

On April 26, 2004, 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: Michael V. Masciandro and Raymond Rocchio, Jr.
- Region II: Ammon Morgan, Janet A. Stokes, and Donna L. Williams
- Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi, Richard Schroeder, and Ed Cummins
- Presiding Officer: Bernard F. Pettit
- Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.

Mr. Pettit announced that the board met in executive session for a potential litigation issues regarding personnel. The board will meet again on this issue at the end of the board meeting.

I. DISTRICT GOALS

Mr. Masciandro said not all of Goal #5 has been designated to the community relations committee – just tracking graduates. He said he expected Dr. Coale to have baseline data on graduates at the next board meeting. Goal #7 referred to the Healthy Choice Committee being run by administration and the nurses.

Dr. Hurda invited the public to the next meeting of the Healthy Choice Committee, which is being held on Thursday in the cafeteria annex at 7 p.m. Dr. Coale asked whether to keep both sets of goals on the agenda and the board said yes.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Jennifer Parsons, Spring City
Her son attends Spring City Elementary. Mrs. Parsons said there was a person in a vehicle who approached children and the children knew what to do. Said parents were not contacted and made aware of the incident. Said children were questioned by police and sent to class. Asked why the principal did not contact her.

Mrs. Williams apologized and said it was being looked into. Mr. Pettit said there is an investigation by the police and administration and they are responding to her comments.

III. PRESENTATION

A. Bernard Pettit introduced **Orthia (Toni) Bradley**, the new assistant principal at Spring-Ford High School as of April 1st. She served at Reading School District and is replacing Tina Weidenbaugh who is training her.

- B. Bernard Pettit introduced **Danielle Quinn**, the new student representative to the school board. Danielle is the oldest of the three children of Louise and Dan Quinn. Despite a very challenging course load that includes AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, and AP History, she maintains a cumulative GPA over 99 and is currently ranked second in the Junior class at Spring-Ford High School. Danielle represented Spring-Ford at the 2003 Youth Leadership Conference and is a member of the National Honor Society. This past fall, Danielle was Spring-Ford's varsity goal keeper and earned All Academic Athlete honors for Girls' Soccer in the PAC-10. This spring, Danielle plays fullback for the women's team of the Valley Forge Rugby Club.

She is the President of Students Against Destructive Decisions and has worked with the Limerick Township Police Department in the enforcement of cigarette sale regulations. Other activities at school include Student Council, Science Club (Vice President), Spanish Club (Vice President), Academic Team, Math Club, Rampage School Newspaper, Key Club, Ram Pride and the Cultural Awareness Club.

In our community, Danielle is the Vice President of the Perkie-Ford Junioresettes, the local chapter of a young women's service organization. With the Junioresettes, she has been a volunteer at a local food pantry and various charitable fund raisers, including cancer walks and car washes. Future club plans include participation in Habitat for Humanity projects.

Danielle also serves her church as an active lector at Sacred Heart in Royersford.

Danielle's favorite class subjects are the sciences and mathematics, and she has had success in tutoring students in younger grades in these subjects. While she certainly does not have her future mapped out, she is considering a career in pharmaceutical research or medicine.

Danielle is also very pleased and honored to serve as the student representative of the Spring-Ford School Board and is looking forward to being a part of the process this next year.

Neha Jain is concluding her stint as student representative. Neha said she learned a lot and said she learned the behind-the-scenes work behind the decisions. Mr. Pettit expressed his appreciation for her involvement.

- C. **Tim Anspach**, business manager, presented the proposed preliminary budget for 2004-05 for the Spring-Ford Area School District. The budget process began in November. On May 17th, the board will be approving a preliminary budget with a 5.53% tax increase. (See attached preliminary proposed budget.)

Mrs. Williams asked about the philosophy of using capital reserve. Mr. Anspach said the district would not use PECO funds but would put something in the account to offset capital needs to buy land. Mrs.

Williams asked whether the PECO amount was subject to change. The solicitor said it would be resolved in court. Mr. Anspach added that that would limit the capital reserve account. Mrs. Williams asked about special education funding and Mr. Anspach referred to page 8. Mrs. Williams asked about the finance committee's plan on page 23. Mr. Masciandaro said that the \$300,000 was not final and would be looked at annually. Mr. Schroeder said Spring-Ford is being penalized \$700,000 in lost subsidies regarding the PECO revenues. Mr. Anspach said PECO is inflating market values, which affects the aid ratio. Mr. Schroeder added that IDEA mandates are adding challenge to the budget. Mrs. Williams added that it's just not PECO inflating the market value but the cost of new homes. Mr. Rocchio suggested having a public comment period.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Alan Dovberg

Said the increase for the retirement program was due to erosion of the stock market. Mr. Anspach said there was an 8% return on the stock market. Mr. Dovberg asked if there was any provision to bringing the market effect to public school employee plans since employees having 401K plans took the hit. Teachers and state contracts are protected. Mr. Pettit said that it was being looked at. Mr. Rocchio said the state must pay state employees.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-B. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it and the board approved it 9-0.

A. The board approved of the March 15, 2004 work session minutes.

B. The board approved of the March 22, 2004 board meeting minutes.

VI. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contract-Grievance Committee – There was no report.

Curriculum –There was no report.

WCTS – There was no report.

Contract-Grievance	Richard Schroeder	As needed
Curriculum/SE	Ray Rocchio, Jr.	1 st Tues., 7 p.m.
WCTS	Schroeder, Ciresi	1 st Mon., 7:30 p.m.
	Stokes	
Liaison for PDE	Rick Schroeder	

VII. PERSONNEL

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items A-R. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the **resignation**, with regret for **Cindy Hane**, Instructional Asst. for Technology at Limerick Elementary School, effective April 7, 2004.
- B. The board approved of the **resignation**, with regret for **Meghan Barnett**, 7th Grade Lacrosse Coach, effective April 5, 2004.
- C. The board approved of the following **leave(s) of absence**:
 - 1. **Matthew R. Bornias**, 4th grade teacher at Royersford Elementary School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively May 26, 2004.
 - 2. **Barbara R. Emery**, Special Education Teacher at the High School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 10, 2004 until the end of the 2003/2004 school year.
 - 3. **Sandra Gallagher**, Learning Support Teacher at the Intermediate School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective March 22, 2004.
 - 4. **Monica R. Johner**, Kindergarten Teacher at Oaks Elementary School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective March 2, 2004.
 - 5. **Paula Love**, Foreign Language Teacher at the High School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective for the 2004/2005 school year.
 - 6. **Susan Snyder**, 1st grade teacher at Royersford Elementary School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective for the 2004/2005 school year.
 - 7. **Shannon Amole**, Instructional Asst. at the Middle School for an Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective for the 1st semester of the 2004/2005 school year.
 - 8. **George Powell**, custodian at Brooke Elementary School for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 1, 2004.
- D. The board approved of **Sandra Haberle**, Pottstown, PA, for the Senior High School Food Service Manager position. Compensation will be set at \$16.02 per hour, with benefits, effective July 1, 2004. Ms. Haberle is currently the Middle School Food Service Manager.
- E. The board approved of the hiring of twelve (12) Special Education Teachers for the Extended School Year Program for 2004 to take place at Upper Providence Elementary School, Limerick Elementary School, 5,6,7 Grade Flex School, 8th Grade Building and High School. The teachers will work 6 hours per day from 6/30/04 to 8/9/04 (26 days: 24 days of

program 7/6 to 8/6, 1 day (6/30) for preparation and 1 day (8/9) for report writing and dissemination of materials back to the home schools. These positions will be funded through IDEA fund.

- F. The board approved the hiring of 29 Instructional Assistants for the Extended School Year Program for 2004. Fifteen students participating in the ESY Program require significant assistance from 1:1 assistants. The Instructional Assistants will be paid for 5.5 hours per day from 6/30/04 to 8/9/04 (26 days: 24 days of program 7/6 to 8/6, 1 day (6/30) to assist teachers in preparing materials for the program and 1 day (8/9) to assist teachers in packing and dissemination of materials back to the home schools. The total cost for salary and benefits of this program is not to exceed \$150,000. These positions will be funded through IDEA funds.
- G. The board approved the hiring of a certified school nurse for the Extended School Year Program for 2004. Several of the students require that medication be given during the school day. The nurse will work 4 hours per day for 26 days from 6/30/04 to 8/9/04 at Upper Providence Elementary School, Limerick Elementary School, 5,6,7 Grade Flex School, 8th Grade Building and High School overseeing the dissemination of medication and addressing any medical issues that might arise. Two days (6/30 and 8/9/04) will be for preparation and completion of all records. This position will be funded through IDEA funds.
- H. The board approved the hiring of three (3) Speech Clinicians for the Extended School Year Program for 2004 to take place at Upper Providence Elementary School, Limerick Elementary School, 5,6,7 Grade Flex School, 8th Grade Building and High School. The clinicians will work 6 hours per day from 6/30/04 to 8/9/04 (26 days: 24 days of program 7/6 to 8/6, 1 day (6/30) for preparations and 1 day (8/9) for report writing. These positions will be funded through IDEA funds.
- I. The board approved of the following **independent contract(s)**:
1. **Gary Auerbach** of Spinning Bees Foundation, Bethlehem, PA, to present 5-25 minute assembly performances to Grades 1-4. Students will discover new talents and improve self-esteem about the history and science of Frisbees. The cost of the program will not exceed \$600. Funding will be from the Upper Providence Elementary School Assembly Account.
 2. **David C. Perry**, Norristown, PA, to present an Art Program that includes Music, Drawings, & Songs on May 4, 2004. The cost of the program will not exceed \$300. Funding will be from the Spring City Budget.
 3. **Tim, "The Stringman" Redmond**, Pennsburg, PA, to present a Yo-Yo performance at a school wide picnic challenging children to develop hand-eye coordination talking about science and history of the Yo-Yo. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$187.50 and will be effective on May 21, 2004. Funding will be from the Upper Providence Home and School Association.

4. **Camp Joy**, Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA, to provide Extended School Year services for students who receive special education services as per their IEP's: child #1 = 20 days of service; child #2 = 20 days of service; child #3 = 15 days of service; child #4 = 40 days of service; child #5 = 30 days of service; child #6 = 20 days of service. The total number of days shall not exceed 145 days at \$100.00 per day. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$14,500.00. The cost of the program will be paid from funds from the 2003-2004 District Budget (\$2,500.00). The balance will be funded by the 2004-2005 IDEA Allocation (\$12,000.00).
5. **Jeannetta Burpee Institute, Inc.**, Blue Bell, PA, to provide sensory integration services as part of an Extended School Year program as per the student's IEP. The contract will be in effect from 7/1/04 through 8/31/04. The cost for the service will be \$115.00 per hour not to exceed 18 hours. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,070.00. The service will include direct service, consultation, training, and report writing. Funding for this service will be reimbursed from the District's IDEA Supplement.
6. **St. Edmond's Home**, Rosemont, PA, to provide an eight week program as part of an Extended School Year program for a student who receives special education services as per the student's IEP. The contractor will provide a total of 40 days of service at a rate of \$55.00 a day. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,200.00. Funding will be obtained from District Funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from 6/21/04 through 6/30/04 (\$440.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA Allocation from 7/1/04 through 8/13/04 (\$1,760.00).
7. **Invo Health Care Services**, Doylestown, PA, to provide Physical Therapists for the 2004 Extended School Year program for students who receive special education services as per their IEP's. The Contractor will provide a total of (150) one hundred and fifth hours service at a rate of \$52.00 per hour. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$7,800.00. The contract will be funded by District IDEA funds.
8. **Invo Health Care Services**, Doylestown, PA, to provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education as part of an Extended School Year program for a student who receives special education services as per their IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of forty-five hours of service at a rate of \$52.00 per hour. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,340.00. Funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from 4/27/04 through 6/30/04 (\$624.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA Allocation from 7/1/04 through 8/13/04 (\$1,716.00).
9. **Lakeside Educational Network**, Fort Washington, PA, to provide services at the cost of \$124.30 per day for a period of fifty-five (55) days for a student who receives special education services. Funding will be provided from dollars budgeted in the 2003-2004 District Special Education Budget. The total contract cost shall not exceed

\$6,836.50. This service is retroactive to April 15, 2004 as required per the student's IEP.

10. **Mrs. Cheryl Marmer**, Bryn Mawr, PA, for provision of instructional services for a student who receives special education services as part of an Extended School Year program as per the student's IEP. The contractor will provide a total of thirty (30) hours of service at \$50.00 per hour as per the Independent Contractor's Agreement. Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA Allocation from 7/1/04 through 8/13/04 (\$1,500.00). The total contract cost shall not exceed \$1,500.00.
 11. **Mrs. Susan Parsons**, Wallingford, PA, to provide instructional services for a student who receives special education services as part of an Extended School Year program as per the IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of ninety-six (96) hours of service as per the Independent Contractor's Agreement. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$4,800.00. The funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from, on, or before 4/27/04 through 6/30/04 (\$1,400.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA Allocation from 7/1/04 through 8/13/04 (\$3,400.00).
 12. **Pennsylvania Tourette's Syndrome Association, Inc.**, Gettysburg, PA, to provide training for staff working with a student who receives special education services as per the IEP. This training session will include ninety (90) minutes of training plus printed materials. Training will be for at least one hundred (100) participants. Minimum cost of \$250.00 (for twenty-five [25] people) plus mileage and \$10.00 for additional participants. Total cost shall not exceed \$1,036.00. Funding is from the District's Special Education Budget.
 13. **Spring Valley YMCA**, Royersford, PA, to provide instructional services for two (2) special education students for three sessions (six weeks total) from 6/21/04 to 7/30/04 for their Extended School Year Program as per their IEP's. The total cost will be \$1,940.00. The funding is coming from IDEA funds.
- J. The board approved of the following **extra-curricular/supplemental contract(s)** at the High School:
1. **Barbara Heck**, Asst. Boys' Tennis Coach, \$2,477, Code F
 2. **Chadwick Strickler**, Fitness Room Supervisor-Spring, \$526, Code LB
 3. **Cynthia L. Friedemann**, Volunteer Softball Coach, \$1.00, Code 1
- K. The board approved of the following **extra-curricular/supplemental contract(s)** at the Middle School:
1. **Chad Berish**, 8th Grade Baseball Coach, \$1,715, Code H
- L. The board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District **Custodial Employee Plan** effective July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007.

- M. The board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District **Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses' Plan** effective July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007.
- N. The board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District **Assistants' Employee Plan** effective July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007.
- O. The board approved the Spring-Ford Area School District **Maintenance Employees Plan** effective July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008.
- P. The board approved of the following **professional substitute(s)**:
 - 1. **Seth T. Deitrick**, Pottstown, PA, Elementary Education, Messiah College.
 - 2. **Paul R. Durn**, Collegeville, PA, Health & Physical Education, Slippery Rock University.
 - 3. **Sheila Egleston**, Royersford, PA, Elementary Education, Mid-Level English 7-9, Mid-Level Math 7-9, Neumann College.
 - 4. **Eric S. Hetrick**, Pottstown, PA, Elementary Education, West Chester University.
 - 5. **Stacy B. Hinrichs**, Reading, PA, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, West Chester University.
 - 6. **Regina L. Parisi**, Lansdale, PA, Mathematics, Ursinus College.
 - 7. **Crystal Snow**, Pottstown, PA, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, West Chester University.
- Q. The board approved of the following **support substitute(s)**:
 - 1. **Vanessa M. Puco**, Pottstown, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst., Playground/Lunchroom Asst., Office/Clerical and Food Service.
 - 2. **Patricia J. Skokowski**, Pottstown, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst.
- R. The board approved of the Resolution to **terminate** employee No. 7739, effective May 10, 2004.

VIII. FINANCE

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-R excluding H4. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **APRIL**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2000**:

1. <u>INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT</u>		
DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ 11,250.00
Empire Technologies	3-3150 Paradyne CSU (refurb)	\$ 750.00
Voice & Data Network	Avaya Telephone Equipment	<u>\$ 7,582.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 19,582.50

2. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ 240.00
Schiller & Hersh	Professional Services	\$ <u>3,960.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,200.00

B. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **APRIL**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2002:**

1. WINNIES PROJECT

Bursich Assoc., Inc.	Professional Services	\$ 966.53
*DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ <u>4,072.10</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,038.63

2. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Schiller & Hersh	Professional Services	\$ 40,090.00
Vibes Technologies	Avaya Telephone Equipment	\$ 15,125.50
*Recreation Resource	Aluminum Bleachers/8 Aluminum Player Benches w/Backrests	\$ 19,092.00
*R.M. Shoemaker	Applic. #28- General Contractor	\$ <u>188,827.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 263,134.50

3. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*R.M. Shoemaker	Applic. #25- General Contractor	\$ <u>20,561.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 20,561.00

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ 60,075.00
PA Dept of Transport	Highway Occupancy Permit	\$ 90.00
Schiller & Hersh	Professional Services	\$ <u>9,800.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 69,965.00

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

Evaluation of Land Parcels

Potential Land Purchase

Phase II – Design Athletic Fields

Cowan Associates, Inc	Professional Services	\$ 4,272.00
Horst Excavating Co.	Applic. #4-Excavating Sitework	\$ <u>74,503.74</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 78,775.74

***NEW BUSINESS**

- E. 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.
- F. 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 2004/2005 school year. The cost for Publications for the 2003/2004 was \$35,742.00.
- G. The board approved of acceptance of bid awards listed below for various equipment/supplies for the new Middle/Intermediate School. Bids were due March 23, 2004. Funding will be from the Construction Fund. (See attachments)

Shelving & Athletic Cages/Partitions

Fred Hill and Son \$38,550.00

Sewing Machines

Pottstown Sewing & Crafts \$11,306.24

Rebuild/Restoration – Grand Piano

Cunningham Piano Co. \$16,375.00

New Studio Pianos

Cunningham Piano Co. \$12,000.00

Washington Music Center \$ 989.00

Athletic School Store Equip.

C&M Refrigeration Sales \$1,030.00

Clark Food Service Equip. \$3,852.00

Medical Equipment

Moore Medical Corp. \$368.78

School Health Corp. \$6,008.97

- H. Checks:

- 1. March
Check No. 96772-96930 \$776,050.01
- 2. April
Check No.96931-97135 \$1,059,004.70
- 3. Check List Held for April Board Approval
Check No. 97136-97280 \$91,798.99
- 5. Athletic Fund- March
Check No. 295829-295920 \$17,994.35

- I. The board approved of the following **additions/deletions** from the per capita tax for 2003-2004:
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| Upper Providence Township Additions | No. 1-236 |
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- J. Administration recommends approval of the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
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| Checks #5008-5045 | \$199,684.11 |
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- K. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved by the board:
- Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2004
 - Money Market – March 31, 2004
 - Checking Accounts – March 31, 2004
 - Payroll Account – March 31, 2004
 - Athletic Fund – March 31, 2004
 - Investment Schedule Capital Reserve– March 31, 2004
 - Investment Schedule General Fund – March 31, 2004
 - Note of 2000 – March 31, 2004
 - Note of 2002 – March 31, 2004
 - Note of 2003 – March 31, 2004
 - Naturium Fund – March 31, 2004
 - Capital Reserve Fund – March 31, 2004
 - General Fund – March 31, 2004
 - Investments Flex CD– March 31, 2004
 - Spring-Ford High School Activity Account – March 31, 2004
 - Spring-Ford Middle School Activity Account – March 31, 2004
 - Tax Account – March 31, 2004
 - Debt Service Fund Account – March 31, 2004

 - Cafeteria M/M Account – March 31, 2004
 - Cafeteria Checking Account – March 31, 2004
- L. The following reports were submitted for the board's information:
- Cafeteria Savings Schedule
 - Cafeteria Investment Schedule
 - Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement
 - Cafeteria Participation Report
 - Use of Facilities Report
- M. The board approved of a change order with Power and Communications, Inc. of Newportville, PA (data wiring vendor for the Bechtel site) in the amount of \$13,854.72 to wire the eight additional classrooms at Upper Providence Elementary for data, phones, and CATV. These rooms were not included in the original bid for wiring since Plancon was incomplete at the time. Funding is from the Construction Fund.
- N. The board approved of a lease with ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania for computers to replace those due to be refreshed during the summer of

2004, to populate the rooms of the new Spring-Ford Intermediate/Middle School, and to expand the wireless lab program for Art and English in the Senior High School. Most of the computers being refreshed reside in the classrooms and labs of the Intermediate School and several elementary schools. The lease will include approximately: 659 HP/Compaq minitowers (2.66 GHz, 1 GB RAM, 40 GB hard drive, CD-ROM, 17" Monitor), 270 HP/Compaq NC8000 laptops for staff (1.5 GHz, 1 GB RAM, 60 GB hard drive, CD-RW/DVD-ROM), 66 HP/Compaq NX5000 laptops for the wireless labs (1.4 GHz, 512 MB, 30 GB hard drive), and related support equipment such as port replicators, batteries, and battery chargers. (The wireless labs support Section 5.1.1, Goal 3, located on the top of Section 5, page 3 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) The total equipment value of approximately \$1,265,046 will be divided into three annual lease payments of approximately \$433,278. 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.

- O. The board approved of the purchase of 93 printers from Lexmark International in the amount of approximately \$44,600 under the PEPPM Contract (Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers) to populate the classrooms, computer labs, and offices in the new Intermediate/Middle School. (Additionally, printers currently housed in the Middle School will supplement these new printers. 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.
- P. The board approved of purchase of twelve new file servers to replace existing, aging servers and to provide servers for the new Intermediate/Middle School. All of the servers being replaced are a minimum of three years old. Administration is planning to replace servers on a three-year turnaround like desktops and laptops. It is prudent to do so as it avoids finding parts, paying for parts out of warranty, and replacing failed servers at inopportune times and at higher costs. The total cost of the servers is \$46,416. 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.
- Q. The board approved of the commitment of \$48,000 to fund the summer of 2004 refresh and addition of computers and the removal of equipment from the current Middle School. 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, and physically move and place the displaced equipment from the Middle School for a cost of \$31,000. The remaining \$17,000 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.

- R. The board approved of the purchase of Symantec's Norton Anti-Virus for all District computers at a cost of approximately \$28,500. The District's current anti-virus program must be renewed. After previewing Norton and a competing product, the Technology staff believes Norton has superior remote management, virus/worm detection capabilities and spam e-mail diversion capabilities that are required and critical to maintain a virus-free network. (This entire item supports Section 5.1.1, Goal 1, located in Section 5, center of page 2 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) Funding is from the Technology Fund.

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item H4. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 8-0-1 with Mr. Schroeder abstaining.

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| H. | 4. | <u>Plotts Check</u> | |
| | | Check No. 97281 | \$1,718.40 |

IX. PROPERTY

Mr. Cummins made a motion to approve Items A, E, and F. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of awarding to the low bidder for the **demolition of the six (6) owned classrooms and ramps** at the new 8th grade center not-to-exceed **\$24,500** after the solicitor review of all paperwork. The funds will come from the Capital Reserve.
- E. The board approved of having the hallway flooring outside the shop area to create new tech areas in the rear portion of the new 8th Grade Center replaced by **Independent Contract Flooring** under PA State Contract. Costs include removal, disposal, new materials, floor prep with vinyl base for a cost of **\$4,035.00**. Funds will come from the **Capital Reserve**.
- F. The board approved of removal and disposal of existing carpet and install new VCT and vinyl base in three existing classrooms to be converted to two tech ed classroom areas to **Independent Contract Flooring** for a total cost of **\$3,995.00**. Funds will come from the **Capital Reserve**.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Item B. Mrs. Williams seconded it. The board approved it 8-0-1 with Mr. Rocchio abstaining.

- B. The board approved of **Change Order #2 Horst Construction** for the Five Year Athletic Field Plan in the amount **\$22,461.00** to remove and replace 300 LF +/- of 30 X 60 concrete CMP and install new 30 inch HDPE pipe and all stone backfill. This pipe needs to be replaced after discovery of stripping the top soil and exposing the top of the pipe under fields MS #4 and MS #5. Pipe was showing extreme deterioration. The funds will come from the Capital Reserve.

Regarding Item C: Mr. Morgan said that he wanted to table the Winnies project until more is known about the costs – he referred to sticker shock. Mr. Morgan made a motion to table, Mr. Cummins seconded it. The board voted 8-1 against tabling with Mr. Morgan voting to table. Mrs. Williams suggested that the school district partner with the neighboring subdivision to make a sewer pipe large enough to handle effluent. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- C. The board approved of **Bursich Associates** to design and work with LTMA and Limerick Township to obtain accessibility to have gravity sewer vs. a holding tank with pumping station with a forced main system which will be more advantageous for the school district. Costs not to exceed **\$3,500** and funds will be from the construction fund.

Regarding Item D: Mr. Schroeder objected to the additional sentence added to the motion after the work session. He said it defeats the property committee's intention to have the schematic design maximize allowable square footage. Mr. Masciandaro said he inserted the additional wording to avoid red tape. Mrs. Williams asked whether cutting the last four words would make it acceptable. Mrs. Williams made a motion to amend the motion by deleting: *or the minimum ten-year administration requirements or whichever is less*. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Masciandaro voting no. Then Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the amended motion. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Masciandaro voting no.

- D. The board approved of having **Art Altemose Architects** to work with our solicitor to enter into a contract to complete a schematic design for the Administration Office at the existing Bechtel Dairy Building to capture the most square footage as per Pennsylvania Department of Education or the minimum ten-year administration requirements or whichever is less.

X. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-L. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the Summer Instrumental Program to be held at the Upper Providence Elementary School. The program would run for 5 weeks, in conjunction with the district summer school program, from Monday, June 21 through Friday, July 23, 2004 (no classes Monday, July 5, 2004). 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 2004 Summer School Program 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 21 - Friday, July 23, 2004. Registration will be from June 14 – June 17, 2004. To celebrate the Independence Day holiday there will be no school on Monday, July 5, 2004. 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 2004 Summer School Program at the Middle School (this year's Intermediate School located at 700 Washington Street, Royersford, PA). Courses will be offered to students 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 21 – Friday, July 23, 2004 (no session Monday, July 5, 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 264, 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 the Brooke Summer Library Program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70 /hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.
- E. The board approved recommending approval for the Limerick Summer Library Program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70/hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.
- F. The board approved of the Oaks Summer Library program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70/hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.

- G. The board approved recommending approval for the Royersford Summer Library program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70/hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.
- H. The board approved the Spring City Summer Library program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70/hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.
- I. The board approved the Upper Providence Summer Library program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 22 through July 29, 2004, 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: 1 Instructional Assistant @ \$12.70/hr. x 48 hours = \$609.60.
- J. The board approved of the following new textbooks as part of the curriculum cycle adoption for 2004-2005.

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. Language Arts K - 6 <i>Scott Foresman Reading</i>	Pearson Scott Foresman	\$400,000.00
2. French <i>En Avant</i> Holt French Level A	Harcourt (2004)	\$ 14,000.00
3. Spanish <i>¿Cómo te va?</i> Glencoe Middle School Spanish	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2004)	\$ 24,000.00
4. German <i>Deutsch Aktuell</i> , 5 th Edition	EMC/Paradigm Publishing (2004)	\$ 6,000.00
5. Science <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology</i> 6 th Edition	Pearson Education (2004)	\$ 7,800.00
<i>Pennsylvania Geography</i> 4 th Edition	Penns Valley Publishers (2004)	\$ 3,283.50
6. Social Studies <i>Geography The World and Its People</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2002)	\$ 40,293.00
7. Graphic Design II <i>Adobe Illustrator 10</i>	Adobe Press (2002)	\$ 720.00

Classroom in a Book

8. Personal Finance

<i>Managing Your Personal Finances, 4th Edition</i>	South-Western Thompson Learning (2002)	\$ 4,000.00
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9. Music Fundamentals

<i>Practical Theory Complete</i>	Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. (1982)	\$ 328.50
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10. Basic Geometry

<i>Geometry Concepts & Skills</i>	McDougal Littell, division of Houghton Mifflin Co., (2003)	\$ 7,142.40
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11. English, Grade 10

<i>Julius Caesar</i>	Penguin Books, (1985)	\$ 450.00
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12. English, Grade 11

<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	The Viking Press, (1962)	\$ 625.00
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13. Language Arts, Grade 5

<i>Loser</i>	Scholastic, Inc., (2002)	\$ 60.00
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K. The board approved a \$1,000 stipend for Gregory Hoyle, currently a junior at Spring-Ford Senior High School to represent the high school and community at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Technology. Funding will be from the General Fund.

L. The board approved the attached summer curriculum projects. (Attached)

PSBA REPORTRAYMOND J. ROCCHIO, JR.

In federal education news, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed S. 2241, a bill extending federal school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, which allows Congress more time to consider its ongoing reauthorization of those programs which were due to expire on March 31. Prior to that, the House passed the Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act, H.R. 3873. The bill included provisions to maintain the current income verification process, and retain the authority of local school districts to make decisions impacting "competitive foods" (with minimal nutritional value). The Senate has not introduced a counterpart to that bill. The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee held hearings on the issue last year. It has been reported that the committee may be waiting until Congress finalizes the 2005 budget resolution before introducing a bill.

This week the Pennsylvania General Assembly remained in recess, and no floor or committee action of interest to school officials took place. Legislators will return to Harrisburg after next week's primary election, with the Senate scheduled to resume session on May 3 and the House to reconvene on May 10. In other news, this week PSBA issued its 2004 Referendum Policy Paper. The executive summary was published in the Information Legislative

Service, and the full text of the paper is posted on PSBA's Web site at www.psba.org.

Also of interest, PSBA and other education organizations are joining together for a Lobby Day on May 11. School directors, administrators, teachers and others are invited to come to Harrisburg for this event and meet with their legislators to discuss referendum issues. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Pennsylvania State Education Association Headquarters, located at 400 North Third Street in downtown Harrisburg. Informational briefings and materials will be available for all participants. From there, attendees will head to the Capitol to meet with legislators. PSBA advises that these appointments be scheduled as soon as possible in advance of traveling to Harrisburg. A news conference will be held in the Capitol Rotunda at 1:00 p.m. Contact PSBA's Office of Governmental and Member Relations at 800-932-0588 to register for the Lobby Day events (there is no charge). Registrants will receive additional information, directions to downtown Harrisburg and parking information.

PSBA is inviting member school entities to submit items for consideration for the association's 2005 legislative platform. Boards may submit new proposals as well as revisions to the current platform and should include a brief statement of rationale for each proposal submitted. All items must be verified by the board secretary and submitted to PSBA's office of governmental and member relations by Friday, July 16, 2004. Items and rationale submitted for the platform will be reviewed initially by the PSBA Platform Committee on Aug. 21. The recommendations of the committee will be brought before the Legislative Policy Council for a final vote on Sept. 30. Detailed information is posted on the association's Web site under the "Advocacy and Legislation" section.

This week marked the deadline for principals in each school to nominate one of their classroom teachers to be selected for participation in a new program announced earlier this month by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The "Keystones" program will recognize exemplary teachers throughout the state. Keystone teachers will be identified in a variety of content and instructional areas as PDE implements the new program over the coming months. The first phase recognizes teachers who are "Technology Integrators." These teachers use technology to foster student curiosity and creativity and engage students in meaningful problem-solving activities.

Keystone selection is handled as a local and regional process. The selection process evolves from school level to district level and onto the regional level, at which approximately 100 Keystones will be chosen to attend a four-day Keystones Summit in August. These teachers also will be highlighted and present their work at the 2005 Pennsylvania Educational Technology Conference and Expo and the 2005 National Educational Computing Conference in Philadelphia. A complete summary of the new Keystones program, including the deadlines and application process, is posted on PDE's Web site at http://www.pde.state.pa.us/ed_tech and click on "Keystones."

XI. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Items A-N. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Richard J. Schroeder**, Board Member, and **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend "*PSBA Seminar on Budget and Finance*" at the Inn at Chester Springs in Exton, PA on Wednesday, April 14, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$170.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend "*PSBA Region 11 Dinner*" at Williamson Restaurant in Horsham, PA on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. The total cost of the dinner is \$54.00 from the 580 account.
- C. **Joseph P. Ciresi**, Board Member, and **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend "*MCIU Legislative Breakfast*" at the William Penn Inn on Thursday, May 20, 2004. The total cost of the breakfast is \$54.00 from the 580 account.
- D. **Bruce Cooper**, Director of Planning, Operations and Facilities, to attend "*Annual Recertification for Asbestos Building Inspector*" in New Cumberland, PA on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$160.00 from the 580 account.
- E. **Dr. Lucille Candeloro**, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructions, to attend "*PSSA Field Test Rangefinding Meeting*" at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA. from Tuesday, May 18, 2004 through Thursday, May 20, 2004. This meeting will be looking at student responses to the recently revised PSSA field test that will be implemented in the spring of 2005. There is no cost to the district.
- F. **Will Cromley, Jacqueline Havrilla, Dr. Ed Mackel, Mark Moyer, Melissa Patschke, and Dave Willauer**, Principals, **Orathia Bradley, Jeff Kollar, William Shirk and Tina Weidenbaugh**, Assistant Principals, to attend "*MCPSA Annual Secretaries Recognition Dinner*" at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA on Wednesday, April 21, 2004. The total cost of the dinner is \$348.00 from the 580 account.

HIGH SCHOOL

- G. **Debbie Longwell and Robyn Kruger**, ESL teachers, to attend “*ESL and Special Education*” at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. This conference will teach Debbie what considerations are needed to avoid misidentification of ELL’s and provide her with a program for ELL’s that require special education services. The total cost of this conference is \$204.24 - \$59.24 from the Title V – ESL account and \$145.00 from the substitute account.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- H. **Marilyn Erb**, teacher, to attend “*Worlds Intertwined*” at the University of Pennsylvania Archaeology Museum in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, May 8, 2004. This conference will give Marilyn up to date information on ancient Etruscan, Roman and Greek cultures and the latest resources to help challenge students in the classroom. The total cost of this conference is \$86.52 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- I. **Susan Hillegas**, learning support teacher, to attend “*Reading Intervention for Students with Learning Disabilities*” at PATTAN in Harrisburg, PA on Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6, 2004. This conference will provide Susan with reading interventions to be used with struggling readers while learning critical components of effective reading instruction which can be used in the classroom. The total cost of this conference is \$451.00 - \$161.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$290.00 from the substitute account.
- J. **Maria Elena Skrzat**, reading teacher, to attend “*Counseling the Most Difficult Adolescents: Igniting Fires of Change*” at the Radisson in Valley Forge, PA on Friday, May 7, 2004. This conference will give Maria Elena strategies for working with defiant, aggressive adolescents thereby helping her motivate them toward personal growth and positive change. The total cost of this conference is \$334.80 - \$189.80 from the 580 account and \$145.00 from the substitute account.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- K. **Carrie Buckwalter & Mindy Gebert**, teachers, to attend “*The Intrepid Museum*” in Manhattan, NY on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The purpose of this trip is to plan and prepare for the 6th grade trip. Carrie and Mindy will meet with the museum staff and make arrangements for activities and lunch for approximately 700 students and chaperones. The total cost of this trip is \$435.00 - \$145.00 from the 580 account and \$290.00 from the substitute account.

LIMERICK

- L. **Nancy Saul**, speech pathologist, to attend “*Working with Children with Auditory Processing Disorders*” in Wilmington, Delaware on Monday, May 17, 2004. This conference will help Nancy in the treatment of speech

services for the increasing number of students being identified with APD, AD/HD, language disorders and hearing loss. The total cost of this conference is \$340.00 - \$195.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$145.00 from the substitute account.

ROYERSFORD

- M. **Nina Lee**, learning support teacher, to attend *Progress Monitoring Training* at PATTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Monday, March 15, 2004. This is mandatory follow up training to develop skills in progress monitoring as a condition of the No Child Left Behind Law. Skills learned will be shared with building staff. The total cost of this conference is \$147.50 - \$22.50 from the Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

BECHTEL MAINTENANCE BLDG.

- N. **Doug Carson**, Maintenance Foreman, to attend the National Playground Safety Inspector Certification Course & Exam at the Days Inn Conference Center, Allentown, Pa, effective May 5 through May 7, 2004. The total cost of the workshop is \$841 from the 580 account.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Re: Item A, Mrs. Williams asked about the silent prayer or meditation in Policy 807. Mr. Davis said the individual would choose whether to do a silent prayer or mediate with the teacher announcing: Now it is a time for a moment of reflection. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items A-E. The board approved it 9-0.

- A. The following policies were approved by the board:
1. Policy # 218.1 – PUPILS: Weapons
 2. Policy # 807 – OPERATIONS: Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
- B. The board approved that student number 10304 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.
- C. The board approved the Athletic Department, on behalf of the girls' basketball team request to accept the invitation to once again to participate in the KSA (Kaylee Scholarship Association) Basketball Tournament, December 26-December 31, 2004 in Orlando, Florida. The tournament will be for varsity level competition and will be in a pool of eight teams from different parts of the country. The team will play three games in the tournament to crown a champion. The games played are part of the 2004-2005 schedule that allows a maximum of 22 contests as per PIAA by laws. The high school girls' basketball program and staff will conduct fund raising events from April through December to help defer the costs of this unique opportunity. **There will be no cost to the school district.** All travel reservations and itineraries are being handled Campus

Get-A-Ways in Exton, PA who works in conjunction with KSA. One KSA Scholarship is awarded to each high school that participates in a KSA sponsored event. The Two Hundred and Fifty dollar (\$250.00) scholarship is intended to reward and bring recognition to those students who have chosen to expand their high school education by participating in athletics. Each KSA School Scholarship recipient will automatically be nominated to compete for the KSA National Scholarship Award. The recipient is selected based on criteria determined by KSA and the winner is awarded the amount of at least Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and will be awarded to at least two students.

- D. The board approved Friday, June 11th as the **graduation date** for the Class of 2004.
- E. The board approved of Limerick Township Resolution LD 04-04 (P-F) Spring-Ford Area School District Land Development. (Attachment)

XIII. INFORMATION ITEM

Mr. Rocchio asked about the intent of the last paragraph of page 8 of Policy 006. Mr. Schroeder suggested saying *only committee members may make recommendation to the board* rather than the present sentence. Mr. Pettit said the committee would consider it.

- A. The following policies were submitted as a first reading with approval at the board meeting in May:
 1. Policy # 005 – LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES: Organization
 2. Policy # 005.1 – LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES – Board Committee Agenda and Minutes
 3. Policy # 006 – LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES: Meetings
 4. Policy # 339 – ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES: Uncompensated Leave
 5. Policy # 539 – CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES: Uncompensated Leave

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

HONOR ROLL OPTIONS

Mr. Rocchio announced the results of the e-mail feedback on the honor roll options. He said that 56 people preferred Option B while 48 preferred Option A and 29 preferred Option C. The administration preferred Option C. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Option C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted on Option C and approved it 7-0-2 with Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan abstaining. Mrs. Williams said she abstained because it should be a decision made by the administration.

- A. **Honor Roll Options: Discussion: Ray Rocchio, Jr.**
 1. **Option A**
Distinguished Honor Roll
93% and above in all subjects

Honor Roll

85% and above in all subjects

2. **Option B**

Distinguished Honor Roll

93% and above grade point average with no more than one B and no grade less than a B (or less than Satisfactory in special subject areas)

Honor Roll

85% and above grade point average with no more than one C and no grade less than a C

3. **Option C**

Distinguished Honor Roll

93% and above grade point average with all A's in major subjects (unit credit of 1.0) No more than one B allowed in any minor subject (unit credit less than 1.0)

Honor Roll

85% and above grade point average with all grades of A or B in all major and minor subjects

NEW BUSINESS

NEW PERSONNEL

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items A –D and Items E-F on the addendum. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the **resignation**, with regret, for **Dr. Edmund Coombe**, Supervisor of Special Education, effective with the last day worked July 1, 2004.
- B. The board approved of **Georgeiann Sklenarik**, 1st grade at Limerick Elementary School, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively May 3, 2004.
- C. The board approved of **Michele Yost**, Perkiomenville, PA, for the position of Instructional Assistant for Technology at Limerick Elementary School, replacing Cindy Hane who resigned. Compensation will be set at \$14.70 an hour with benefits, effective date to be determined pending receipt of final hiring documentation.
- D. The board approved of the following **independent contract**:
 - 1. **Chester County Intermediate Unit**, Exton, PA, to provide Special Education services per IEP for a new student who is already placed in an alternative program (Devereaux Horizons – Phoenixville). Cost per year per Chester County Intermediate Unit is \$8513.00 or \$47.29 per day. Program for 2003 – 2004

retroactive to March 22, 2004 not to exceed 60 school days or \$2837.40. Funding will be paid through Alternative Education Funds.

- E. The board approved of the resignation of **Patricia Moore**, Instructional Assistant at the Spring-Ford Senior High School effective April 23, 2004.
- F. The board approved of the resignation of **Danielle Carrington**, Instructional Assistant at the Spring-Ford Senior High School, effective April 26, 2004.

NEW FINANCE

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved acceptance of the following bid awards for the 2004-2005 school year:

CLASSROOM FURNITURE – DISTRICT WIDE

ATD American	\$12,558.25
Krueger International Inc.	\$4,484.04
Nickerson Corp.	\$2,741.25
Virco, Inc.	<u>\$16,811.56</u>
TOTAL	\$36,595.10

Nickerson (24 Desk/Combo) \$1,831.92
(Senior High – State Contract)

CLASSROOM FURNITURE –NEW MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE
(State Contract)

Nickerson	\$143,667.88
(1,600 Desks & 2,042 Chairs)	
Nickerson (418 Desk/Combo)	\$31,905.94

Re: Item B, Mr. Spohn explained that he had always been told that there was no opportunity to use fiber optic. Last Tuesday, he received a telephone call that changed that. He said that the motion for a fiber optic network needed analysis that still was changing on Friday afternoon. He said the fiber optic network is a great opportunity and great bargain for the district. He acknowledged that the fiber doesn't go to Spring City Elementary when Mr. Cummins asked but that Spring City would use the T1 line, which would be adequate. Mr. Spohn said that the present system is maxed out every day in response to a question by Mr. Rocchio. He said the fiber optic option would be good for ten or more years while the wireless option would have to be replaced in three to five years. Mr. Spohn added that the E-rate needs to be posted 28 days before the bid is awarded and that the present motion should be tabled and a new one put on the May work session agenda. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to TABLE Item B. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted to **TABLE 9-0**.

- B. The board **TABLED** a lease with Sunesys of Warrington, PA to replace the portion of the District's computer network currently served by Verizon T1 lines

with a fiber optic network. The existing contract for the T1 lines ends in August 2004. Replacing the wired network with a fiber network will provide approximately 1000 times the current bandwidth for approximately the same price extended over a ten year period. The new network will service both phones and data for all buildings except Spring City. The cost for lease is \$60,000 annually including maintenance (approximately 9% greater than what we currently spend on the T1 lines). The lease term will be five years. After the initial five years, the lease will continue on a month-to-month basis at a cost of \$18,000 annually. Leasing the fiber optic network allows for eRate eligibility in years 2-5 (based on current eRate regulations). Additional costs involve approximately \$48,000 for network switching equipment. (This entire item supports Section 5.2.1, Goal 3, located in Section 5, center of page 5 of 7 in the Technology Plan.) Funding is from the Technology Fund.

XV. BUILDING REPORTS (attached)

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

XVII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was none.

XVIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Diane Dodson, Spring City

Congratulated the board for opening the school libraries especially the one at Spring City Elementary. Referred to the Information Item and said the home and school association sent in a proposal for an \$11,000 grant to the Bard Foundation to upgrade library books.

Lori Hoyle

Referred to page 15, Item K, and thanked the board and Rick Schroeder and Ed Cummins for helping Gregory, her son, get a jump start in technology by attending the National Youth Foundation Forum. She said that she was pleased to see that little things are important. Mr. Pettit said that her son should be congratulated.

Carol Wetzel, Limerick

Referred to the end of the budget discussion and asked Mr. Schroeder, if IDEA did not mandate special ed, what would happen to special ed kids? Mr. Schroeder said that the federal government should follow mandates with funding and that he realized his comment didn't come across well but that Mrs. Wetzel should know him through the special education meetings that she's attended with him. Mr. Pettit added that no one opposed IDEA but it would be nice if the government would pay for some of these mandates. Mr. Masciandro referred to page 17 in the budget book. Mr. Pettit suggested that people contact their legislators.

ACTION REVIEW

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the amended February 22, 2004 minutes. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The board approved the motion 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Stokes
Board Secretary

Pat Dillon
Recording Secretary