

On April 25, 2005, the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:38 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.
Region II: Ammon G. Morgan, Jr., Janet A. Stokes,
and Donna L. Williams
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and Ed Cummins
Presiding Officer: Michael V. Masciandaro
Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.

Mr. Masciandaro called the meeting to order and the pledge allegiance was recited.

I. DISTRICT GOALS

Mr. Masciandaro announced that there was an executive session held on real estate and a personnel issue. He added that a district goal would be followed up in Old Business.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joseph Petrowski, Limerick

Regarding Item 15, bid for a new school on page 22. Referred to the petition with 1,100 signatures that he presented to the board and asked the board to reconsider. Enrollment K-4 is flat. Upper Providence and Limerick are no longer one of the top ten growing communities according to *The Mercury*. Growth is going to Douglass and Hanover. Questioned the capacity of Upper Providence Elementary and cited Dr. Coale as saying capacity of 85% was good. Requested capacity of 85 to 90%. Requested that the board delay construction of the school at Winnies until new arrivals could share in the construction costs. Mr.

Masciandaro said growth was not flat and that while elementary numbers were unchanged, growth is in the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. Mr. Petrowski said that the state projections from July 2003 to 2004 were down, which bought another year for a delay. Dr. Coale said that was not correct and that growth would continue through 2015. She said that growth at Upper Providence Elementary would continue as projected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Pennsylvania Economy League. Capacity is presently .87, she added.

Mr. Cummins said Limerick and Linfield are the least stagnant in terms of growth with three or four developments are planned in next three years.

Tom Yenchick, Upper Providence

Referred to page 12, Item D, and asked about the summer library hours. Mr. Masciandaro said that when all school libraries in the past were open in the summer, there was low attendance. Mrs. Stokes said it was a budgetary issue and the board thought that students living in the boroughs could walk to the community libraries.

Ken Seiler, Upper Providence

Was accompanied by 50 swimmers and their families to voice their willingness to financially support a swim team and presented cost information. Costs were originally projected to be about \$20,000. The original budget was \$33,000 and by reducing coaching, equipment, the number of home meets, and fundraising, the cost can be decreased to \$15 to \$18,000. Discussions are underway with the Spring Valley YMCA. Mr. Seiler made it clear that the group is not asking to build a pool but is trying to get a team. Mr. Cummins said the swim team is a recommendation from the extracurricular committee. Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Ciresi commended the parent group for being willing to work with the district to reduce costs. Mr. Ciresi asked if the board could find \$15,000 to \$18,000 in the budget to proceed. Dr. Coale said she had discussed with Tim Anspach and would meet with Mickey McDaniel about the proposal. Mrs. Williams asked for clarification of the cost, which seemed to be \$19,000 at the moment with a possibility of going down to \$15,000 to \$18,000. Mr. McDaniel recommended going with two coaches. He mentioned that the possibility of a swap for pooltime with the Y in exchange for tennis court time.

Rosemarie Kimbel

Said she and her family just moved from Pittsburgh where her daughter in the high school had been in swimming since 2nd grade and lettered in the sport while her daughter in middle school was also a swimmer.

Mr. Masciandaro said that the group's support would weigh heavily in the board's decision to support having a swim team.

Dan Regan, Limerick

Asked about the details of the Compass purchase to lease of \$263,000. Compared the cost of the Compass program to the support of the swim team. Dr. Hurda said the lease with option to purchase would allow the district to own the software after three years. In reference to his comment about the support for the swim team, Dr. Coale said the software was different from the swim team in that it supports the district's core programs. Mr. Regan asked if the district did comparison shopping. The answer was yes. He asked if it was web-based. The answer was yes and that the new system would be faster since it was web-based.

Meg Hunsberger, Limerick

Regarding Item D on page 12, asked why the library would not be open since there is no community library in Limerick. Dr. Coale said it was a budgetary based decision while Mr. Rocchio added that attendance at the library during the summer was low.

Kathleen Bryant, Upper Providence

Asked whether the cost for the public relations firm hired last year was \$36,000 to \$40,000. Correct, Dr. Coale said. Asked what was budgeted for it this year. Dr. Coale said that \$60,000 was budgeted, the same amount that was budgeted last year, though less money was actually spent. Questioned why the group representing the swim team was permitted to speak at the beginning of the board meeting when the group representing the drama students had to wait until the end of the board meeting. Requested the amount spent on the public relations

firm. Mr. Masciandaro invited her to leave her contact information with the secretary. Three years ago, she offered to write press releases for free and that the offer was still good. The district should use in-house staff to write press releases, such as teachers and principals. She said to spend the money on extracurricular activities. Mr. Masciandaro said that the district was spending close to \$1 million on extracurricular activities.

Carol Wetzel, Limerick

Asked why the amount budgeted for occupational therapy and physical therapy was lower than last year. Dr. Hurda said that the district tried to hire a physical therapist last year and could not. That salary was factored in but never spent – so there is no reduction in services in either OT or PT. She added that the district this year had to look carefully at each item to see if items budgeted were actually used. Special ed is mandated by federal and state law. Mrs. Wetzel asked about actual reimbursement for medical Access and Mr. Anspach said \$1 million.

III. PRESENTATION

- A. Tim Anspach, business manager, and Shirley Rhoads, assistant business manager, presented the Draft Budget for Spring-Ford Area School District for the 2005-06 school year.

Mr. Anspach presented the draft budget for the 2005-06 school year. The preliminary budget would be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Ciresi asked how the district compared to other districts. Mr. Anspach said that he hadn't seen any other budgets published yet. Mr. Ciresi said that Spring-Ford compared favorably to other districts; it ranked 13th with 21 districts in terms of millage rates. Dr. Coale recited a list of district initiatives that included a new reading series, foreign language, high school courses, new social studies textbooks, Lifelong learning initiative, 50th anniversary celebration being paid for with grants, band equipment, technology installations at the 5-7 school, two wireless computer labs at the high school, phone lines replaced with fiber optic, opening of the 5-7 building, some renovations in process, and renovations to the middle school to make a 9th grade center. Other initiatives include going out for bid for security at the entranceway, polebarn for storage, field improvements, purchase of land in Limerick for future growth, bond funds being finalized for Upper Providence Elementary, and furniture needs being addressed for the 5-7 school.

The board discussed the indoor guard and its dedication to practice. Mr. Anspach reminded them that it was approved as a contingency and would come up for review during the budget process.

Mrs. Williams asked how the swim team became a topic of discussion. Mr. Masciandaro said it was an extracurricular item that was brought up and placed into the budget. Mrs. Williams questioned how things get into the budget and was told that items could be entered into the budget by recommendation of a committee or recommendation by two or three administrators.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items A-C. Mr. Morgan seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved the minutes of the February 23, 2005 public forum on High School of the 21st Century.
- B. The board approved of the March 21, 2005 work session minutes.
- C. The board approved of the March 29, 2005 board meeting minutes.

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-H. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The individual(s) listed below have completed three years of satisfactory service as **temporary professional employee(s)** and are, therefore, entitled to tenure status. The **Public School Code** requires that a record of this accomplishment be incorporated in the Minutes of this Board of School Directors. Board officers voted to authorize the execution and presenting of a **professional employee** contract to:
 - 1. **Jennifer Moyer** Elementary Education
- B. The board approved of the following **resignations**:
 - 1. **Barbara Hubley**, English Teacher at the High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last teacher day June 14, 2005.
 - 2. **Adele A. Lanyon**, Health & Physical Education Teacher at the High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last teacher day June 14, 2005.
 - 3. **Russell V. Mattison**, School Psychologist for the District, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last work day being on July 1, 2005.
 - 4. **Leigh Ann Dawson**, Playground Assistant at the Intermediate School, 5/6th Grade Center, effective with the last work day being on April 19, 2005.
 - 5. **Robert Frankenberger**, Custodian for the District, for the purpose of retirement, effective April 1, 2005.

6. **Diane Swift**, Part time Food Service Worker at Oaks Elementary School, effective April 12, 2005.
- C. The board approved of the following **Leave(s) of absence**:
1. **Joelle Bieber**, Health & Physical Education Teacher at the High School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the first marking period 2005/2006 school year.
 2. **Susan Cunningham**, 5th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2005/2006 school year.
 3. **Rebecca Dombroski**, 1st Grade Teacher at Spring City Elementary School, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective March 24, 2005 until the end of the 2004/2005 school year.
 4. **Kimberly Green**, 6th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School, 5/6th Grade Center for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective March 22, 2005.
- D. The board approved of the following **Extra-Curricular Contracts** at the **High School**:
1. **Barbara Heck**, Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach, \$2,576, Code F
 2. **Kristi Schellinger**, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach, \$2,576, Code F
 3. **Krisnoel Jennings**, Theatre Orchestra Director, \$890 Code K
(replacing David Nicol who resigned from the position)
- E. The board approved **Mary Fletcher**, Royersford, PA for the New Clerical Assistant Position for the Food Service Department and Duplication Center. Ms. Fletcher is currently a per diem substitute for the District. Compensation will be set at \$11.00 an hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective April 26, 2005.
- F. The board approved of the following **Professional Staff Substitutes**:
1. **Kara Thompson**, Collegeville, PA Elementary Education
- G. The board approved of the following **Support Staff Substitutes**:
1. **Kathleen P. Lampmann**, Schwenksville, PA
Instructional Asst.
Library Asst.
Playground Asst.
Lunchroom Asst.

2. **Thomas Walsh**, Spring City, PA, Custodian

H. The board approved of the 2005 Extended School Year (ESY) Program and positions as identified below to be held at Upper Providence Elementary School, Limerick Elementary School, 5/6 Intermediate School and Senior High School, Summer Camp at Spring Valley YMCA, & Camp Joy in Schwenksville. The regular program dates will be from July 1, 2005 to August 8, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a general program total of 156 hours. Specific work dates and schedules may vary depending upon the needs of each special education student. Funding for these positions will be provided through the IDEA budget and will include FICA & Retirement payments.

1. Sixteen (16) Special Education Teachers at a rate of \$30 per hour.
2. Two and one-half (2.5) certified Speech Clinicians at a rate of \$30 per hour.
3. One (1) certified school nurse at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.
4. One (1) LPN- Licensed Practical Nurse at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.
5. Thirty-one (31) Instructional Assistants. The rates will vary between \$12.10 and \$13.10 per hour depending on experience.

VI. FINANCE

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item A-1. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 5-2 with Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan voting no.

A. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **APRIL**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2003:**

1.WINNIES PROJECT

DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	496.20
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	<u>2,300.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	2,796.20

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A2, B, C, D. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

2.INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Aluminum Athl. Equip.	Lacrosse Goals/Nets	\$	850.00
Emedco	Signage	\$	574.80
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	9,722.30
U. Providence Twp.	Professional Services	\$	333.33
*Nave Newell, Inc.	Professional Services	\$	<u>480.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	11,960.43

3.UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fox Rothschild	Professional Services	\$	4,012.77
Recreation Resource	10' Double Face Bike Rack	\$	<u>582.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$	4,595.27

4. 9th GRADE CENTER PROJECT

Boyertown Supply	Watts Backflow Preventer	\$	1,456.20
Crest Environmental	Professional Service (2 Inv.)	\$	1,920.00
John DiBattista	Repair Hallway Locker Areas	\$	3,363.00
DLR Group	Professional Service (2 Inv.)	\$	22,616.96
Martin Stone Quarry	Stone (2 Inv.)	\$	1,971.49
Perkins/T.P. Trailers	6 Storage Container/Rental	\$	450.00
U. Providence Twp.	Professional Service	\$	456.81
*John DiBattista	Bend 700' custom Ceiling Grid & deliver to 9 th Grade Center	\$	1,150.00
*Adams-Bickel Assoc	Applic. #8-General Contractor	\$	1,572,906.93
*Boyertown Supply	Freight/Watts Backflow Valve	\$	54.81
*Boyertown Supply	Concession Stand Piping	\$	651.17
*Crest Environmental	Professional Service	\$	956.68
*Martin Stone Quarry	Stone	\$	2,489.49
*Tree Man Fraser Lay	Cut down trees/misc work (Arboretum Area)	\$	3,200.00
*Tri State Balancing	Startup/Commissioning of HVAC	\$	1,000.00
*U.S. Engineering	Construction/Material Testing & Inspection Services	\$	<u>9,576.73</u>
	TOTAL		\$1,624,220.27

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

1.WINNIES PROJECT

PLIGIT-ARM	Reimburse Capital Reserve for Winnies purchase-Board App 3/8/05	\$	<u>533,493.38</u>
	TOTAL	\$	533,493.38

- C. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **APRIL**, in connection with the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT – Fund 22:**

<u>McMahon Assoc.</u>	Professional Services (Traffic Signal-Const Svcs.)	\$	<u>913.46</u>
	TOTAL	\$	913.46

Sukonik Condemnation

Simone Jaffe Collins	Sukonik Condemnation	\$	<u>530.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$	530.75

Greenstein Condemnation

Fox Rothschild	Greenstein Condemnation	\$	<u>47.40</u>
	TOTAL	\$	47.40

***NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Brooke Elementary School-Re-Roofing Project</u>		
Fox Rothschild	Professional Service	\$ 2,575.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,575.00

- D. The board approved of next month’s payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, Federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.

Mr. Morgan asked why the bill from Curt Cheney’s office was sent to Mr. Davis’s office. Dr. Coale said that Mr. Cheney’s office apologized and offered to send it to the district. Mr. Morgan asked if the board could see it and she said yes. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item E. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

E. Checks:

- 1. Weekly Checks prior to Work Session
Check No. 102877-103178 \$824,786.78
- 2. Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting
Check No. 103179-103268 \$284,972.40
- 3. Board Checks held for approval
Check No. 103269-103386 \$ 75,794.19
- 4. Plotts Checks
Check No. 103388 \$ 867.90
- 5. Scott Foresman Checks
Check No. 103387 \$ 1,183.84
- 6. Athletic Fund- February
Check No. 296969-297080 \$ 17,955.28

Mr. Cummins made a motion to approve Items F-S. Mrs. Stokes seconded the motion. It was approved 7-0.

- F. The Phoenixville Area YMCA will accept the rental rate for YMCA Latchkey program before and after school partnership of \$400.00 month per building. The agreement will be in effect for 3 years and rental rate will increased as following: 2005/2006 \$400.00, 2006/2007 \$425.00, 2007/2008 \$450.00. The current per month rate is \$375.00 per building. The board approved of the proposal.

- G. The board approved of Fox Rothschild’s intervention into the assessment appeal of River Crest Golf Club. The River Crest Golf Club is appealing the four parcels of land located in Upper Providence value in excess of \$6,000,000.

- H. The board approved of a lease with ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania for computers to replace those due to be refreshed during the summer of 2005 and to populate the rooms of the renovated Ninth Grade Center. Most of the computers being refreshed reside in the classrooms and labs of the Senior High and Eighth Grade Center. The lease will include approximately: 961 HP/Compaq minitowers (2.8 GHz, 1 GB RAM, 40 GB hard drive, DVD-CDRW, 17" Monitor), 159 HP/Compaq NC8230 laptops for staff (1.8 GHz, 1 GB RAM, 60 GB hard drive, CD-RW/DVD-ROM), and related support equipment such as port replicators. The total equipment value of approximately \$1,225,474 will be divided into four annual lease payments of approximately \$247,922 for the minitowers and three annual lease payments of approximately \$110,531 for the laptops. (Due to declines in annual improvements of hardware, minitowers will be leased for four years rather than the current three years.) The prices quoted represent significant, voluntary price reductions below the PEPPM (Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers) Contract by the HP Computer Corporation. (This entire item supports Section 5.3.1, Goal 2, located in Section 5, center of page 7 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) Funding is from the Technology Fund with 2005-2006 School Year Funds.
- I. The board approved of the purchase of 67 printers from Lexmark International in the amount of approximately \$39,930 under the PEPPM Contract (Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers) to populate the classrooms, computer labs, and offices in the renovated Ninth Grade Center. This entire item supports Section 5.3.1, Goal 2, located in Section 5, center of page 7 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) Funding is from the Technology Fund.
- J. The board approved of the purchase of twelve new file servers to replace existing, aging servers and to provide servers for the Compass Learning System. The project also includes for a new centralized data backup system that takes full advantage of the high speed fiber network. All of the servers being replaced are a minimum of four years old. The total cost of the project is approximately \$84,768. The cost quoted represents a significant, voluntary price reduction below the PEPPM (Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers) Contract by the HP Computer Corporation. (This entire item supports Section 5.3.1, Goal 2, located in Section 5, center of page 7 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) Funding is from the Technology Fund.
- K. The board approved of the commitment of \$55,000 to fund the summer of 2005 refresh and addition of computers in the current 8th Grade Center, 9th Grade Center, Senior High School, and elementary schools. ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania will physically remove from in-place location all of the computers due to be refreshed, physically place/connect the incoming computers for a cost of \$36,000. The remaining \$19,000 will be used for summer hours for our Instructional Assistants for Technology to image, name, and join the computers to the network and to install printers. Funding is from the Technology Fund.

L. The board approved of going out for bid to upgrade the existing Avaya telephone system. The phone system has not had any major hardware upgrades since it was installed in 1999 and it has had only a couple of minor software upgrades. Currently, the software is 4-5 versions behind. The proposed upgrade will replace some of the core hardware components and make the operating system current. The upgrade will also provide the necessary capability to operate voice over IP telephony in Winnies Elementary School and throughout the district as technology continues to converge. Based on discussions with several vendors, the estimated cost including installation should be in the \$80,000 - \$85,000 range.

M. The board approved of the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:

Checks #5579-5622	\$194,099.83
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N. The board approved of following Treasurers' Reports:

- PLGT Report – March 31, 2005
- PLGT Report – February 28, 2005
- PSDMAX General Fund – March 31, 2005
- Money Market – March 31, 2005
- Athletic Fund – March 31, 2005
- Checking Account – March 31, 2005
- Payroll Account – March 31, 2005
- PSDLAF General Fund – March 31, 2005
- Investments - Flex CD National Penn – March 31, 2005
- Investments - Flex CD Sovereign Bank – March 31, 2005
- Tax Account – March 31, 2005
- Investment Schedule – March 31, 2005
- Middle School Activity Acct – March 31, 2005
- Athletic Fund – March 31, 2005
- 7th Grade Activities Account – March 31, 2005
- High School Activities Account – March 31, 2005
- Elementary Activities Account – March 31, 2005
- Note of 2002 – March 31, 2005
- Note of 2003 – March 31, 2005
- Note of 2004 – March 31, 2005
- Capital Reserve Fund – March 31, 2005
- Capital Reserve Fund – March 31, 2005
- Alumni Association – March 31, 2005
- Debt Service Fund Account – March 31, 2005
- Cafeteria M/M Account – March 31, 2005
- Cafeteria Checking Account – March 31, 2005

O. The board approved of following reports:

- Cafeteria Savings Schedule
- Cafeteria Investment Schedule
- Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement
- Cafeteria Participation Report

- P. The board approved of authorization to seek bids for **"Publications"** (4 issues-Newsletter, Activity Calendars, Student Handbooks, Crisis Prevention/Intervention/Postvention Plan Flip Chart) for the 2005/2006 school year. The cost for Publications for the 2004/2005 was \$38,622.00.
- Q. The board approved of submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, PLANCON H – Project Financing documents for the new K-4 Elementary School. These reports are necessary to file in order to receive debt rental and sinking funds reimbursements for the project.
- R. The board approved of submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, PLANCON H – Project Financing documents for the 9th Grade Center. These reports are necessary to file in order to receive debt rental and sinking funds reimbursements for the project.
- S. The board approved of the following **independent contracts**:
1. **Denny McConnel of Music to You – 10 Foxglove Lane, Reading, PA 19606** . The Upper Providence Elementary School will observe a 3.5 hour performance to create a positive school climate and support the district's pro-social goals and objectives. The activities will be supported by parents and staff. This bonding nature of the elementary atmosphere is instrumental to the success of the overall academic ambiance. Effective date 5/13/05. Performance not to exceed (\$300.00) Three Hundred Dollars. Funding source (Home & School Association).
 2. **Maria Boyer of PhilStar Entertainment – 1025 Grosstown Road, Stowe, PA 19464**. Upper Providence Elementary will have entertainment for the finale of the reading incentive program – Mission Book Blast Off. This performance will support the district's pro-social goals and objectives. Effective 3/30/05. Performance not to exceed (\$1,260.00) One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars. Funding source (Upper Providence Pro-social). Account #11-2120-610-000-000-00-19-07.
 3. **Cheryl Herold, RN, LDN**, Collegeville, PA 19426, to provide a Healthy Choices "Families Working Together for Better Health" Community program entitled "Surviving Today's Food Maze: How to Eat Well in Today's World." The program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Compensation for Ms. Herold will be one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars, effective April 26, 2005. Funding will be provided by the 2004-2005 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Grant.
 4. **Barbara Mitchell**, Lancaster, PA, to provide staff and student training in Peer Mediation. Compensation for Ms. Mitchell will not exceed seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars and will include six (6) days of training, materials, and travel. This contract agreement will be effective April 26, 2005 and completed by June

30, 2005. Funding will be provided by the 2004-2005 Safe Schools Initiative Grant.

5. **Susquehanna Emergency Health Services Council, Inc.**, 249 Market Street, Sunbury, PA, to provide registration fee, materials, and presenters' travel, room, and board in connection with a two (2) day Safe Schools Initiatives: Critical Incident Stress Management School Response Training. The cost for this service is not to exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, effective April 26, 2005 and to be completed by June 30, 2005. Funding will be provided by the 2004-2005 Safe Schools Initiative Grant.
6. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA**, 19 W. Linfield Trappe Road, Limerick, PA 19468, to provide an Extended School Year six (6) week (July 18, 2005 to August 8, 2005) Camp Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost for the program will be eight hundred thirty (\$830.00) dollars. Funding will be provided through IDEA monies in the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
7. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA**, 19 W. Linfield Trappe Road, Limerick, PA 19468, to provide an Extended School Year six (6) week (June 20, 2005 to July 1, 2005) Camp Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost for the program will be seven hundred forty (\$740.00) dollars. Funding will be provided through IDEA monies in the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
8. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA**, 19 W. Linfield Trappe Road, Limerick, PA 19468, to provide an Extended School Year four (4) week (June 20, 2005 to July 1, 2005 and July 18, 2005 to August 12, 2005) Camp Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost for the program will be five hundred five (\$505.00) dollars. Funding will be provided through IDEA monies in the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
9. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA**, 19 W. Linfield Trappe Road, Limerick, PA 19468, to provide an Extended School Year six (6) week (July 18, 2005 to August 26, 2005) Camp Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost of this program will be eight hundred thirty (\$830.00). Funding will be provided through IDEA monies in the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
10. **Camp Joy**, 3325 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473, for provision of the socialization program of an Extended School Year Program for six (6) students who receive special education services. Cost breakdown as follows: Student #1 = thirty (30) days of service; student #2 = twenty (20) days of service; student #3 = fifteen (15) days of service; student #4 = forty (40) days of service; student #5 = thirty (30) days of service; and, student #6 =

twenty (20) days of service. The total number of days shall not exceed one hundred fifty-five (155) days at one hundred ten (\$110.00) dollars per day. The total cost of the contract shall not exceed seventeen thousand fifty (\$17,050.00) dollars. Funding will be provided as follows: two thousand seven hundred fifty (\$2,750.00) dollars from the 2004-2005 District Budget and the balance of fourteen thousand three hundred (\$14,300.00) dollars from the 2005-2006 IDEA allocation.

11. **Phoenixville Academy, c/o Holy Family Learning**, 8235 Ohio River Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, to provide a special education student instruction per the IEP at an Approved Alternative Placement (Phoenixville Academy, 326 South Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460) for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year. Services will be provided at the cost of eighty five dollars and eight cents (\$85.08) per day for a period not to exceed eighty (80) days. The total cost of the contract shall not exceed six thousand eight hundred six dollars and forty cents (\$6,806.40). Funding will be provided from monies budgeted in the 2004-2005 Alternative Education Fund.

VII. PROPERTY

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-D. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. **Change Order GC-2:** The board approved of the 9th G C for a deduct change order to eliminate the sprinkler system above the roof that is not needed as per the fire marshal but was shown on the drawings for a **total deduction of \$8,124.24.**
- B. The board approved of allowing the Spring City American Baseball Legion to install a **fence** at the **RAM's Stadium** to cut down on trespassing and vandalism to the field. This fence will also include gates as needed. **There will be no costs to the school district.**
- C. The board approved of moving forward to obtain the **permit** needed to have the **roof** and other associated work to be completed at the **Brooke E S** to start this summer. Obtaining this permit prior will allow the contractor to get started as soon as the contracts are agreed upon. Funding will come from the **Capital Reserve.**
- D. The board approved of bringing in a substitute to **work** at the **9th G C** to do miscellaneous items required by the school district until the full time personnel when the budget is approved. This person will do items to get the school ready for opening of school. Funds will come from the **Construction fund.**

VIII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

The board discussed band practice and it appears that Mr. Eckstine is aware of the area. Regarding Item J, Mr. Davis recommended having the program open to district residents. He added after questioning from Dr. Coale that there was no need to advertise beyond public school students. Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Items A-P. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of the Summer Instrumental Program, under the direction of Ms. Yvonne O'Dea, Music Department Chair, to be held at the Intermediate 5/6 Center. The program would run for 5 weeks, in conjunction with the district summer school program, from Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005 (no classes Monday, July 4, 2005). Weekly lessons would be offered to students on a tuition basis, and there would be no cost to the school district. The cost would be \$16.50 per half hour private lesson. All tuition money that is collected would be submitted to the Business Office and the teachers would be paid at the current summer school salary rate of \$30.00/hour. This has been a very worthwhile and well-attended program during the past years and we would like to continue it this summer.
- B. The board approved of the 2005 Summer School Program for grades 9 – 12 at the Spring-Ford Senior High School. It is anticipated that there will be a need for teachers in English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and possibly Career Exploration/FCS. The dates for this year's program are tentatively set from Monday, June 20 - Friday, July 22, 2005. Registration will be from June 13 – June 16, 2005. To celebrate the Independence Day holiday there will be no school on Monday, July 4, 2005. We will offer almost 50 hours of instruction with times for individual class sessions from 7:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 10:05 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Staff hours will total approximately 405 hours. Staff rate this year is \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Tuition rates would be \$225.00 per one credit for residents and \$500.00 per one credit for non-resident students. Summer school is fully funded by tuition payments.
- C. The board approved of the 2005 Summer School Program at the Middle School 7th Grade Center, 833 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468. Courses will be offered to students in grades 7 – 8 who failed to meet necessary course requirements. Students will be able to take up to a maximum of two courses. The dates for this year's program will be Monday, June 20 – Friday, July 22, 2005 (no session Monday, July 4, Independence Day holiday). Class periods will be from 8:00 – 9:50 a.m. and 10:00 – 11:50 a.m. Staff rate this year is \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Tuition rates are \$225.00 per credit for resident students (\$450.00 for 2 credits) and \$500.00 per credit for non-resident

students (\$1,000.00 for 2 credits). Summer school is fully funded by tuition payments. The estimated total number of hours at the present time is 275, utilizing 2 instructors and 1 director, for approximately 50 students. Quantity of teachers is student-driven. The number generated is based on last year's student numbers. If more students require summer school, another teacher may need to be added.

- D. The board approved of operation of a Summer Library Program to be held at the Upper Providence Elementary School. This program would be open to all district students. The library would run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 28, 2005, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library program will operate from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (4 hours/day x 12 days = 48 hours). Cost to operate program shall not exceed six hundred fifty-two dollars and eighty cents (\$652.80).
- E. The board approved of the Elementary Summer School Program to be offered at Royersford Elementary School. The focus will be on a **developmental and remedial math** program for students who have completed kindergarten through grade three as of June 2005. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005. A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$140.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, elementary principals will notify parents of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by Friday, May 20, 2005. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that date will be cancelled. The Elementary Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.
- F. The board approved of the Elementary Summer School Program to be offered at Royersford Elementary School. The focus will be on a **developmental and remedial reading** program for students who have completed kindergarten through grade three as of June 2005. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005. A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$140.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, elementary principals will notify parents of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by Friday, May 20, 2005. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that

date will be cancelled. The Elementary Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.

- G. The board approved of the Intermediate Summer School Program to be offered at the Intermediate 5/6 Center. The focus will be on a **developmental and remedial math** program for students who have completed fourth and fifth grade as of June 2005. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005. A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$140.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, parents of fourth and fifth grade students will be notified of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by Friday, May 20, 2005. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that date will be cancelled. The Intermediate Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.
- H. The board approved of the Intermediate Summer School Program to be offered at the Intermediate 5/6 Center. The focus will be on a **developmental and remedial reading** program for students who have completed fourth and fifth grade as of June 2005. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005. A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$140.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$30.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, parents of fourth and fifth grade students will be notified of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by Friday, May 20, 2005. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that date will be cancelled. The Intermediate Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.
- I. The board approved of the **Fast ForWord 2005 Summer Program** to be held at the Intermediate 5/6 Center from Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 22, 2005. The cost to the student will be \$140.00. Additional days for the teachers and the instructional assistants would be needed for training and preparation before the start of the program and for completion of the reports after the program. These costs will be paid for out of the General Curriculum Budget not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

- J. The board approved of the SFASD to enter into an agreement with Montgomery County Community College to offer an after-school foreign language program. The district would provide MCCC classroom space in each elementary school and the Intermediate 5/6 Center in order to conduct after-school foreign language classes to students in grades K-6, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year. The cost for each child participating in this after-school program was \$119 per student for the 2004-05 school year. There is no cost to the district and MCCC supplies its own staff and curriculum. Spring-Ford only provides the space. At this time, the district is not aware whether the cost will increase for the next school year.
- K. The board approved of Camp Invention, a hands-on, creativity and science summer camp for elementary students to be held at Limerick Elementary School June 27-July 1, 2005 and July 11-15, 2005 and at Royersford Elementary School July 25-29, 2005. This program will be run at no cost to the district.
- L. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District speech therapist to conduct pre-tests for approximately twenty-five (25) students as required by the Fast ForWord Summer Program. The therapist will be paid at the contractual rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour, not to exceed seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars. Funding is from the 2004-2005 IDEA Allocation.
- M. The board approved of a lab-based interactive technology education program in the Middle School 8th Grade Center for the 2005-2006 school year. This is a continuation of technology education program initiated in the Middle School 7th Grade Center during the 2004-2005 school year. The total cost for the instructional modules, system management package and lab furniture is not to exceed ninety-eight thousand two hundred fifty-six (\$98,256.00) dollars and will be provided through Advanced Technologies Consultants, Inc.
- N. The board approved of entering into a three (3) year Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement with CompassLearning, Inc. This agreement would provide an upgrade of all CompassLearning software district-wide. The total cost of this interest-free Lease Purchase Agreement is not to exceed two hundred sixty-three thousand one hundred sixty dollars and fifty-five cents (\$263,160.55). The terms of the agreement are as follows: Downpayment of \$84,386.85 is due May 1, 2005. The first payment of \$10,000 is due July 15, 2005; the second payment of \$84,386.85 is due July 15, 2006; and the final payment of \$84,386.85 is due July 15, 2007.

- O. The board approved of the 2005-2006 summer curriculum projects and assessment listed in the amount of \$50,274.98 based on current rate of \$30.00/hr. plus benefits. (See attachment)
- P. The board approved of the following **new textbooks** as part of the curriculum cycle adoption for 2005-2006.

<u>Course / Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. French I <i>Discovering French Nouveau</i>	McDougal Littell (2004)	\$13564.00
2. Spanish I <i>Buen viaje!</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2005)	\$11305.00
3. Spanish I <i>¿Cómo te va?</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2004)	\$29437.00
4. German II & III <i>Deutsch Aktuell 2</i>	EMC/Paradigm Publishing (2004)	\$ 4974.00
5. Mathematics <i>Algebra & Trigonometry</i>	Pearson/Prentice Hall (2004)	\$ 5016.00
6. Social Studies <i>World Cultures and Geography</i>	McDougal Littell (2005)	\$30181.00
7. Broadcasting <i>Video: Communication and Production</i>	The Goodheart-Wilcox Co., Inc. (2002)	\$ 987.00
8. Intro to Document Processing <i>Microsoft Word 2003: Keyboarding & Word Processing</i>	Thomson South-Western (2003)	\$ 1914.00
9. Document Processing 1 <i>Microsoft Office Word 2003: Complete Tutorial</i>	Thomson Course Technology (2004)	\$ 2046.00
10. Computer Applications <i>Microsoft Office 2003: Introductory Concepts and Techniques</i>	Thomson Course Technology (2004)	\$ 7293.00

<p>11. Desktop Publishing <i>Microsoft Office Publisher 2003 Complete Concepts and Techniques</i></p>	<p>Thomson Course Technology (2004) \$ 2409.00</p>
<p>12. Business Law <i>Law for Business and Personal Use</i></p>	<p>Thomson South-Western (2006) \$ 3679.50</p>
<p>13. Marketing <i>Sports and Entertainment Marketing 2e</i></p>	<p>Thomson South-Western (2005) \$ 3058.00</p>
<p>14. Technology Education <i>Technology</i></p>	<p>The Goodheart-Wilcox Co., Inc. (2004) \$ 2255.00</p>
	<p>Total Amount \$118,118.50</p>

IX. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 6-1 with Mr. Morgan voting no.

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend “*MCIU Legislative Breakfast*” at the William Penn Inn on Friday, May 13, 2005. The total cost of the breakfast is \$43.00 from the 580 account.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items B-O. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- B. **Carol Frankel**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend “*Annual Education Law Conference*” at Leigh University on Friday, May 13, 2005. This conference will provide updates on new issues associated with Special Education Law. The total cost of the conference is \$195.00 from the 580 account.

- C. **Dr. Leslie T. Morrill**, Supervisor of Staff Development, to attend “*Keeping Our Children Safe: Strategies for Schools and Community*” in Harrisburg, PA from Monday, May 2, 2005 through Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Attendance at this conference is mandatory as part of the Safe Schools

Initiative Grant requirements. The total cost of the conference is \$344.00 from the Safe Schools Initiative Grant 2004-2005.

- D. **Kathleen Parker**, Food Service Coordinator, to attend "*Project PA – Changes in Child Nutrition Law and Regulations*" in State College, PA on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Attendance at this training session is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The total cost of the training session is \$310.00 from the cafeteria fund.

HIGH SCHOOL

- E. **Mary Ann Rudy**, Reading Teacher, to attend "University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference" at the University of Pittsburgh in Greensburg, PA on Friday, May 6, 2005. Dr. Rudy has been asked to be a presenter at this conference on sources of high interest non-fiction texts for secondary students reading at lower grade levels. The total cost for this conference is \$205.00 - \$80.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

8TH GRADE CENTER

- F. **Jean Taddeo**, Teacher, to attend "2004 and Beyond: New Update on SAP Laws, Regulations, and Procedures" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. This conference will help Jean, a member of the SAP team, learn about new laws, regulations and procedures in order to better serve the student population. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- G. **Stacy Hinrichs**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend "Progress Monitoring in Writing: Theory into Practice" at PATTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. This conference will provide Stacy with the knowledge and skills necessary to fully utilize Progress Monitoring in the area of writing. The total cost of this conference is \$135.00 - \$10.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- H. **Delores McCarter, Anne Marie Spohn, Sue Pronchik, Terrie Grove, Kristine Bradley**, Guidance Counselors, to attend "ESL Issues for School Guidance Personnel" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, May 12, 2005. This workshop will help our counselors become familiar with issues affecting English language learners and their families in school situations. This is a ½ day conference where our secondary counselors will attend in the morning and the elementary counselors will attend in the afternoon. There is no cost to the district for this conference. No substitutes are needed.

SEVENTH GRADE CENTER

- I. **Joyce Curtis**, Administrative Asst., Curriculum & Instruction Office, to attend "ESL Issues for School Support Personnel" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Norristown, PA on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. There is not cost to the District for this conference.

5TH / 6TH GRADE CENTER

- J. **Shannon Dallahan**, Guidance Counselor, to attend "Leaving No Child Behind: Creating Caring Connections to Support Social-Emotional Development and School Success" at Penn State University in State College, PA on Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20, 2005. This conference will provide Shannon with valuable information with which to balance the demands of IDEA and "least restrictive environment". The total cost of this conference is \$701.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.
- K. **Cheryl Ullman**, Art Teacher, to attend "That's All Folks! A Warner Bros. Animated Teacher Workshop" at the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, PA on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. This workshop will show Cheryl some standards-based, curriculum connected creative approaches to classroom learning in animation. The total cost of this conference is \$200.00 - \$75.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- L. **Julie Deutermann**, Home and School Visitor, to attend "Keeping our Children Safe: Strategies for Schools & Communities" at the Hilton Harrisburg and Towers in Harrisburg, PA from Monday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 4, 2005. This conference is a mandatory requirement as a recipient of the Safe Schools Initiative Grant. The total cost of the conference is \$340.43 from the Safe Schools Initiative Grant. No substitute is needed.

BROOKE

- M. **Mariel Zummo**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend "Progress Monitoring Training – Trainer of Trainees" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, May 19, 2005. Attendance at this conference will give Mariel the information she needs in order to train staff in progress monitoring for the next school year. The total cost of this conference is \$137.45 - \$12.45 from the Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

LIMERICK

- N. **Jacqueline Havrilla**, Principal of Limerick Elementary, **Dr. Ed Mackel**, Principal of Brooke Elementary, **Dr. Melissa Patschke**, Principal of Upper Providence Elementary, **David Willauer**, Principal of Royersford Elementary and **Theresa Weidenbaugh**, Principal of the 7th Grade

Center, to attend "Montgomery County Principals and Supervisors Association Annual Recognition Dinner" at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. The total cost is \$166.00 from the 580 account.

ROYERSFORD

- O. **Deborah Bojaciuk**, Librarian, to attend "Access PA Librarians Update and Information Sharing Day" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Monday, May 23, 2005. This conference will help Deborah stay up to date with library issues such as Power Library and Access PA. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Williams said that the board's intention was to have student participation in the senior class trip be at least 50% and that it was only 25% this year. She would like to have this task assigned to the student representative. Mrs. Williams requested that a written communication be sent home to parents. Mr. Rocchio suggested having the trip be coordinated as a travel club.

- A. The participation rate of seniors participating on the five-day senior class trip to Orlando, FL from April 21-25, including students attending the WCTS is 27.5%. The cost of the trip is approximately \$849 per student, less any senior class fund supplement. The trip will be conducted in accordance with Board Policy #121, which outlines the specific requirements for Overnight Field Trips.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Items A-G. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved that student number 60405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.
- B. The board approved that student number 70405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.
- C. The board approved that student number 80405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.
- D. The board approved that student number 90405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.

- E. The board approved that student number 100405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.
- F. The board approved that Brooke Elementary accept a bench that Giant Supermarket in Royersford has donated to the school. The bench is made of recycled materials and would be placed near the playground area.
- G. The board approved that the student and adult ticket prices to all athletic events be increased from \$2 & \$4 to \$3 & \$5, respectively. These prices have not been adjusted for many years. This is necessary due to the newly added fields and escalating maintenance costs for the fields.

Mrs. Williams asked if the contract was a standard AIA contract and she asked about the cost. The answer was yes, it was a standard AIA contract and the cost was 7% of construction. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item H. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 6-1 with Mrs. Williams voting no.

- H. The board approved that the Spring-Ford Area School District award the architect's contract regarding the construction project known as "Addition to the High School (High School of the 21st Century)" to Architecture Furst - PC, subject to the approval of said contract by the District's Administration and the District's Special Counsel, SWEET, STEVENS, TUCKER & KATZ LLP.

Mr. Rocchio said that policies were overwhelming the board and that the constitution is enough and that he would not vote for them. He called for a review of the policy procedure.

- I. The following policies were submitted a first reading with approval at the May board meeting:
 - 1. Policy # 140.1 – PROGRAMS: Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
 - 2. Policy # 707 – PROPERTY: Use of School Facilities
 - 3. Policy # TBD – COMMUNITY: Partnerships/Sponsorships

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Regarding polling places, Mr. Masciandaro said that the Intermediate School's teacher's lounge would be used as a polling place and Brooke Elementary's teacher's lounge and hallway would be used for polling. He said that he would consider closing schools for polling in the future. Mr. Ciresi asked whether students missed recess due to polling. Dr. Coale said she didn't know. Mrs. Williams questioned whether there was enough room for three polling machines at Brooke. She asked whether Mr. Passarella approved of the location and was told yes.

The DEP issue was dispensed, Mr. Masciandaro said. All approvals except for one have been gotten and that one was verbally approved.

Dr. Hurda said that Goal #5 entailed improving graduation rates. The state high school graduation rate is 87% while Spring-Ford's is 91.7%. The percent of graduates going to post secondary schools for the state is 73.6%. Spring-Ford's rate is 85% with a goal of 87%. The board needs to define what it means by top universities and colleges. In terms of ivy league schools, two of the top ten students were accepted by ivy league schools. However, many students have been accepted by top schools such as Penn State – Main Campus and University of Pittsburgh. In addition, Dr. Coale added that she had information on colleges and universities that specialized in particular areas, such as engineering. Mr. Rocchio said he would put this item on the agenda of the next curriculum committee meeting. Mr. Masciandaro said that he would like a listing of total scholarships that the district has commanded.

- Polling places – request from voter services
- Update on the last required permit from DEP
- Goal 5 follow up, immediate goal – Dr. Hurda
- Curriculum Report – Ray Rocchio, Jr.
- Guidance booklet costs -- Dr. Hurda

Mr. Masciandaro called for a Curriculum Report and PSBA Report since Mr. Rocchio was not present at the work session. Mr. Rocchio said that the curriculum committee met on April 5th and discussed the special education mentoring program. There was a video on the Bridges program that connects special ed kids with the Anchor Club. The committee also discussed the SAT, new textbooks, summer curriculum educational requirements for athletes, Camp Intervention, and hands on experiences. On the agenda for the next meeting will be the guidance program. Dr. Hurda said that the committee recommended that the guidance booklet be professionally produced. Students would receive a copy their first year of high school at a cost of \$16,000. After that, 10th graders would receive a copy for \$8,000. There is \$20,000 in the budget for the guidance initiative. Mr. Roccio added that the Lifelong Learning initiative has been delayed until the spring of 2006.

PSBA Report – Mr. Rocchio reported that the PSBA filed a lawsuit to delay the deadline for school districts to decide whether to opt into Act 72 by one year to May 31, 2006. A recent report showed that school districts are far from being top heavy with 1 manager for 15 employees, which compares favorably with the 1:6 ratio in manufacturing and 1:12 in corporate. Standard & Poor's has a website called School Matters, which provides detailed information on school district. (Spring-Ford has a link to the site on its district website.)

Mr. Morgan requested delaying the bidding for New Property Items A & B since construction is down 17%. It will become a tough economy in the next few years, he added. Mr. Masciandaro responded by saying that the district is up hundreds

of students and the kindergarten class is in the 570 range. He added that the district must stay on schedule.

Mr. Ciresi asked how many exchange students the district accepts. One or two said Dr. Coale.

XIII. NEW PERSONNEL

Mr. Cummins made a motion to approve Items A-D. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of **Dorothy Williams**, Royersford, PA, for the Administrative Assistant position in the Business Office replacing Diane Bearde who resigned. Ms. Williams is a current employee of the District. Compensation will be set at \$14.00 an hour with benefits as per the Secretarial plan, effective April 26, 2005.
- B. The board approved of **Diane Obenshine**, Royersford, PA for the Secretarial position replacing Dorothy Williams who accepted the Administrative Assistant position. Ms. Obenshine is currently a per diem substitute with the District. Compensation will be set at \$12.00 an hour with benefits as per the Secretarial plan, effective April 26, 2005.
- C. The board approved of the following **Professional Staff Substitutes**:
 - 1. **Rachel DePaoli** Elementary Education
Limerick, PA 19468
- D. The board approved of the following **Support Staff Substitutes**:
 - 1. **Nancy Allen**, Royersford, PA
Instructional Asst.
Library Asst.
Playground/Lunchroom Asst.
Secretary
 - 2. **Patricia Sweeney**, Schwenksville, PA
Instructional Asst.
Library Asst.
Playground/Lunchroom Asst.
Secretary

XIV. NEW FINANCE

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Items A-B. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. BIDS - The board approved of acceptance of the following bid awards for Custodial Supplies & Equipment for the **9th Grade Center and District Wide**, for the 2005-2006 school year. Bids were due March 29, 2005. Bid awards are as follows:

Apex Maintenance Products	\$ 75,958.85
Bortek Industries, Inc.	\$ 6,404.90
Eagle Maintenance Supply, Inc.	\$ 13,099.58
Franklin Chemical & Equip. Co.	\$ 27,214.00
Hillyard – Delaware Valley	\$207,645.65
Indco Inc.	\$ 16,995.08
The L.L. Clean Co.	\$ 684.00
L.J.C. Distributors	\$ 1,179.00
Sanitary Supply Specialties	\$ 40,633.20
Zimmerman Inc.	<u>\$ 75,834.91</u>
TOTAL	\$465,649.17

- B. The board approved of moving forward with the first phase of **Weatherproofing** for the **8th Grade Center** front portion on right side in conjunction with the Central Susquehanna IU, Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council. The cost will be **\$25,679.59** with funds coming from the **2004- 2005 general fund**.

XV. NEW PROPERTY

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A (and B from the addendum). Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 5-2 with Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan voting no.

- A. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District to go out to and receive bids for the project known as the K-4 elementary school on Sunset Road in Limerick Township, pending further review of the plans and specifications and approval of PlanCon F by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- B. The materials for PlanCon E, Design Development, have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of School Facilities Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management. The board approved that the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s approval for the materials for PlanCon E be entered into the minutes.

XVI. NEW PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Item A. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of conducting a Summer Strings Camp on July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, 2005 for beginning string students in grades 4, 5 and 6. This program will be held at the Intermediate 5/6 Center in the band and music rooms. The cost to the students will be forty (\$40.00) dollars which will include materials and instruction.

XVII. NEW OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-B. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of admission of Sarah Junghans as a foreign exchange student for the 2005-06 school year. Sarah is from Saxony, Germany, and is being sponsored by the Rotary International Youth Exchange, which has had a long-standing relationship placing students in Spring-Ford. Administrators and guidance counselors have reviewed her application and everything appears to be in order.
- B. The board approved that student number 110405 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.

XVIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

XIX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Meg Hunsberger

Thanked the board and administration for addressing the polling situation. Asked if having polling at the schools would necessitate canceling outdoor recess. Also asked if there was flexibility in the school calendar. Mr. Masciandaro said that rain would cancel recess and that there flexibility in the calendar.

Dan Regan, Limerick

There is a new section on writing for the SAT and asked if the curriculum would reflect that. Dr. Coale said that each year, the administration and supervisor of curriculum review curriculum and if he would desire an increase in emphasis in writing, to please send her a memo and it would be put on the curriculum committee to review.

Mr. Masciandaro assigned the task of writing to the junior class to publicize and generate more interest in the senior class trip to the new student representative. A possible notice to parents was also mentioned. Mr. Masciandaro also wanted the policy committee to eliminate or reduce redundancy in the district's policies. He also wanted the graduation goal to be reviewed by the policy committee.

Dr. Coale said that there were not many redundancies and that the district would have to be careful since it is required to have certain policies on the books and she urged strong caution in this area. If certain policies were in place, the district could be cited and face fines and penalties. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cummins seconded it. The board adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dillon
Board Secretary