

On April 27, 2009 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I:	Bernard F. Pettit and David R. Shafer
Region II:	
Region III:	Mark P. Dehnert, John S. Grispon, and Robert A. Weber
Presiding Officer:	Donna L. Williams
Superintendent:	Dr. Marsha R. Hurda
Business Manager:	Tim Anspach
Solicitor:	Marc Davis, Esq.
Student Rep.:	Samantha Wanner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Williams announced that the next Superintendent's/Parents' Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria annex. There are three remaining sessions for parents to learn about Internet safety from presenter Chuck Favata. The presentations will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at the 5/6 Grade Center, on Monday, May 18th at the 7th Grade Center and on Thursday, May 21st at Oaks Elementary School. All three presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. Presentations to help parents of 4th graders and their children make the transition from elementary school to the 5/6 Grade Center are being held this week and next at the district elementary schools. Parents can visit the school district web site at www.spring-ford.net for a list of dates, times and locations.

Mr. Grispon announced that on April 15, 2009, Mr. Ron Nettles, a prominent member of the community, passed away. He read an excerpt from a newspaper column written by Don Seeley which said Ron Nettles had a code of honor —helping others — and he lived each and every day of his life by it. No one knows how he found time to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner, let alone sleep at night, when he was the manager of the former Industrial Valley Bank; the commissioner, groundskeeper and official scorer of the former Royersford Area Youth Athletic League; the statistician and historian of Spring-Ford High School's football program; the director, secretary or treasurer of thirty-some funds and associations; a member of a handful or two other organizations; and the mayor of Royersford. When he died last week, Royersford — if not the entire Spring-Ford area — lost the man who literally was its heart and soul for more than 50 years. Mr. Grispon noted that when succeeded Ron as the Secretary of American Legion Baseball; he never realized how much that job entailed and just how much work Mr. Nettles did with just a typewriter. Mr. Grispon said he uses a

computer and still struggles to keep up. Mr. Grispon asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Ron Nettles.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Hurda announced that last week the Pennsylvania Music Association (PMEA) held their state convention in King of Prussia, PA. Every year several hundred musical groups send CD's in the hopes that they might be selected as one of the groups to perform in front of this prestigious organization. Dr. Hurda said she was so proud to be able to attend the presentation on Friday when the Spring-Ford Symphonic Wind Ensemble presented for an auditorium filled with music educators. Dr. Hurda reported that the Spring-Ford group received a standing ovation. Dr. Hurda expressed how proud she was of the group and announced that they would be performing one of their songs for the Board this evening.

Mr. Eckstine stated that it is an absolute privilege and honor to not only perform in front of the PMEA but especially in front of the School Board. Mr. Eckstine said a lot of the instruments the kids use and the scheduling of activities was the vision and the foresight of the school district to be able to say we want to do something with this band program, we want this to develop and we see this as something that is valuable. Mr. Eckstine asked the band students to stand up and applaud the School Board for all the commitment they have made to the band program over nine years. Mr. Eckstine asked the parent of the band members to stand up and be recognized for all their efforts in bringing the students to band practices. Mr. Eckstine also recognized his Assistant Marching Band Director, Joe Perry, for all his hard work in the preparation of the band for the PMEA Convention. Mr. Eckstine recognized three students who were part of the Pennsylvania Music Educator's All-State Band; Julia Hodge on French Horn, Jimmy Britton on the Tuba, and Tyler Schwirian on his second year in the All-State Groups and additionally was only the second person ever in the Spring-Ford School District to make the Music Educator's National Conference All-Eastern Band. Mr. Eckstine stated that he has a wonderful group of talented students to work with and academically are some of the best kids in the school and should make the school district very proud.

Dr. Hurda echoed Mr. Eckstine's sentiments saying she has had the opportunity to get to know a number of students in this group and not only are they excellent students but they are wonderful members of the Spring-Ford community. Dr. Hurda stated when you look at the faces of these students they reflect all that is good here in the Spring-Ford School District. Dr. Hurda congratulated the Symphonic Wind Ensemble again and thanked them for bringing such a wonderful honor to our district.

Meeting recessed for a few moments in order to allow the band time to pack up their instruments.

Mrs. Mullin arrived at 7:47

Michelle Fonte, Learning Support Teacher at Upper Providence Elementary, said she is honored to be here to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of a special member of the Spring-Ford learning community. Ms. Fonte announced that last year she nominated Morgan Warchol, who at that time was a 4th grade student at Upper Providence Elementary, for the 2009 "Yes I Can" Award through the Council

for Exceptional Children under the category of "Self Advocacy". Ms. Fonte reported that last year Morgan became an advocate for herself and the voice for other children with challenges. Ms. Fonte said she nominated Morgan for her outstanding personal accomplishments and her advocacy efforts on behalf of herself and the community at large. Ms. Fonte reported that as Morgan learned how "she learned best" she reached out to share strategies to help others. Last year at an author's tea with peers, teachers and family in attendance Morgan publicly shared her discoveries about learning in her narrative entitled "My Cheating Mind". Morgan wrote this in an effort to help others understand that everyone learns in their own way. Ms. Fonte read an excerpt from Morgan's narrative. Ms. Fonte said she observed as other children happily recognized Morgan's accomplishments and then followed her examples. Morgan's advocacy efforts have led to the creation and airing of an RCTV Connections Program entitled "Smart in More Ways Than One" and to the presentation of two parent nights at Upper Providence all focused on teaching families about different ways in which all children learn and various strategies for helping them to be successful academically and socially. Ms. Fonte thanked everyone who have supported Morgan's learning and contributed to help her be recognized for her efforts last year. Ms. Fonte concluded by saying it has been an honor and a pleasure to have been Morgan's teacher.

Dr. Hurda thanked Morgan saying she stands as a wonderful example not just for students but for adults as well. Dr. Hurda presented Morgan with a certificate acknowledging her as the recipient of the 2009 "Yes I Can Award". Dr. Hurda asked all teachers and administrators who were present in the audience to support Morgan to stand up.

Morgan expressed her thanks for the award saying she really appreciated it.

- A. Recognition of **Morgan Warchol**, 5th Grade Student, on being nominated for the **2009 YES! I Can Award** through The Council for Exceptional Children.

Mrs. Williams recognized Samantha Wanner, the current Student Representative to the School Board saying she has been with us for a year, has attended all of the Board meetings, has been enthusiastic, encouraging, reports on the students and it has been an absolute pleasure to have her with us.

Samantha thanked all of the Board Members for their contributions to the school district. Samantha said that being the Student Representative has given her vast opportunities as a student, a great opportunity to change her community in a small way, opened her eyes to the needs and wants of a growing community, and helped her connect with her school in a way she did not know was possible. Samantha thanked the Board for their openness and the opportunity to grow and learn from this experience.

Mrs. Williams introduced Michael John, the new Student Representative to the School Board. Mrs. Williams said Michael was interviewed from a team of approximately six students and he clearly rose to the top.

Michael said he is currently an 11th grade student and wanted to be on the Board because he likes doing this kind of stuff and he is interested in low level politics. Michael stated that he is in a government class and attended a Board meeting for

that class and really enjoyed it so he decided to sign up to see if he would be selected or not. Mrs. Williams thanked Michael and said that he will be with the Board for the May meeting. Dr. Hurda stated that we look forward to having him join the Board and she suspects he will have a lot to say in the months ahead.

- B. Farewell to the current Student Representative to the School Board, **Samantha Wanner**. Introduction of the new Student Representative to the School Board, **Michael John**.

Dr. Hurda reported that this afternoon she received a call from Gary Bannon who told her he had an unexpected situation that he had to address. He sends his apologies that he will not be able to attend tonight but will be here at the next meeting to answer any questions.

- C. Gary Bannon, E.I. Associates, to discuss the contract for the High School Addition/Renovation Project.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Clara Gudolonis, Limerick Township, asked about Item L under Property wondering if the Board will still be voting on this motion since Mr. Bannon was not able to be at tonight's meeting to make a presentation. Mrs. Williams replied that the vote will be postponed until next month when Mr. Bannon is able to be present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item A and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved the March 16, 2009 Work Session Meeting minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel	Donna Williams	As needed
There was no report.		

Community Relations	Donna Williams	Quarterly as needed
There was no report.		

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-G and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Resignations:

1. **Debra Bauer**, Royersford Elementary School; Playground Assistant, effective with the last work day April 10, 2009.
2. **Leah Quay**, 5/6th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, effective April 2, 2009.

B. Leaves of Absence in accordance with Board Policy:

1. **Karen Davis**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively May 22, 2009.
2. **Carol DiFrancesco**, 5/6th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 6, 2009.
3. **John Feldman**, High School; Special Education Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively May 13, 2009.
4. **Autumn Herbst**, High School; Mathematics Teacher, in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively June 7, 2009 until the end of the 2008/2009 school year.
5. **Barbara Hritz**, Royersford Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 7, 2009.
6. **Victoria L. Jeffers**, 7th Grade Center; Learning Support Teacher, in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective August 25, 2009 for the 1st marking period of the 2009/2010 school year.
7. **Faye L. Michener**, 7th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 13, 2009.
8. **Miranda Paradise**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively June 5, 2009.
9. **Nancy Walfish**, 8th Grade Center; in accordance with Board Policy, effective February 19, 2009.

New Leave of Absence

10. **Judith A. Yanchek**, 5/6th Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, effective May 6, 2009.

C. Extra- Curricular Contract: Brooke Elementary School

1. **Katharine Smith**, S.T.E.P Coordinator, \$1,031

D. Professional Staff Substitute:

1. **Christine M. Wittrock** Biology

E. Personnel Information Items

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

Denise Emel	Librarian
Kelly German	Business Technology
Susan Hammond	Biology

F. New Supplemental Contract:

1. **Joan Vattimo**, \$10.60 per hour, Playground Assistant

G. New Extra-Curricular Contract: High School

2. **James Mich**, Fitness Room Supervisor, \$633

VI. FINANCE

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

Mr. Weber asked that Item A be separated. Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Shafer seconded it. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

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

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

El Associates	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	60,660.78
*Limerick Township	Professional Services	\$	3,780.00
*Traffic Plan.&Design	Professional Services	\$	<u>2,512.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$	66,953.28

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items B-K and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE**

Bureau Veritas	Professional Services	\$	800.50
John DiBattista	Assemb/Install Kitchen Cabinets	\$	2,100.00
Colonial Electric	Misc. Electrical Supplies	\$	186.30
DDL Enterprises, Inc.	Applic. #12- Gen'l Contractor	\$	371,516.56
Foreman Architects	Professional Services	\$	1,218.00
Heeby's Surplus, Inc.	Base/Wall Kitchen Cabinets	\$	594.77
Home Depot	Misc. Supplies/Kitchen Area	\$	198.61
Lenni Electric Corp.	Applic. #13- Electric Contractor	\$	65,411.63
Myco Mechanical Inc.	Applic. #12- HVAC Contractor	\$	26,932.50
PECO	Electricity (2 Inv.)	\$	1,233.94
*PECO	Electricity	\$	<u>1,131.99</u>
	TOTAL	\$	471,324.80

2. ***9TH GRADE CENTER CAPACITOR BANK**

*Colm Engineering	Professional Services	\$	450.00
	TOTAL	\$	<u>450.00</u>

- C. The Board approved next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, Federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.
- D. Checks:
1. Weekly Checks prior to Work Session

<u>March</u>		
Check No. 129510 – 129624	\$	876,761.21
<u>April</u>		
Check No. 129625 – 129821	\$	951,027.63
 2. Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting

Check No. 129984 – 130074	\$	222,018.11
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 3. Board Checks held for approval

Check No. 129822 – 129983	\$	115,373.30
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 4. Athletic Fund

<u>March</u>		
Check No. 301289 – 301388	\$	15,682.35
- E. The Board approved the following **independent contracts**:
1. **Todd Kupper – Huntingdon Valley, PA.** Provide one (1) assembly at Spring City Elementary School and two (2) assemblies at Oaks Elementary School entitled "The Magic of Nutrition". Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00).
 2. **Blue Sky Puppet Theatre – University Park, MD.** Provide two (2) assemblies at Royersford Elementary School entitled "Bananas". Funding will be split between the 2008-2009 Royersford Elementary Assembly Budget (\$400.00) and the 2008-2009 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant (\$400.00) and shall not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).
 3. **The Cat's Pajamas – Wynnewood, PA.** Provide one (1) assembly at Brooke Elementary School entitled "Reading Rocks". Funding will be paid by the 2008-2009 Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed nine hundred thirty dollars (\$930.00).
 4. **Benmoore Enterprises – Bushkill, PA.** Provide three (3) assemblies at Oaks Elementary School entitled "Dino Dig". Funding will be paid by the 2008-2009 Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
 5. **Variety Club Camp and Development Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year (ESY) services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Variety Club will provide six (6) weeks of ESY

services at a cost of three thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,625.00) and six (6) weeks of speech therapy at a cost of five hundred ten dollars (\$510.00). Funding will be paid from 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed four thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$4,135.00).

6. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA – Limerick, PA.** Provide a one (1) week camp program for a special needs student as part of the Extended School Year Program per the student's IEP. Funding will be paid from 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).
7. **Martin Luther School – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide Extended School Year (ESY) services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided at a cost of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day not to exceed twenty-four (24) days. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).
8. **Dr. Marilyn Vogel – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide educational testing and an independent educational report for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00).

New Independent Contracts:

9. **The Devereaux Foundation – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for two special needs students as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed thirty thousand four hundred dollars (\$30,400.00).
10. **Variety Club Camp and Development Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide Vocational Training Programs as part of an Extended School Year Program for three (3) secondary special needs students as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00).
11. **Perkiomen Pines Day Camp – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for one (1) special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided twenty-four (24) days at a rate of forty dollars and sixty-three cents (\$40.63) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed nine hundred seventy-five dollars and twelve cents (\$975.12).
12. **Easter Seals Society of Southeastern PA – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for one (1) special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-five (25) days at a rate of two hundred one dollars (\$201.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the

2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed five thousand twenty-five dollars (\$5,025.00).

- 13. **Overbrook School for the Blind – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for one (1) special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for eighteen (18) days at a rate of one hundred seventy (\$170.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed three thousand sixty dollars (\$3,060.00).
- 14. **Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for seven (7) elementary special needs students as per their IEPs. In addition, Variety Club will provide twenty-seven (27) sessions of additional therapies. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed twenty-seven thousand six hundred seventy dollars (\$27,670.00).

- F. The Board approved an independent contract with **Touch of Music, Pottstown, PA** to provide related music services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for **one (1) hour per week at a rate of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per hour**. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed **three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)**.
- G. The Board approved the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Special Education Cost Plan** for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$1,134,600.98 for the Spring-Ford Area School District. This represents an increase of \$212,237.39 over last year's plan.
- H. BIDS – The Board approved accepting the following bid awards for **Custodial Supplies & Equipment, District Wide**, for the 2009-2010 school year. Bids were due February 26, 2009. Bid awards are as follows:

Amsan L.L.C.	\$ 12,519.01
Apex	\$ 5,436.32
Beltex Co., Inc.	\$ 465.00
Central Poly Corp.	\$ 7,419.00
DTK Enterprises	\$ 20,562.50
Franklin Chemical & Equip. Co.	\$ 1,785.47
Hillyard – Delaware Valley	\$ 93,326.89
Indco Inc.	\$ 764.50
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$ 108.00
Singer Equipment Co. Inc.	\$ 21,463.40
Zimmerman Sanitary Supply Inc.	\$ 18,899.05
TOTAL	\$182,749.14

- I. The Board approved the following bid award for the Cleveland Convection Steamer for the Spring City Elementary School Cafeteria to the lowest responsible bidder, Clark Food Service Equipment, in the amount of \$11,625.00. Funding will be paid from the 2008/2009 Cafeteria Budget.

- J. The Board approved making a correction to the previously approved rates of \$13.56 - \$15.56 per hour for Instructional Assistants for the Extended School Year Program. Actual rates will vary between \$14.16 and \$16.16 per hour depending on experience and degree as per the Assistant's Plan.
- K. The Board approved the new Personnel List for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$700,000.00.

NEW FINANCE

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items L-M and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- L. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:

General Fund

- Money Market – March 2009
- PSDLAF – March 2009
- PSDMAX – March 2009
- Checking Account – March 2009
- PLGIT Account – March 2009
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – March 2009
- Payroll Account – March 2009
- Tax Account – March 2009

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – March 2009
- 7th Grade Activity – March 2009
- 8th Grade Activity – March 2009
- High School Activity – March 2009
- Athletic Account – March 2009

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – March 2009
- Note of 2004 – March 2009

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – March 2009
- Debt Service Fund – March 2009
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – March 2009

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – March 2009
- Cafeteria Checking Account – March 2009
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – March 2009
- Investment Account – March 2009

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

March

Check No. 8683 - 8720

\$ 345,884.44

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-K and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the 5-7 Intermediate School Project. These materials have been reviewed and approved by the Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Attachment)
- B. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the 9th Grade Center Project. These materials have been reviewed and approved by the Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Attachment)
- C. The Board approved the revised temporary reimbursable percentages on the following bond issues:

Lease #	Bond Issue	Temporary %	Effective Date
024063	\$15,000,000	39.36%	7-01-02
033063	\$24,000,000	21.71%	7-01-03
042948	\$15,000,000	28.97%	7-01-04

These revisions are a result of the approval of PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the 9th Grade Center Project and the 5-7 Intermediate School Project. As required by PDE this document must be entered into the minutes of the April 27, 2009 Board Meeting. (Attachment)

- D. The Board approved the revised permanent reimbursable percentages on the following bond issues:

Lease #	Bond Issue	Temporary %	Effective Date
992348	\$30,000,000	40.33%	7-01-99
002690	\$10,000,000	32.21%	7-01-00
012605	\$32,000,000	30.21%	7-01-01
051611	\$38,965,000	29.20%	7-01-05
072348	\$30,685,000	40.30%	7-01-07

These revisions are a result of the approval of PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the 5-7 Intermediate School Project. As required by PDE this document must be entered into the minutes of the April 27, 2009 Board Meeting. (Attachment)

- F. The Board approved awarding the trash and recycle bid to Waste Management of PA, Inc., Bristol, PA, in the amount of \$47,160.00 per year, pending review of all paperwork, for district-wide trash and recycle services. Effective date of the service will be July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The District has the option to continue the contract for two additional years if service is satisfactory. Funding will come from the 2009-2010 Maintenance Budget.

- G. The Board approved a service contract for field maintenance with Moyer and Sons for the fertilization, weed control, and grub control for the district-wide fields. If approved, application would take place on May 16 and 17, 2009 and will follow Integrated Pest Management guidelines. Cost for the field service application will be \$13,592.00. Funding will come from the 2008-2009 Maintenance Budget.
- H. The Board approved awarding, pending final review of all paperwork the following filter bid contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:
- Quality Air Specialists, Inc., Somerdale, NJ, - **Stock Filters** - \$12,971.52
Koch Filter Corp., Louisville, KY, - **Custom Filters** - \$4,066.56
- Funding will come from the 2009-2010 Maintenance Budget.
- I. The Board approved seeking bids and awarding a contract for miscellaneous Paving Repairs district-wide to the lowest responsible bidder, based upon a per square yard price. Funding will come from the 2009-2010 Maintenance Budget.
- J. The Board approved E.I. Associates to submit PlanCon, Part H, Project Financing, for the High School Addition/Renovation Project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- K. The Board approved going out to bid for the completion of the work on the pedestrian walkway as per the approved plans from Limerick Township and PennDot. Funding will come from the High School Addition, Construction Fund Project.

New Property

Mr. Grispon made a motion to table Item L and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- L. Administration is recommending approval to amend the current E.I. Associates' architectural contract for the High School Addition/ Renovation Project to provide additional services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, pending solicitor/architect review.

VIII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-E and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved operating a Summer Library Program to be held at Royersford Elementary School. This program would be open to all district elementary students. The library will run for three (3) weeks, July 6 through July 24, 2009. The library program will operate from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost to operate the program shall not exceed six hundred six dollars (\$606.00).

- B. The Board approved the following **new textbooks** as part of the curriculum cycle adoption for 2009-2010.

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. English 11th <i>Anthology of American Literature, 9th Edition</i>	Pearson Prentice Hall (2007)	\$ 76,723.00
2. English 12th <i>The Longman Anthology of British Literature, 2nd Compact Ed.</i>	Prentice Hall/ Longman (2004)	\$ 40,190.00
3. Family & Consumer Sciences/ Grades 10-12 <i>Working with Young Children Action, 4th edition</i>	Goodheart-Wilcox (2009)	\$ 2,223.00
4. Mathematics/PreCalculus/Trigonometry <i>PreCalculus</i>	Houghton Mifflin (2007)	\$ 26,555.00
5. Science/Chemistry <i>Chemistry</i>	Pearson Prentice Hall (2008)	\$ 22,671.00
6. Science/Chemistry Honors <i>Introductory Chemistry: A Foundation, 6th Edition</i>	Holt McDougal (2006)	\$ 16,038.00
7. Social Studies/U.S. History 9th <i>The American Journey: Early Years</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2007)	\$ 50,522.00
8. Social Studies/U.S. History 10th <i>United States History: Modern America</i>	Pearson Prentice Hall (2010)	\$ 55,086.00
9. Social Studies/AP Psychology <i>Psychology: Themes and Variations, 8th Edition</i>	Holt McDougal (2010)	\$ 16,767.00
10. World Languages/German <i>Deutsch Aktuell 1</i>	EMC/Paradigm (2008)	\$ 10,375.00
	Total	\$ 317,150.00

required to place twins or higher order multiples in separate classrooms if the request would require the district to add another classroom to the grade level. A parent may appeal a principal's placement decision in the manner provided by school district policy.

As reported by PSBA last week, Pennsylvania is one of nine states participating in development of a new common Algebra II student assessment as part of the American Diploma Project. This week the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced that the Project 720 schools will participate in the first Algebra II assessment in May 2008, with a few schools participating in a field test this October.

X. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATION

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

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

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

DISTRICT WIDE

- A. **Stacy Shiffer**, Learning Support Teacher and **Kate Cabrera**, Speech Therapist, to attend "*Wilson Overview Training*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA from May 5 through May 7, 2009. The total cost of this conference is \$1540.00 – \$790.00 from the 2008-2009 Staff Development Budget and 750.00 from the substitute account.

NEW CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATION

- B. **Elise Reiter**, Speech Clinician, to attend "*The Interaction Program: Students with Severe and Sensory Impairments/Deafblindness*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The total cost of this conference is \$134.93 - \$9.23 from the 2008-2009 Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The following policies were approved:
 - 1. Policy #801 – OPERATIONS: Open Records
 - 2. Policy #907 – COMMUNITY: Classroom Visitation
- B. The Board approved the admission of Philip Louis Grimsgaard and Luis Raul Rodriguez Escalante, foreign exchange students, for the 2009-2010 school year. Philip is from Oslo, Norway and is sponsored by the Youth for

Understanding USA Exchange Program. Luis is from Maracaibo, Zulia, Venezuela and is sponsored by the Rotary International Youth Exchange.

- C. The Board approved John Eckstine, Director of Bands, to take the Spring-Ford Area High School Indoor Winter Guard to Wildwood, NJ to participate in the Tournament Indoor Association Championship from Friday morning, May 1, 2009 through Sunday evening, May 3, 2009. The Indoor Guard will be travelling by bus and staying in a hotel in the Wildwood area. The cost of the trip shall not exceed two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$285.00) per student. All costs incurred will be paid for by the students and chaperones attending the trip. The only cost to the district will be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) from the substitute account for Friday, May 1, 2009.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that pursuant to the Board's direction he had follow-up conversations with the neighbor over on the Fernwood side regarding the potential Tenth Avenue expansion. Mr. Davis recalled when the meeting with Limerick Township occurred the concept was that we would put in an initial driveway and for the coincidental couple hundred feet of ultimately shared area with the developer in his proposed road we would build it to a roadway spec in exchange for an easement. Mr. Davis reported that we would have to build to a bus spec anyhow so this change would not be a significant difference in price nor a significant length of road which should be less than a couple hundred feet. Mr. Davis said he has had conversations with the developer and we have an agreement in concept but in going ahead in good faith he has asked Administration to get him a description of what the easement area would be and as soon as he has that he will submit the agreement to the developer. Mr. Davis said if the Board has any questions regarding the correspondence received during the month he would be pleased to answer. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Williams stated last week there were some questions from the public and Dr. Hurda would like to answer those. Dr. Hurda said last week there was a question regarding enrollment at the Western Center and the exact numbers show 35 seniors will return to the Western Center for the final year of their program, they will be full-day students. At this time, 116 Spring-Ford students in grades 10-11 will be participating in a half-day program at the Western Center. As of today, there are a grand total of 151 students enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year as compared to this year where the number is around 90. Dr. Hurda said the second question from last week was in regards to the composition of the rubber pellets used as infill on the artificial turf field. Dr. Hurda said we contacted Sports Construction Group, the manufacturer of the field, and were told that the rubber pellets used in the construction of the artificial turf were made from SBR Pellets of recycled tires and any and all metal materials are extracted during the recycling process. Dr. Hurda stated the third question asked was in regards to a list of additional services to be considered in discussing a renegotiation of the contract with E.I. Associates and she recommended that since Mr. Bannon could not be here this evening that this conversation should be held until next month when Mr. Bannon will be present.

Joe Ciresi, Limerick Township, thanked board for its support of programs here especially after seeing the band tonight and how far they have come in the last

seven years. Mr. Ciresi asked about the E.I. Associates contract wondering if any of the building is being looked at as a green project, will any be geothermal, can we do this, are we doing any solar energy, is there any grant money available for this and have we looked into any of these options? Mr. Cooper responded that we are limited to how much we could do since a lot of the project was renovations which are tied into the existing building. Mr. Cooper reported that we did look into every item for energy efficiency whether it be the lighting, heat pumps, automatic temperature controls, and new boilers. Mr. Cooper stated that we did not get any grants because the timeframe we had did not allow for this. Dr. Hurda commented that the requirements for a having a building certified as a green building are pretty strict. Since this is a renovation project and we have to deal with what we have here you are offsetting our costs by looking at this. Dr. Hurda reported that when we looked at the stimulus money any project that would be supported by the stimulus money, whenever it comes, was designated as "shovel ready" meaning you had not applied for any permits or gone through the PlanCon process. Our high school renovation project was already beyond the requirements. Mr. Ciresi stated that the Board has been on top of things with regards to geothermal. Mr. Ciresi reminded the Board that in the past there was an issue with E.I. Associates' contractors and the Board sued E.I., he cautioned the Board when looking at the next contract to please remember what happened the last time and do the due diligence that we need to. Mr. Ciresi stated that he agrees with Mr. Dehnert's comments from last week, that having engineers on site to monitor the project more, should have been part of the agreement from the beginning.

Clara Gudolonis, Limerick Township, questioned if the Vo-tech numbers were for Spring-Ford students and Dr. Hurda said yes. Mrs. Gudolonis asked about the current numbers and if they were available. Dr. Hurda responded that the current enrollment, which is a full day program, is about 90 students from Spring-Ford. Next year there will be 151 Spring-Ford students with six more applications pending. Mrs. Gudolonis asked what the current total enrollment is today and Dr. Hurda replied approximately 300 and right now the numbers for next year are approximately 440 with the hopes of it reaching 500 as information on the program becomes more available.

Dana Bieber, Mercury Newspaper Reporter, asked if the Board can address and concerns or actions with regards to the Swine Flu. Dr. Hurda said this has just become an issue in the news in the last several days. The district has been contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and they have provided information that we will post on our website. They asked that any questions or concerns be directed right back to the information provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Dr. Hurda said this information will be made available tomorrow.

Janet Stokes, Limerick Township, wondering with the current economic state if there has been any consideration given to freezing the salaries of the Superintendent and Administrators for the coming fiscal school year. Mr. Davis urged the Board that this is a personnel item with regards to individual salary; Mrs. Stokes interrupted Mr. Davis to say that she feels this is really a budgetary item. Mr. Davis asked her to let him finish his response and said he would just advise them to be cautious as to how the question is answered; certainly the Board may address it but should not address people's performance or individual situations at the moment. Mrs. Williams

responded to Mrs. Stokes' question by saying no discussions have taken place and as you know from sitting on the Board side of the table that many of the people being talked about are covered by contracts or agreements so it is a very small number that are not and of that small number no discussions have taken place. Mrs. Stokes questioned that no conversations at all have taken place and Mrs. Williams replied that the question was asked and it had been answered. Mrs. Stokes asked if Mrs. Williams wanted her to sit down and Mrs. Williams replied no but she wants her to listen because the question was answered. Mrs. Stokes commented that in other surrounding districts, such as Owen J. Roberts in particular, the superintendent has volunteered to freeze her salary and the president of Owen J. Roberts School Board has asked for a voluntary freeze, she said she guesses they have agreements as well. She further stated that it is a shared sacrifice kind of thing, everybody's suffering, retirement accounts are in the tank, people are losing jobs, and we have Wyeth that may or may not close up shop in the second half of the year. She said there is a lot of anxiety in our district, people are very concerned about jobs and she does not think that dimming the lights and not cutting the grass so much is going to balance the budget. Mrs. Stokes said for people making over \$100,000 a year that this would be something to consider. Dr. Hurda responded that she is not under an Act 93 Agreement, she is under a contract and she has been involved in discussions with the Personnel Committee on the Board since October or November and it is a very personal decision and not a publicity item. Dr. Hurda stated that this is something she has asked for privately and she would like for it to remain that way. Dr. Hurda concluded by saying in June when her salary comes up for approval people will understand what her decision was.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary