr. Goodin stated that the proceeds from this event go towards the Conor McKenna Foundation, SNAP and SADD. Dr. Goodin reminded everyone that this Wednesday evening is an

Ice for Autism event taking place at Rita's Water Ice in Royersford and Collegeville. He invited everyone to come out and support a good cause. Dr. Goodin announced that Spring-Ford's Vocal Ensemble were involved in a juried event down at the Kennedy Center and received the highest score so they were featured in the evening encore concert. Dr. Goodin congratulated them and stated that this is a great group and hopefully we can get them out next month so that they can sign for us and we can recognize them for the great program they have. Dr. Goodin announced that on April 30th there will be an evening workshop designed to educate parents about athletic scholarships and the college recruiting process. Dr. Goodin stated that also on April 30th at 7PM at Brooke Elementary School they will be dedicating their homemade ceramic mosaic that was crafted through the Artist in Residence Program. Dr. Goodin advised the Board and the public that each year the Pittsburgh Business Times comes out with a ranking of school districts within Pennsylvania and Spring-Ford moved up from 34 last year to 29 this year. Dr. Goodin stated that the ranking is based solely on a three year rolling average of PSSA scores which tells him that the band at the top of the chart is very tight because our district has very good PSSA scores.

Mr. Pettit asked how many school districts there are in the state and Dr. Goodin replied 500.

Mr. DiBello stated that it has been mentioned several times that this Board has been really focused on continually raising that bar in education and over the last two years we just see the progression moving forward and us moving up in the rankings. Mr. DiBello said he hopes that we see that forward movement continue and a lot of the hard work is from the administration and the staff. Mr. DiBello stated that this is great news.

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Mullin made a motion for Items A-J and Mrs. Heine seconded it.

Mr. Ciresi commented on A5 saying Mr. Salamone has been a fixture here in the district for many, many years at the high school. Mr. Ciresi stated that he had hoped that Mr. Salamone would have stayed another four years so that his son could have him. Mr. Ciresi added that after almost 40 years of service Mr. Salamone has decided to retire and he wanted to thank him for his service to the district and he wished him well. Mrs. Heine agreed with Mr. Ciresi's comments.

The motion passed 8-0.

A. Resignations

1. **Patricia Bateman**, 4th Grade Teacher; Spring City Elementary, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.
2. **M. Gay Snyder**, 1st Grade Teacher; Spring City Elementary, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.
3. **Gladys M. Thonus**, 3rd Grade Teacher; Brooke Elementary, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.
4. **Rhiannon Zimmerman**, Computer Club-3rd MP - Grade 8; 8th Grade Center. Effective: March 26, 2013.

New Resignations

5. **John M. Salamone**, Social Studies Teacher; Senior High School, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.
6. **Valarie A. Dubbs**, Class Advisor-Grade9; 9th Grade Center. Effective: June 17, 2013.
7. **Dennis R. Siller**, Assistant Band Director – HS; Senior High School. Effective: June 17, 2013.
8. **Dennis R. Siller**, Indoor Percussion Team Instructor-HS (1/2 contract); Senior High School. Effective: June 17, 2013

Addendum

9. **Mary C. Enge**, Library Media Specialist; Senior High School, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.

B. Leaves of Absence

1. **Jennifer A. Gillespie**, Mathematics Teacher; 10-12 Grade Center, for child-rearing leave per Board Policy. Effective: For the full 2013-2014 school year.
2. **Indira Pothukucki**, Instructional Assistant; 10-12 Grade Center, for an extension of uncompensated leave per Board Policy. Effective: April 29, 2013 through May 17, 2013

- C. The Board approved the following Special Education Teachers to be hired for the 2013 Extended School Year Program-Professional Staff including Fast Forward, Speech & Language Services, and Tutor Programs. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Funding will be from 2013-2014 IDEA funds. ***New additions since last week's agenda.**

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| 1. Jennifer Bowyer | 15. Corey McHugh |
| 2. Cathy Bradfield | 16. Jessica Mecleary |
| 3. Shannon Buchy | 17. Jo-Ann Messer |
| 4. Tiffany Burns | 18. Alynn Purdy |
| 5. Amanda Burr | 19. Robin Riegel |
| 6. Daniel Butterweck | 20. Jenifer Smith |
| 7. Nicole Carfagno | 21. Kristen Weinstein |
| 8. April Collins | 22. Crystal Zakszeski |
| 9. Karen DeLange | 23. *Ashlee Adams |
| 10. JoAnna D'Orazio | 24. *Brian Aikens |
| 11. Stacy Eddinger | 25. *Mark Matthews |
| 12. Joan Kenney | 26. *Patricia Musselman |
| 13. Gina Lasky | 27. *Elissa Shimukonas |
| 14. Nancy McDonough | 28. *Erin Siuchta |

- D. The Board approved the following Support Staff to be hired for the 2013 Extended School Year Programs. Compensation for new employees will be set at \$15.36 - \$17.36 per hour depending on experience and educational degree plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Regular hourly employees will be paid at the current Instructional Assistant hourly rate. Funding will be from 2013-2014 IDEA funds.
***New additions since last week's agenda.**

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| 1. Bridget Baldwin | 13. Megan Mowrer |
| 2. Nancy Birtch | 14. Barbara Newberry |
| 3. Joan Clare Callow | 15. Sharon Ritson |
| 4. Maryann Christy | 16. Lindsay Shaner |
| 5. Devin Dehnert | 17. Leigh-Ann Sisson |
| 6. Debra DeMitis | 18. Terri Stefanelli |
| 7. Colleen Hampton-Butterweck | 19. Hilary Tutrani |
| 8. Cynthia Isabella | 20. Darlene Wood |
| 9. Amy Janetka | 21. Patricia Wynn |
| 10. Brian Johnson | 22. Patricia Young |
| 11. Lynn Keene | 23. *Laura McQuaid |
| 12. Tiffany Landis | 24. *Janet Copenhaver |

E. Extra-Curricular Contract

1. **Christopher Okonski**, Computer Club-3rd MP-Grade 8 \$ 402.00

New Extra-Curricular Contracts

2. **Kyle F. Lambert** Assistant Lacrosse Coach-Boys-HS \$2,394.60
 3. **Daniel A. Monzo** Assistant Lacrosse Coach-Boys'-HS Volunteer

- F. The Board approved entering into an agreement with Delta Dental for the 2013-2014 school year.
- G. The Board approved **Resolution 2013-07** designating five (5) additional days to be designated as local holidays in the Board's adopted school calendar as official local school district holidays.
- H. The Board approved the attached job description for the Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

New Personnel Motions

I. Support Staff Employee

1. **Andrea M. Smith**, Food Service-3 hour; 5/6th Grade Center, replacing Lisa R. Tomarelli who resigned. Compensation will be set at \$12.66 per hour per the Food Service Plan. Effective: April 17, 2013.

J. Professional Staff Substitute

1. **Erin N. Bumbaugh** Certification: Elementary

VI. FINANCE

Mrs. Heine made a motion to approve Items A-I and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

A. Checks:

1. Weekly Checks prior to Work Session

March

Check No. 149275 – 149333 \$ 757,589.56

ACH 121300422 – 121300425 \$ 111.00

April

Check No. 149334 – 149416 \$1,106,482.31

ACH 121300426 – 121300434 \$ 1,177.37

2. Athletic Fund

March

Check No. 305576 – 305630 \$ 16,316.20

3. Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting

*Check No. 149417 – 149499 \$ 255,342.40

*ACH 121300435 – 121300443 \$ 1,275.57

4. Board Checks held for approval

*Check No. 149500 – 149529 \$ 73,999.07

*ACH 121300444 -121300476 \$ 13,980.02

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

1. **OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS**

*Capital Projects Checks held for Board approval

*Check No. 32782 – 32785 \$ 61,414.27

C. The Board approved **Resolution 2013-08** which identifies and authorizes Dr. David R. Goodin to act on the district's behalf to electronically sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

D. The Board approved receiving bids and awarding a contract for the "**Publication of Yearbooks**" for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 to the lowest responsible bidder. Funding will come from the High School Activity Account.

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

1. **Devereaux Ascent Program – Strafford, PA.** Provide services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 1 - 2 two hours per day at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for ten weeks. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$2,800.00.

2. **The Martin Luther School – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for five special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided at a rate of \$3,600.00 per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$18,000.00.
3. **Gateway Employment Resources – Limerick, PA.** Provide community based transition work assessment job coaching services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for up to 120 hours at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$6,600.00.
4. **Spring Valley YMCA – Royersford, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 7 weeks at a rate of \$175.00 per week. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$1,225.00.
5. **Camp Hideaway – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 8 weeks at a rate of \$400.00 per week. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$3,200.00.
6. **Melissa Yonchuk – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Behavior Specialist Services and Support for special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for 7 hours per day for 185 days during the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$84,175.00.
7. **TheraPlay, Inc. – West Chester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for 2 special needs students as per their IEPs. TheraPlay will provide 33 sessions of Speech Therapy and 11 sessions of Physical Therapy at a rate of \$90.00 per Session. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$3,960.00.
8. **Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a two special needs students as per their IEPs. Variety Club will provide 6 weeks of ESY Programming at a cost of \$7,250.00, 12 sessions of Speech and Language Therapy, 12 sessions of Occupational Therapy at a cost of \$2,160.00. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$9,410.00 for both students.
9. **Melmark School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 60 days at a rate of \$465.76 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$27,945.60.
10. **HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 26 days at a rate of \$465.00 per day. Funding will be paid from IDEA Funds and shall not exceed \$12,090.00

11. **Steve Conway, Montgomery County ASPCA – Conshohocken, PA.** Provide 2 assemblies for the kindergarten students at Upper Providence Elementary in connection with Humane Education Programs. There is no charge for this assembly.
12. **Phantasms Magic Productions – Niagara Falls, NY.** Provide two assemblies for students at Royersford Elementary entitled “No Bullies Allowed”. Funding will be paid from the Royersford Elementary Assembly Budget and shall not exceed \$950.00.
13. **Dan Gutman – Haddonfield, NJ.** Provide two assemblies for all students at both Brooke Elementary and Oaks Elementary in connection with “Author Day”. Funding will be split between the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and the Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed \$1,063.80 per school or a total of \$2,127.60.
14. **John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove – Audubon, PA.** Provide an assembly entitled “Birds of Prey” in connection with Earth Week for the students at Brooke Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$350.00.
15. **Nancy Viau – Mullica Hill, NJ.** Provide two assemblies for all students at Brooke Elementary in connection with Author Day. Funding will be paid by the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$600.00.
16. **American Red Cross – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide initial CPR and First Aid training and recertification of special education instructional assistants. Funding will be paid from Medical Access Funds and shall not exceed \$9,000.00.

New Independent Contract

17. **Dr. Curt Hinson, Playfit Education, Inc. – Hockessin, DE.** Provide two assemblies entitled “Trouble Free – Playground Workshops” at Upper Providence Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the Upper Providence Assembly Budget and shall not exceed \$2,100.00.

NEW FINANCE

- F. The following Treasurers’ Reports were approved:
General Fund

- Money Market – March 2013
- PSDLAF – March 2013
- PSDMAX – March 2013
- Checking Account – March 2013
- PLGIT Account – March 2013
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule - March 2013
- Payroll Account – March 2013
- Tax Account – March 2013

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – March 2013
- 7th Grade Activity – March 2013
- 8th Grade Activity – March 2013
- High School Activity – March 2013
- Athletic Account – March 2013

Bond Funds

- Note of 2007A – March 2013

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – March 2013
- Debt Service Fund – March 2013
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – March 2013

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – March 2013
- Cafeteria Checking Account – March 2013
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – March 2013
- Investment Account – March 2013

G. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:

MARCH

Check No. 11134-11160

\$ 247,379.83

H. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits**:

Permits No. 4383 – 4455

I.

I. The Board approved of a confidential settlement agreement **#2013-01** and release agreement with the parents of a special needs student and the authorization of payment of \$18,000.00 in full satisfaction of claims and costs.

VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

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

A. The Board approved of a contract between the Spring-Ford Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the Virtual High School (VHS) Participation Consortium. The annual membership fee for the 2013-2014 school year is \$5,400.00 for twenty (20) student seats per semester. Funding will come from the 2013-2014 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed \$5,400.00.

B. The Board approved of the following **new textbooks** for 2013-2014.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
AP French	<i>AP French: Preparing for the Language and Culture Examination</i> Student edition with 3-year access digital course license	Pearson Education (2012)

Total Amount not to exceed \$2,260.00

VIII. PROPERTY

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mr. Pettit seconded it.

Mr. DiBello said he wanted to make sure that there was a date added to the agreement in Letter D and Dr. Goodin replied yes, the end of July.

The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved renewing the contract with Interstate Maintenance Corporation for district cleaning services based on a one year contract with a 30 day termination clause, as per the Request for Proposal. Monthly costs shall not exceed \$66,038.02 or a yearly total of \$792,456.23. Any additional work requested by the district will be billed on an hourly basis, as per the contract. Funding will be paid from the Maintenance Budget.
- B. The Board approved the amended license agreement between the Spring-Ford Rams Youth Football and the Spring-Ford Area School District.
- C. The Board approved the amended license agreement between the Spring City American Legion Baseball Committee and the Spring-Ford Area School District.
- D. The Board approved for the Spring City American Legion Baseball to move forward with adding a batting cage and storage shed at the 7th Grade Center as per their proposal, pending the approval of their amended license agreement. There will be no cost to the district.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Melody Hendricks** and **Susan Saylor**, Administrative Assistants, to attend “*Skyward – Keystone State User Conference*” in Harrisburg, PA on April 25, 2013. The total cost for this conference is \$252.57 from the 580 account for registration, mileage and tolls. No substitutes are needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- B. **Julie Catterson**, Home and School Visitor, to attend “*The Psychological Road of Adolescence: The Impact of Peers*” in Warrington, PA on May 1, 2013. The total cost for this ½ day conference is \$75.81 from the 580 account for registration and mileage. No substitute is needed.

- C. **Jacqueline Clarke-Havrilla** and **Dr. Melissa Patschke**, Principals, to attend “*NAESP Annual Convention and Exposition 2013*” in Baltimore, Maryland from July 11 through July 13, 2013. There is no cost to the district for this conference and no substitutes are needed.

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- D. **Susan Pronchik**, Guidance Counselor, to attend “*MCCA: Maximizing a Successful Partnership with your English Language Learners and Their Families*” in Skippack, PA on May 10, 2013. There is no cost for this conference as Mrs. Pronchik is paying all expenses and no substitute is needed.
- E. **Matt Bornais**, Teacher, to attend “*PSSA Science Rangefinding Committee Meetings*” in Harrisburg, PA on May 29 and May 30, 2013. There is no cost for this conference other than \$300.00 for a substitute for 2 days.

New Conferences and Workshops

- F. **Michael Francis**, Maintenance Staff, to attend “*Industrial Controls, Honeywell VFD Certification*” in Lester, PA on May 15, 2013. The total cost for this training is \$75.00 for registration from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- G. **Seth Jones**, Band Director/Teacher, to attend “*Teaching AP Music Theory*” at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ from July 8 through July 12, 2013. The total cost for this course will be \$995.00 from the 580 account (\$745.00 for registration and \$250 for lodging. No substitute is needed.
- H. **Douglas Reigner**, 9th Grade House Principal, to attend “*Current Drug Trends – Professional Learning Opportunities*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on May 21, 2013. The total cost for this conference is \$65.00 for registration from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- I. **Michele Fonte**, Learning Support Teacher, and **Mark Matthews**, Emotional Support Teacher, to attend “*PaTTAN Work Sessions on the Educator Effectiveness System*” at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on May 9, May 30 and June 6-7, 2013. The total cost for this training is \$900.00 for substitutes for the 3 days each teacher is out of school.
- J. **Sandra Cerniglia**, **Tara Chester**, **Suzanne DelSordo**, and **Deborah Longwell**, ESL Teachers, to attend “*ESL Updates in Pennsylvania*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on May 21, 2013. There is no cost for this conference and no substitutes are needed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-E and Mrs. Mullin seconded it.

Mr. Ciresi commented on Letter C thanking the Home and Schools for their fundraising efforts. Mr. Ciresi stated that not only are they fundraising but they are fundraising for technology which our district has strived to move forward constantly throughout the community. Mr. Ciresi added that parents are helping us move forward with it as evident in Letter B and businesses as well as evident in the donation of equipment in Letter D. Mr. Ciresi said he just wants to thank them one more time.

Mr. Pettit agreed with Mr. Ciresi's comments and said he cannot express deeply enough their appreciation for the Home and Schools in all our schools for the tremendous help they provide the district and the students.

The motion passed 8-0.

A. The following policies were approved:

1. Policy #705.1: PROPERTY: School Police Officer(s)
2. Policy #707.2: PROPERTY: Use of All-Weather Track by District Residents

B. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the donation of \$1,500.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Zimmerman to Oaks Elementary for the purchase of iPads and iPad accessories for use by the students at Oaks Elementary School.

C. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the donation of \$12,993.62 from the Evans Elementary Home and School Association for the purchase and installation of SMART Boards, the parts and the cable needed for the proper connections necessary to complete the Evans Smart Board Project for each of the 6 fourth grade classrooms.

D. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the donation of one Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer from Perkin Elmer to be installed, maintained, and staff trained on how to operate it. This machine will be used by high school students to determine chemical compounds for chemistry, biology, physics and earth science applications.

E. The Board approved **Resolution 2013-09** in recognition of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Basketball Team and their coaches on winning the Pennsylvania State Girls' Basketball Championship.

New Other Business

Mrs. Heine made a motion to approve Item F and Mr. Ciresi seconded it.

Mr. Dressler thanked Mrs. Fern for her help in getting the wording for the Proposal for the 2014 PSBA Legislative Platform vetted through PSB A. Mr. Dressler said he hopes the Board will approve this.

The motion passed 8-0.

F. The Board approved the submission of the attached Proposal for the 2014 PSBA Legislative Platform.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

Board Secretary, Mrs. Fern, pointed out that the addendum motion under Personnel A9 had not been voted on.

Mrs. Heine made a motion to approve Item A9 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A. Resignations

9. **Mary C. Enge**, Library Media Specialist; Senior High School, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: June 17, 2013.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There was no comment from the public.

Mr. Pettit commented that he wanted to express the appreciation of the Board to the Administration who has worked diligently with the Finance Committee on getting the budget approved or rolling towards it and doing tremendous work in keeping our taxes low. Mr. Pettit said he thinks they should be commended for that and he knows it may sound like they are tooting their own horn to some degree but in the past we have had rather large increases when the district was a lot more affluent. Mr. Pettit added that given the economic downturn this Board has acted very responsibly and he thinks the taxpayers should be aware of it.

Elizabeth Brady stated that she forgot to thank someone. Elizabeth said she wanted to thank Mrs. Ritter for nominating her both times for the position of Student Representative to the School Board. Elizabeth said she also wants to thank Ms. Murgia for always taping the meetings.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
Board Secretary