

The April 28, 2003 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. Masciandaro, Bernard F. Pettit, and Raymond Rocchio, Jr.
- Region II: Martha Magee Block, Janet A. Stokes, and Robert Weber
- Region III: Ed Cummins, John S. Grispon, and Richard Schroeder
- Presiding Officer: Bernard F. Pettit
- Solicitor: Bonnie Sheehan, Esq.
- Student Representative: Janine Herring

Mr. Pettit introduced Neha Jain, the new student board representative for 2003-04.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The board approved of the March 10th committee of the whole minutes.
- B. The board approved of the March 17th work session minutes
- C. The board approved of the March 24th board meeting minutes.

III. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-F. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 7-0 (two board members arrived later in the meeting.)

- A. The board approved of the following **resignations**, with regret:
 - 1. **Cortland Bigelow**, Boys' Intramural Football Supervisor at the Intermediate School, effective March 26, 2003.
 - 2. **Regina L. Gerhard**, Instructional Assistant at the Middle School, effective April 4, 2003.

- B. The board approved of the following **leaves of absence**:
1. **Stephanie Cooper**, 4th Grade Teacher at Limerick Elementary School, for an extension of childrearing leave of absence, effective August 20, 2003 until the third quarter of the 2003/2004 school year.
 2. **Bruce A. Cope**, Foreign Language Teacher at the High School, for a Family Leave of Absence for an adoption of a child, effective tentatively May 27, 2003 for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.
 3. **Kristin Landis**, 3rd Grade Teacher at Brooke Elementary School, for an Uncompensated Leave of Absence for the balance of the 2002/2003 school year.
 4. **Mari O'Drain**, Guidance Counselor at the Intermediate School, for a maternity leave of absence, effective tentatively May 16, 2003 for the balance of the 2002/2003 school year.
 5. **Lyndi Puleo**, English Teacher at the Middle School, for a maternity leave of absence, effective August 20, 2003 for the first marking period of the 2003/2004 school year.
- C. The board approved of **Agnes Bolyn**, Norristown, PA, as a Temporary Professional Employee, for the newly established Learning Support position at the Spring-Ford Intermediate School. Ms. Bolyn is a graduate Arcadia University with certification in Special Education. Ms. Bolyn is currently a per diem substitute. Compensation will be set at Master's Step 1 \$37,500 plus benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective April 29, 2003.
- D. The board approved of **Jill Mendel**, Pottstown, PA, as a Temporary Professional Employee, for the Learning Support Teaching position at Brooke Elementary School replacing Charlene Lapp who resigned. Ms. Mendel is a graduate of Millersville University with certification in Elementary and Mentally and Physically Handicapped. Ms. Mendel is currently a per diem substitute with the district. Compensation will be set at B.S. , Step 1 \$35,000 plus benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective April 29, 2003.
- E. The board approved of **Martin Coleman**, Perkiomenville, PA, for the Custodial position at Royersford Elementary School replacing Christopher Bachrach who accepted the head custodian position at Royersford Elementary School (replacing Bob Istenes who retired). Mr. Coleman has been a per diem substitute with the district. Compensation will be set at \$14.50 an hour plus benefits as per the Custodial Plan, effective April 29, 2003.
- F. The board approved of **Howard DeHaven**, King of Prussia, PA., for the Plumber, 2nd shift position, replacing Robert Pollock who resigned. Compensation will be set at \$17.50 (Maintenance IIa) plus benefits as per the Maintenance Plan, effective April 29, 2003.

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items I-P. Mrs. Block seconded it. The board approved it 7-0.

- I. The board approved of employing eleven (11) Special Education Teachers for the Summer 2003 - Extended School Year Programs for special education students as per their IEP's. The programs will be held at Brooke, Limerick, Intermediate School and the Middle School. The teachers will work 6 hours per day (Monday thru Thursday except 7/11/03 and 8/8/03) from 6/30/03 to 8/8/03 (26 days: 24 days of program, 1 day (6/30) for preparation and 1 day (8/8) for report writing and dissemination of materials back to the home schools. These positions will be funded through IDEA funds. Compensation will be set at \$29 per hour for a total of 156 hours. The total cost shall not exceed \$4524 plus benefits for each teacher.
- J. The board approved of employing nineteen (19) Instructional Assistants for the Summer 2003- Extended School Year Programs for special education students as per their IEPs. The Instructional Assistants will be paid for 5.5 hours per day (Monday thru Thursday except 7/11/03 and 8/8/03) from 6/30/03 to 8/8/03 (26 days: 24 days of program, 1 day (6/30) to assist teachers in preparing materials for the program and 1 day (8/8) to assist teachers in packing and dissemination of materials back to the home schools. These positions will be funded through IDEA funds. Compensation will be set at \$12.70 per hour (\$12.95 w/degree) for a total of 143 hours. The total cost shall not exceed \$1816.10 (\$1851.85) plus benefits for each instructional assistant.
- K. The board approved of employing a certified school nurse for the Summer 2003 - Extended School Year Program. Several of the students require that medication be given during the school day. The nurse will work 4 hours per day for 26 days with 24 of these days for disseminating medication at Brooke, Limerick, Intermediate School, Middle School and addressing any medical issues that might arise. Two days (6/30 and 8/8/03) will be for preparation and completion of all records. The Nurse will work from 6/30/03 to 8/8/03 (No Fridays except 7/11/03 and 8/8/03). This position will be funded through IDEA funds. Compensation will be set at \$21.00 per hour for a total of 104hours. The total cost shall not exceed \$2184 plus benefits.
- L. The board approved of employing three (3) Speech Clinicians for the Summer 2003 - Extended School Year Programs to be held at Brooke, Limerick, Intermediate School and Middle School. The Speech Clinicians will work 6 hours per day (No Fridays except 7/11/03 and 8/8/03) from 6/30/03 to 8/8/03 (26 days: 24 days of program, 1 day (6/30) for preparations and 1 day (8/8) for report writing. These positions will be funded through IDEA funds. Compensation will be set at \$29.00 per hour for a total of 156 hours. The total cost shall not exceed \$4524 plus benefits for each speech clinician.
- M. The board approved of the following **independent contract(s)**:
 1. **Child Guidance Resource Center**, Media, PA, to provide Extended School Year Program for a special education student as per the IEP. The program will take at the Variety Club site from June 23, 2003 to August 22, 2003, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The total cost of the program is \$5625. The cost of the program will be paid through IDEA funds.

2. **Coventry Christian Schools**, Pottstown, PA, to provide a socialization program for a special needs student as per the Extended School Year IEP through a summer camp program. The program will be in effect from June 23, 2003 to August 15, 2003, four (4) days per week at a total cost of \$930.00. This program will be paid through IDEA funds.
3. **Great Valley Nature Center**, DeVault, PA, to present two assemblies entitled, "Dino Days" for the second grade students. The cost of the program will not exceed \$300 and will be in effect on April 29, 2003. Funding will be from the Oaks PTA.
4. **Peg Lehman**, Elgin, IL, to present an assembly entitled "At Home In America". The cost of the program will not exceed \$1,175 and will be in effect on May 9, 2003. Funding will be from Royersford Elementary School PTO and Limerick Elementary Home and School League funds.
5. **Seraph**, Prospect Park, PA, to present two-one hour assemblies entitled, "2-Student Talks" for the students at the Middle School. The cost of the program will not exceed \$600 and will be in effect on April 23, 2003. Funding will be from the Middle School Home and School Association.
6. **Jeannetta Burpee Institute, Inc.**, Blue Bell, PA, to provide sensory integration services as part of an Extended School Year program for a special education student as per the student's IEP. The contract will be in effect from 7/1/03 through 8/31/03. The cost for the service will be \$115.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours. The service will include direct service, consultation, training, and report writing. Funding for this service will be reimbursed from the District's IDEA supplement. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,300.00.
7. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc.**, Doylestown, PA, to provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education as part of Extended School Year program for a special education student as per the student's IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of (45) forty-five hours of service at a rate of \$52.00 per hour. Funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contact extending from 4/22/03 through 6/30/03 (\$624.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA allocation from 7/1/03 through 8/16/03 (\$1,716.00). The total contact cost shall not exceed \$2,340.00.
8. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc.**, Doylestown, PA, to provide Physical Therapists for the Extended School Year program 2003 for special education students as per the students' IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of (150) one hundred and fifty hours of service at a rate of \$52.00 per hour. The total contact cost shall not exceed \$7,800.00. Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA allocation.
9. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc.**, Doylestown, PA, to provide Speech and Language Support services as part of an Extended School Year program for a special education student as per the student's IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of fifteen (15) hours of service at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. Funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contact extending from 4/22/03 through 6/30/03 (\$275.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA

allocation from 7/1/03 through 8/16/03 (\$550.00). The total contact cost shall not exceed \$825.00.

10. **Mrs. Cheryl Marmer**, Bryn Mawr, PA, for provision of instructional services for a special education student as part of an Extended School Year program as per the student's IEP. The contractor will provide a total of 47 hours of service at \$50.00 an hour as per independent contractor's agreement. The funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from on or before 6/24/03 through 6/30/03 (\$100.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA allocation from 7/1/03 through 8/31/03 (\$2,250). The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,350.00.
11. **Mrs. Susan Parsons**, Media, PA, to provide instructional services for a special education student as part of an Extended School Year program as per the student's IEP. The Contractor will provide a total of 77 hours of service at \$50 an hour as per independent contractor's agreement. The funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from on or before 6/23/03 through 6/30/03 (\$1,000.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA allocation from 7/1/03 through 8/31/03 (\$ 2,850.00). The total contract cost shall not exceed \$3,850.
12. **St. Edmond's Home for Children**, Rosemont, PA, for provision of an eight week program as part of an Extended School Year program for a special education student 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. Funding will be obtained from District funds not budgeted for the portion of the contract extending from 6/23/03 through 6/30/03 (\$330.00). Funding will be reimbursed from the District IDEA allocation from 7/1/03 through 8/15/03 (\$1,870.00). The total contract cost shall not exceed \$2,200.00.
13. **Pennsylvania Tourette's Syndrome Association, Inc.**, Gettysburg, PA, to provide training for staff working with a special education student as per the student's IEP. This training session will include 90 minutes of training plus printed materials. Training will be for at least 25 participants. Minimum cost of \$250.00 plus mileage and \$10.00 for additional participants. Total cost shall not exceed \$400.00. Funding will be from the Special Education Budget.

N. The board approved of the following **extra-curricular/supplemental contract(s)**:

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| 1. | Meghan Barnett | 7/8 th gr. Asst. Lacrosse Coach
(<i>Developmental squad</i>) | \$1649 H |
| 2. | Katie Horning | 7/8 th gr. Asst. Track Coach
(<i>Replacing Jeff Moyer who resigned</i>) | \$1395 I |
| 3. | Leslie Ruffo | Fitness Club – Intermediate School | \$300 M |

O. The board approved of the following **professional substitutes**

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| 1. | Amanda L. Carson
West Chester, PA | Elementary K-6
Penn State/Main Campus |
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- 2. Kelly R. Hatfield
Pottstown, PA
- Elementary K-6
East Stroudsburg University

P. The board approved of the following **support substitutes**

- 1. Stephen A. Barnaik, Sr.
Phoenixville, PA
- Custodian
- 2. Michael A. Costello
Royersford, PA
- Custodian
- 3. Keith R. Dane, Jr.
Collegeville, PA
- Custodian
- 4. Elizabeth D. Evans
Spring City, PA
- Instructional/Clerical Asst.
Playground Asst.
Lunchroom Asst.
(previously approved cafeteria)
- 5. Sharon O'Grady
Royersford, PA
- Instructional Assistant
(previously approved as substitute teacher)
- 6. Karen Raudenbush
Collegeville, PA
- Instructional Assistant
- 7. Martin E. Seibert
Pottstown, PA
- Instructional/Clerical Asst.
Inst. Asst. for Technology

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items G&H. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. Mr. Grispon asked if each group agreed. Yes, each group was informally notified and there was positive feedback, said Dr. Rodriguez. Mrs. Block responded that the groups are not subject to collective bargaining and the offer does not need to be accepted or rejected by the group. Mr. Schroeder thanked board members for their help with the agreements. Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Schroeder for his work. The board approved it 7-0.

- G. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District Secretarial Plan effective July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006.
- H. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District Food Service Employees Plan effective July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006.

IV. FINANCE

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 7-0.

- A. The board approved of the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
 - Checks #4490-4526
 - \$169,260.90

- B. The board approved of following Treasurers' Reports:
- Middle School Activity – March 31, 2003
 - High School Activity – March 31, 2003
 - Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2003
 - Money Market – March 31, 2003
 - Natatorium Fund – March 31, 2003
 - Checking Accounts – March 31, 2003
 - Payroll Account – March 31, 2003
 - Athletic Fund – March 31, 2003
 - Investment Schedule – March 31, 2003
 - GOB 1999 - High School Addition, etc. – March 31, 2003
 - Capital Reserve Fund – March 31, 2003
 - General Fund – March 31, 2003
 - General Fund – Tax Account – March 31, 2003
 - Note of 2000 – March 31, 2003
 - Note of 2002 – March 31, 2003
 - Series A 2001 – March 31, 2003
 - Capital Reserve Fund – March 31, 2003
 - Summary Budget Report -- March 31, 2003
 - Revenue Budget Report – March 31, 2003
 - Check Register – March 31, 2003
- C. The board approved of the following reports:
- Cafeteria M/M Account – March 31, 2003
 - Cafeteria Checking Account – March 31, 2003
 - Cafeteria Participation Report – March 31, 2003
 - Cafeteria Investment Schedule
 - Cafeteria Savings Schedule
 - Cafeteria List of Bills – March 31, 2003
 - Use of Facilities

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items D 1, 2, 3, and 5. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- D. The board approved of next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, vo-tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, Federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices:
1. March
Check No. 90754-90820 \$555,055.80
 2. April
Check No. 90821-91131 \$792,711.00
 3. Check List Held for April Board Approval
Check No. 91132-91259 \$259,770.70
 5. Athletic Fund - April
Check No. 294724-294845 \$17,020.45

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item D4. Mrs. Block seconded it. The board approved it 6-0-1 with Mr. Schroeder abstaining.

- 4. Plotts Check No. 91260 \$3,991.88

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item E1. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 7-0.

- E. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **APRIL**, in connection with the **SERIES A 2001 G.O.B.:**

1. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

*Arro Consulting Inc.	Professional Services	\$	2,639.95
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	6,615.46
*Power & Commun. Inc.	Applic. #5- Data/Phone/Cabling	\$	35,184.72
*R.M. Shoemaker Co.	Applic. #16- General Contractor	\$	987,769.00
*U.S. Engineering Labs.	Soil Testing & inspection	\$	138.00
	TOTAL	\$	1,032,347.13

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item E2. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

2. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Apex Maintenance Co.	Custodial Supplies	\$	822.31
Boyertown Supply Inc.	Const. Supplies/Playground Area	\$	767.50
Mario D'Orsaneo	Fabricate/Install AC Units Stand	\$	655.00
Eckadams	Furniture/Guidance/Spec. Ed. & Reception Areas (2 invoices)	\$	2,374.00
Fox Rothschild O'Brien	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	1,679.76
Flex-Y-Plan	Furniture/Guidance/Reception/Special Education Areas	\$	15,133.80
Hillyard	Custodial Supplies/Equipment	\$	8,743.25
Indco Inc.	4- 55 gal. Drum Cradles	\$	252.40
KMB, Inc.	55 Sec./Penco Clipper Shelving	\$	6,395.00
Lafayette Welding Inc.	Fabricate/2 Alum Antenna Mount	\$	246.00
Don Mace & Sons Sign	Supply/Install Signage	\$	1,509.00
Martin Stone Quarries	Stone/Playground Area	\$	808.30
Miller Office Furniture	12 Arm Chairs/Conference Rm	\$	3,822.26
Nickerson Corp.	84 Folding Chairs/Storage Cart	\$	1,336.52
Nicholas Pipino Assoc.	45 Da-Lite Screens & Brackets	\$	2,754.30
Sanitary Supply Spec.	Custodial Supplies/Equipment	\$	9,423.80
Sax Arts & Crafts	Kiln w/h Furn Kit – Art Class	\$	1,755.00
Supro	Hawk Floor Buffer	\$	765.00
Versteel	Furniture/Conference/Workroom	\$	3,103.11
*Allsteel	Furniture/Guid./Spec Ed/Recpt.	\$	6,123.06
*Eagle Maintenance	Custodial Equip/Supplies	\$	7,434.64
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	6,615.46
*Hillyard	4 Bac Pac Vacuum	\$	1,900.00
*Rahns Construction Co	Inlet Riser/w/Footer	\$	590.00
*R.M. Shoemaker	Applic. #16- General Contractor	\$	287,499.00
*Zimmerman, Inc.	Custodial Equip/Supplies	\$	5,271.85
	TOTAL	\$	377,780.32

***NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item E3. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

3. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY - ADDITION

Upper Providence Twp.	Building Permit	\$ 3,220.00
	TOTAL	\$ 3,220.00

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item F. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. Mr. Schroeder asked about the status of the job. Mr. Cooper said he would proceed after receiving final approval of the soil and erosion permit. Mr. Schroeder asked when the fields would be ready. It would not be ready to play this fall unless it is sodded, said Mr. Cooper. The board further discussed ways to accelerate the process. Applying for permits seemed to be the stopgap in the process according to Mr. Cooper. Mrs. Block urged the board to contact legislators to ask why bureaucrats can delay the process. Mr. Pettit asked for Mr. Davis’s legal opinion. Mr. Davis said that strategy might backfire since the bureaucrats may become resentful. The board approved the motion 8-0. (At this point, Mr. Rocchio arrived.)

- F. 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

Fox Rothschild O'Brien	Professional Services (4 Inv.)	\$ 718.80
	TOTAL	\$ 718.80

Phase II – Design Athletic Fields

Re: Item G. Mr. Schroeder asked about the placement of the funding and whether it changes anything. Mr. Anspach said it was a change and placed it in a separate account for tracking. This process commits future boards said Mr. Grispon. The board discussed funding steps and borrowing. Mr. Rocchio said a \$1 million was a difficult restriction. Mr. Grispon said in the light of a possible referendum, that the motion was unrealistic. Mrs. Stokes made a motion and Mrs. Block seconded it to amend Motion G to drop everything after the first sentence. The board voted 8-0 to approve the amendment. Then Mrs. Block and Mr. Grispon seconded a second amendment to transfer funds of \$1,226,069 to set up a debt service fund within 30 days. The board approved the amendment 8-0. Then the board approved the amended motion 8-0.

- G. The board approved of creating a **Debt Service Fund** – Fund 30 and to transfer fund of \$1,226,069 within 30 days. ~~The purpose of the fund is two fold; 1. To earmark annual funds (minimum of \$1 million) for future debt and interest obligations and 2. To keep funds separate from general fund. The future debt plan for the next 11 years reflects funds must be earmarked each year to meet future debt obligations. The administration and the Board recognize there will be future school building projects to meet the enrollment increases. This plan allows for stable tax increases for each year. For some years, the debt payment~~

~~will exceed the available annual debt budget, but the debt service fund will have accumulations to meet the annual total obligations, if plan is adhered to. Currently, there remains a balance of \$1,226,069 from end of year 2002/2003 and \$200,000 designated fund balance (board approved 6/25/02) for future debt. A total of \$1,426,069 is available for transfer to the Debt Service Fund. (Please refer to debt service plan).~~

Re: Item H. Mrs. Block wanted to amend the motion by deleting “purpose of exploring if advantageous” and say “set aside \$330,241 for the purpose of possibly funding.” Mr. Rocchio said that he would like to see additional information. There was further discussion regarding the source of revenues and whether a pool should be set up first. Mr. Weber requested seeing the plan first. Mr. Schroeder asked for a list of areas that would be included, such as dental, etc. Mr. Weber made a motion to TABLE Item H. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was **TABLED** 8-1 with Mrs. Block voting no.

- H. The board **TABLED** set-up up of a separate bank account in the **General Fund**, for the purpose of building up a cash reserve for Health Care / Insurance Funds. The administration wants to earmark the Independence Blue Cross settlement for year 2001/2002 in the amount of \$330,241 for the purpose of exploring, if advantageous, self-funding health care / insurance programs. The administration recognizes self-funded programs require a start-up cash reserves.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item I. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board approved it 9-0. (Mr. Cummins had arrived at 8:23 p.m.)

- I. The board approved of moving the **Prescription drug plan** away from the (5) district affiliation (retrospective funding) with IBC to a free Standing Prescription Drug called “Cost Plus Claims Basis” with IBC. The district had many meetings with Chester County IU and the affiliation, working with a consultant, Norman Wells. Consideration of proposals were received from IBC and the CCIU-sponsored prescription drug program called AdvancePCS. This new plan will save the district approximately \$177,000.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items J, K, L, and N. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The board approved it 8-1 with Mr. Cummins voting no.

- J. The board approved of acceptance of the Chester County Schools Healthcare Affiliation to pre-pay the 2003/2004 **Health Care Premiums** to Independence Blue Cross. This is the second year the school districts have been offered this option from IBC. If payment of \$3,865,632 is paid by July 15, the prepayment saving is approximately \$154,625, and if payment is made by August 15 the prepayment savings is approximately \$128,049. The prepayment option is determined by all members of the affiliation. In order to meet this large cash outlay, the district may need to borrow funds from the Capital Reserve Account. The administration can insure the Capital Reserve Account are replaced with tax revenue and replace any loss of interest earned.

- K. The board approved of a lease with **ePlus Technology** of Pennsylvania for computers to replace those due to be refreshed during the summer of 2003, to populate the rooms of Upper Providence Elementary, and to initiate a wireless program for Carnegie Algebra in the Senior High School. Most of the computers being refreshed reside in the classrooms and labs of the existing elementary schools. The lease will include approximately: 810 Compaq mini-towers (2.4 GHz, 512 MB, 40 GB hard drive, CD-ROM, 17" Monitor), 151 Compaq Evo laptops for staff (2.2 GHz, 512 MB, 60 GB hard drive, CD-RW/DVD-ROM), 33 Compaq N1020v laptops the wireless lab (2.0 GHz, 256 MB, 30 GB hard drive), and related support equipment such as port replicators, batteries, and battery chargers. (The wireless lab supports 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 \$1,104,965 will be divided into three annual lease payments of approximately \$381,213. The prices quoted represent significant, voluntary price reductions below State Contract 5850-01 by the HP Computer Corporation. Funding is from the Technology Fund.
- L. The board approved the commitment of \$41,100 to fund the summer of 2003 **refresh and addition of computers**. ePlus Technology of Pennsylvania will physically remove from in-place location all of the computers due to be refreshed and physically place/connect the incoming computers for a cost of \$26,500. The remaining \$14,600 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.
- N. The board approved Dolphin & Bradbury to act as the **Bidding Agent** to invest \$48,405,000. The Federal government has suspended the sale of (SLGS) State and local government Securities, therefore the custodial bank holding the escrow funds is not able to invest the escrow funds, until the Federal government increases the Federal debt limit. Robert A Walper from Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel will also assist the district in resolving this short-term problem. (see proposal).

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item M. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 6-3 with Mr. Weber, Mr. Grispon, and Mr. Cummins voting no.

- M. The board approved **Resolution 2003-8** to authorize Ed Murray of Dolphin & Bradbury Inc. to proceed with development of the Official Statement and Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel to represent the district as the district bond council for the **new bond** in the amount of \$19,000,000, after July 1, 2003. The additional \$19 million will meet the financial obligation of Winnies Elementary and other building projects.

PROPERTY

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Item A. Mrs. Block seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- A. The board approved a complete appraisal of 25 acres of land in Limerick Township by **Indian Valley Appraisal Company** for a fee not-to-exceed **\$2,000**.

PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-H. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the **Summer Instrumental Program** to be held at the Middle School. The program would run for 5 weeks, in conjunction with the district summer school program, from Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25, 2003 (no classes Friday, July 4, 2003). 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 \$15.00 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 \$29.00/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 the 2003 **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 23 - Friday, July 25, 2003. To celebrate the Independence Day holiday there will be no school on Friday, July 4, 2003. 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 \$29.00 per hour plus benefits. Tuition rates would be \$225.00 per one credit for resident students and \$500.00 per one credit for non-resident students. Summer school is fully funded by tuition payments.
- C. The board approved the 2003 **Summer School Program** at the Spring-Ford **Middle School**. 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 23 – Friday, July 25, 2003 (no session July 4, Independence Day holiday). Class periods will be from 8:00 – 9:50 a.m. and 10:00 – 11:50 a.m. Staff rate this year is \$29.00 per hour plus benefits. Tuition rates are \$225.00 per credit for resident students and \$500.00 per credit for non-resident students. Summer school is fully funded by tuition payments. The estimated total number of hours at the present time is 328, utilizing 3 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 the **Brooke Summer Library Program** to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 24 through August 5, 2003, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (closed Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day). 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 @ \$12.35 /hr. x 48 hours = \$592.80
- E. The board approved the **Limerick Summer Library Program** to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 24 through August 5, 2003, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (closed Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day). 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 @ \$12.35/hr. x 48 hours = \$592.80

- F. The board approved the **Royersford Summer Library** program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 24 through August 5, 2003, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (closed Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day). 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 @ \$12.35/hr. x 48 hours = \$592.80.
- G. The board approved the **Oaks Summer Library** program to run for six weeks. Tentative dates are June 24 through August 5, 2003, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (closed Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day). 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 @ \$12.35/hr. x 48 hours = \$592.80.
- H. The board approved Bridgework Theater to make a **presentation to the Intermediate School** sixth grade class on Tuesday, May 6, 2003. The title of the presentation is “Accepting Responsibility for Actions” and will involve the participation of two sixth grade students as actors. The cost of this presentation is \$607.50 and will be paid by our Safe School Grant. The Bridgework Theater has presented different programs in the Intermediate School the past two years.

Mrs. Block asked for expansion of the program K-12. Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item I. Mr. Cummins seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- I. The board approved of three performances of “Under Construction” by the Metamorphosis Performing Company as part of our Kick-Off Week for the **Bullying Prevention** Program on September 2, 2003. This is a key component of educating our students to this new program on reducing bullying behaviors in the Intermediate School. The cost of this program is \$1000.00. The purpose of the performances is to show students how they can participate in making their school a safe place to be. The cost will be covered by the Safe Schools budget.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items J-N. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- J. The board approved the **Elementary Summer School** Program to be offered at Royersford Elementary School. The focus will be on a developmental and **remedial math** program for students who have completed kindergarten through grade three as of June 2003. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25, 2003. No classes will be held on July 4, in celebration of the Independence Day holiday. A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$130.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$29.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, elementary principals will notify parents of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by May 19, 2003. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that date will be cancelled. The Elementary Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.

- K. The board approved **the Elementary Summer School** Program to be offered at Royersford Elementary School. The focus will be on a developmental and **remedial reading** program for students who have completed kindergarten through grade three as of June 2003. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25, 2003. (No classes will be held on July 4, in celebration of the Independence Day holiday). A minimum of twelve students is necessary to operate each class and the number of students enrolled will determine the number of teachers employed. The cost this year is \$130.00 per class. Teacher salary will be calculated at the present rate of \$29.00 per hour plus benefits. Subsequent to the approval by the Board, elementary principals will notify parents of this program. All money and applications for these courses must be completed and submitted to the attention of Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent, by May 19, 2003. Classes that do not have a minimum of twelve enrolled by that date will be cancelled. The Elementary Summer School Program will be fully funded by tuition payments.

- L. The board approved the **Fast ForWord** 2003 Summer Program from Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25 (No classes will be held on July 4, in celebration of the Independence Day holiday). The cost to the student will be \$130.00. Additional days for the teachers and the instructional assistants would be needed for training and preparation before the start of the program and for completion of the reports after the program. These costs will be paid for out of the General Curriculum Budget not to exceed \$5000.00.

- M. The board approved the following **personnel for the Fast ForWord** 2003 Program:
 - 1 teacher at the rate of \$29.00 per hour for five hours per day from 6/20/03 to 7/30/03 for a total cost of \$ \$4205.00 plus benefits
 - 1 Instructional assistant at the rate of \$12.35 per hour for four and one half hours per day from 6/20/03 to 7/30/03 for a cost of \$1612.00 plus benefits

- N. The board approved the SFASD to enter into an agreement with Montgomery County Community College to offer an **after- school foreign language** program. The district would provide MCCC classroom space in each elementary school and the Intermediate school in order to conduct after-school foreign language classes to students in grades K-6, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

PSBA REPORTJOHN S. GRISPON

PSBA Lobby Day is scheduled on Wednesday, April 30 (originally scheduled for April 29) at the Capitol. The focus for the day will be meetings with legislators to discuss critical issues affecting public education.

Senate Approves Chaperone Bill

This week the full Senate approved SB 532, legislation that would amend Act 212 of 2002 regarding the use of chaperones at school-endorsed functions. The bill would repeal the required ratio of one adult chaperone for every five students and establish a 1:50 ratio

effective for school-endorsed functions only. SB 532 also creates new definitions of "proper supervision" and "social gathering" and establishes conditions under which a minor may be on the premises of a place that is licensed to serve liquor.

Also in the Senate, SB 498 would require school districts to establish a parent-involvement program, parent-involvement policy and parent-involvement committee. The programs would need to identify a means of communication between the district and parents, along with the responsibility to identify existing resources, activities or materials in the district that may be used by parents to improve the academic achievement of students. The parent-involvement policy must identify goals and objectives for improving academic performance through parental involvement. The parent-involvement committee would make recommendations with regard to the district's parental involvement program and policy. Finally, under the provisions of SB 498, the department would be required to establish a clearinghouse of information on the issue of parental involvement.

April is National Autism Awareness month; Ed Cummins will be passing out Autism Awareness Ribbons to all the board members. Please wear your ribbon to show your support for individuals with autism and help raise autism awareness. (end of report)

VII. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-W. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 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. **John S. Grispon**, Board Member and **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend the *"Pennsylvania School Board Association Region 11 Dinner"* at Williamson's Restaurant on Wednesday, May 7, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$70.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **John S. Grispon**, Board Member and **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools to attend the *"Legislative Breakfast"* at the William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA on Thursday, May 22, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$50.00 from the 580 account.

- C. **Dr. Leticia M. Rodriguez**, Director of Human Resources, to attend the *"Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification Update"* at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Wednesday, June 4, 2003. This workshop will review the latest updates in the areas of teacher certification and the Act 48 credits. The total cost of the conference is \$70.00 from the 580 account.
- D. **Dolores Furlan**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend the *"31st Annual Education Law Conference"* at Leigh University on Friday, May 9, 2003. The focus of this conference is to educate the attendees on the impact of the No Child Left Behind Act on Special Education and to provide turn-around training to Special Education Personnel. The total cost of the conference is \$150.00 from the 580 account.
- E. **Dr. Lucille F. Candeloro**, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, to attend the *"2003 PSSA Reading Ranges Finding Meeting"* in State College, PA on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 through Friday, May 9, 2003. Dr. Candeloro is one of the states' Reading Assessment Advisory Committee (RAAC) members invited to participate in this meeting. Selected RAAC members review a random sampling of students' responses to the 2003 PSSA and identify examples of students' proficiency levels. There is no cost to the district.
- F. **Gloria Moyer** and **Loretta Bitterman**, Coordinators of Transportation, to attend the *"Pupil's Transportation Association of Pennsylvania Annual Conference"* in State College, PA from Tuesday, June 24, 2003 through Friday, June 27, 2003. This conference will feature a speaker from "911" as well as address the dedication and commitment needed for the safety and well being of the students and the teamwork needed to make it happen. The total cost of the conference is \$1,003.00 from the 580 account.
- G. **Pat Nugent**, Principal, **Jeff Kollar** and **William Shirk**, Assistant Principals, and **Melissa Patschke**, Principal of Upper Providence and Interim Principal of Brooke, and **Mark Moyer**, Principal of Oaks, to attend the *"Montgomery County Principals and Supervisors Association Annual Secretaries' Recognition Dinner"* at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA on Wednesday, April 23, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$171.00 from the 580 account.

HIGH SCHOOL

- H. **Deborah Longwell**, ESL teacher at the High School and Middle School, to attend *"Teaching ESL: Strategies and Methods – A Workshop for ESL Professionals"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Thursday, June 5, 2003. This seminar will give Deborah the opportunity to network with other ESL teachers and acquire ideas which could be beneficial to her students as well as the district's ESL program. The only cost to the district is \$18.00 for mileage and \$125.00 for a substitute for a total of \$143.00 to be paid from the Title III ESL Grant.
- I. **Deborah Longwell**, ESL teacher at the High School and Middle School, to attend *"ESL Materials Fair"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Monday, April 28, 2003. This conference will put Deborah in touch with more than 15 publishers and distributors displaying their products and presenting workshops on new and interesting materials and ideas for ESL students in grades k-6. The only cost to the district is \$28.00 for mileage and meals and \$125.00 for a substitute for a total of \$153.00 to be paid from the Title III ESL Grant.

- J. **Arminty Brewer**, a teacher at the high school, to attend *“The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors”* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.
- K. **Katie Davis**, a teacher at the high school, to attend *“The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors”* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.
- L. **Paula Love**, a teacher at the high school, to attend *“The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors”* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.
- M. **Brad Murless**, guidance counselor at the High School, to attend *“The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors”* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference. No substitute is needed.
- N. **Gary Rhodenbaugh**, a teacher at the High School, to attend *“The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors”* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.

- O. **Sherri Shaner**, a teacher at the High School, to attend *"The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors"* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- P. **Mindy Klunk**, a teacher at the middle school, to attend *"The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors"* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.
- Q. **Jean Taddeo**, a teacher at the middle school, to attend *"The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors"* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.
- R. **Elizabeth Comport**, a teacher at the middle school, to attend *"The Fourteenth Annual SAP SWAP – Understanding and Modifying Addictive Behaviors"* at Eagleville Hospital on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This program is courtesy of Eagleville Hospital, The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Safe and Drug Free Communities/Act 211 Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. This conference will update and explain the latest drugs and uses as well as understanding and modifying addictive behaviors. There is no cost for the conference other than \$125.00 for a substitute which will be paid from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant.

ROYERSFORD

- S. **Robyn Kruger**, ESL teacher for grades K-6, to attend *"ESL in the Content Areas"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Friday, May 9, 2003. Robyn has been asked by the ESL auditor to be a presenter at this conference. Robyn will be presenting strategies used in Spring-Ford to content area teachers throughout the region. There is no cost to the district for this conference. No substitute is needed.

- T. **Robyn Kruger**, ESL teacher for grades K-6, to attend “*ESL Materials Fair*” at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Monday, April 28, 2003. This conference will put Robyn in touch with more than 15 publishers and distributors displaying their products and presenting workshops on new and interesting materials and ideas for ESL students in grades k-6. There is no cost to the district for this conference. No substitute is needed.
- U. **Robyn Kruger**, ESL teacher for grades K-6, to attend “*Teaching ESL: Strategies and Methods – A Workshop for ESL Professionals*” at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Thursday, June 5, 2003. This seminar will give Robyn the opportunity to network with other ESL teachers and acquire ideas which could be beneficial to her students as well as the district’s ESL program. There is not cost to the district for this conference. No substitute is needed.

SPRING CITY

- V. **Constance C. Dolente**, School Nurse at Spring City Elementary School, to attend a seminar on Diabetes, A National Epidemic, King of Prussia, PA on May 29, 2003. The total cost of the seminar is \$97.00 from the 580 account.

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- W. **Kenneth Rhodenbaugh**, Carpenter for the School District, to attend a seminar at the Sargent Technical Training Seminar, New Haven, Conn. on May 12 & 13 2003. The total cost of the seminar is \$125 from the 580 account, which includes travel time.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- A. The board approved the following policies:
1. **Policy #804** – School Day
 2. **Policy #807** – Opening Exercise/Flag Display
- B. The board approved of **Resolution 2003-6** commending Emily Christy, Spring-Ford Area School District Senior High School freshman swimmer for winning a gold medal in the PIAA District One Championship.
- C. The board approved of **Resolution 2003-7** commending the Spring-Ford Area School District Senior High School cheerleaders, coach, and assistant coach for winning first place at the West Chester Henderson Cheerleading Invitational.

NEW BUSINESS**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Grispon seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- A. The board approved of **Shannon Amole**, Instructional Assistant at the Middle School for an Uncompensated Leave of Absence for educational study effective May 12, 2003 for the balance of the 2002/2003 school year.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item B. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- B. The board approved of the following **independent contract(s)**:
1. **Charlotte Danielson**, Princeton, NJ, to present two (2) 2 ½ hour presentations entitled, "The Framework for Teaching" for the K-12 staff members at the October 13, 2003 in-service and an informal presentation to school district administrators that evening. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$3000 which includes hotel, mileage and meals. Funding will be from the Superintendent's Budget.
 2. **New Life Youth & Family Services**, Harleysville, PA, to provide (45) forty-five days of instruction for a special education student as per the IEP at an approved alternative education program. The cost of the services is \$110 per day for 45 days for a total cost of \$4950. Funding will be from the Alternative Education Budget.
 3. **Red Grammer**, Doylestown, PA, to present two assembly programs in connection with the Pro Social Program at Limerick Elementary School. The cost of the program will not exceed \$1,350 and will be in effect on June 6, 2003. Funding will be from the Guidance Services Budget.
 4. **Sadecky's Puppets**, Tarentum, PA, to present two assemblies entitled "Teasing Isn't Pleasing" for Oaks Elementary students on Wednesday, April 23, 2003. The cost of the program will not exceed \$890.00. Funding will be reimbursed from the Oaks PTA.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 9-0.

- C. The board approved of the following **support substitutes**

Ralph M. Finkbiner Parkerford, PA	Custodian/Maintenance
Donna L. Yeager Spring City, PA	Custodian

FINANCE

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board approved it 8-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- A. BIDS - The board approved of the following bid awards for the 2003-2004 school year:

<u>FURNITURE – DISTRICT WIDE</u>	
Nickerson Corp.	\$ 1,803.60
Officenter Inc.	\$ 75,977.89
P.E.M.CO. Educational	\$ 17,771.40
Roberts & Meck, Inc.	\$ 1,737.55
T. Schneider Co.	\$ 2,001.00
School Specialty Inc.	\$ 9,421.24
Virco Inc.	<u>\$ 20,104.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 128,816.68
 Virco Inc. (State Contract Pricing) (739 Student Desks)	 \$ 45,411.55

Mr. Masciandaro thanked Janine Herring for being student representative and for her comments that included the student perspective. He also wished her good luck in her future endeavors.

X. SOLICITOR REPORT

There was none.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Harrington, Spring City distributed literature on an issue regarding his daughter

Mr. Pettit asked the solicitor to see whether the issue should be discussed in public. Mr. Davis cautioned the resident to be careful of what he says about an individual in public, adding that the meeting would be televised. He suggested that he provide the information to Dr. Coale and give the board time to provide feedback.

Mr. Harrington proceeded and said that he wanted to make the board aware that his daughter, a 4th grade student, has juvenile diabetes and that he was dissatisfied with the way her diabetes was managed at Spring City Elementary School.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cummins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Magee Block
Board Secretary

Pat Dillon
Recording Clerk