

The May 19, 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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Mr. Pettit presented Resolution 2003-7 recognizing the **Spring-Ford High School Head Cheerleading Coach Karen D'Orazio** and her **Assistant Coach Brandi Moroskie** and the **Spring-Ford High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad** for winning first place in the Small Varsity Division, earning a spot in the National Tournament "Reach The Beach" Competition in Ocean City, Maryland, and taking first place in the American Cheer and Dance National "Reach The Beach" Competition. Out of 135 Teams that competed the Varsity Cheerleading Squad had the top overall score and brought home the Grand National Trophy. Board members congratulated the squad.
- B. Mr. Pettit presented Resolution 2003-8 commending freshman swimmer **Emily Christy** for winning a gold medal in the 200 meter freestyle in the PIAA District One Championships with a time of 1:52.43, winning a gold medal in the 500 meter freestyle in the PIAA District One Championships with a time of 4:54.5, winning a bronze medal in the 200 meter freestyle in the PIAA State Championships with a time of 1:52.25 and winning a gold medal in the 500 meter freestyle in the PIAA state Championships with a time of 4:53.10.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. The board approved of the April 14th committee of the whole minutes.

- B. The board approved of the April 22nd work session minutes
- C. The board approved of the April 28th board meeting minutes.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-F. Mrs. Block seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of **Kim Pendleton**, Third Grade Teacher at Spring City Elementary School for a Maternity Leave of Absence effective tentatively May 16, 2003 for the balance of the 2002/2003 school year.
- B. The board approved of **Zachary Laurie**, Collegeville, as a **Long-Term Substitute** for the Elementary Teacher position at Brooke Elementary School. Mr. Laurie is a graduate of Miami University with certification in Elementary Education. Mr. Laurie is currently a per diem substitute for the district. Compensation will be set at \$35,000, BS, Step 1, plus benefits, effective date retroactive to January 27, 2003. The retroactive date is due to the notification of the individual on leave of absence.
- A. The board approved of **Joy Rubeo**, Trappe, PA who will be changing her assignment from a 10-month to a 12-month secretary at the Intermediate School as per the administrative mandate. Compensation will be set at \$13.39 plus \$1.00 an hour for degree for a total of \$14.39 an hour plus benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective July 1, 2003.
- B. The board approved of **Maureen Serago**, Royersford, PA who will be changing her assignment from a 10-month to a 12-month Clerical Assistant at the Senior High School as per the administrative mandate. Compensation will be set at \$12.47 an hour plus benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective July 1, 2003.
- C. The board approved of **Tacy Valenteen**, Royersford, PA will be changing her assignment from a 10-month to a 12-month Clerical Assistant at the Senior High School as per the administrative mandate. Compensation will be set at \$12.02 an hour plus \$1.00 for degree for a total of \$13.02 an hour plus benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective July 1, 2003.
- D. The board approved of **Kristine Gammon**, Pottstown, PA, who will be changing her assignment from a .6 FTE to a 1.0 FTE Secretary in the Staff Development Office at the Middle School as per the administrative mandate. Compensation will be set at \$13.11 an hour plus benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective July 1, 2003.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Item G. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Grispon voting no.

- G. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District **Principals and Administrators Plan** effective July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2007.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items H-P. Mrs. Block seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- H. The board approved of the correction of the salary rate per hour for summer Instructional Assistants for the ESY program from \$12.70 an hour (\$12.95 w/degree) to \$12.35 an hour (\$12.60 w/degree) as per the Instructional Assistant Plan. (previously approved on the April 2003 Agenda)
- I. The board approved of the correction of the salary rate per hour for the summer **School Nurse** for the ESY program from \$21.00 an hour to \$20.50 an hour as per the School Nurse Plan. (previously approved on the April 2003 Agenda)
- J. The board approved of the position of one (1) part-time special education teacher for the **Summer ESY** 2003 program to provide instruction for a high school special education student as per the IEP. Compensation will be set at \$29.00 an hour for 4 hours per week for 6 weeks for a total of 24 hours for a total cost of \$696 with benefits.
- K. The board approved of the position of (1) one speech therapist to administer the individualized pre-testing to approximately 25 special education students for the **Fast Forward Program**. Compensation will be set at \$29.00 an hour for 25 hours for a total cost of \$725.
- L. The board approved of the following **independent contract(s)**:
 - 1. **Alternatives Unlimited**, Baltimore, MD, to provide an alternative education program for a special education student as per the IEP. The cost of the contract will be \$80 per day for 31 days not to exceed a total cost of \$2,480. Funding will be from the Alternative Education Budget.
 - 2. **The Franklin Institute**, Philadelphia, PA, to present an assembly entitled "Traveling Science Show" on Electricity. The cost of the program will not exceed \$470 and will be in effect until May 22, 2003. Funding will be from the Oaks PTA.
 - 3. **Motivational Productions**, Gordon Ridge, TX, to present as assembly entitled "Power of One" for the Middle School students. The cost of the program will not exceed \$494 and will be in effect on June 10, 2003. Funding will be from the Activity Account at the Middle School.
 - 4. **Jeffrey L. Thaxton**, Newark, DEL., to present two assemblies entitled "Drug & Alcohol Prevention" for the Middle School students. The cost of program will not exceed \$550 and will be in effect on October 24, 2003. Funding will be from the Middle School Home and School Association.

- 5. **The Little Women Band**, Chester Springs, PA to present two performances at Oaks Elementary School for the Pride Day. The cost of the program will not exceed \$875 and will be in effect on June 9, 2003. Funding will be from the Oaks PTA.
- 6. **Upattinas School**, Glenmore, PA, to provide instruction to a special education student at per the IEP. The cost of the contract will be \$9,750 and will be in effect for the 2002/2003 school year. Funding is from the Alternative Education Budget.
- 7. **Camp Joy**, Schwenksville, PA, to provide a socialization component of Extended School Year for students who receive special education services as per their IEPs. Child #1 = 21 days of service, child #2 = 21 days of service, child #3 = 15 days of service, child #4 = 10 days of service. The total number of days shall not exceed 67 days at \$100.00 per day. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$6,700.00. The cost of the program will be paid from funds from the 2002/2003 District Budget (\$1,700.00). The balance will be funded by the 2003/2004 IDEA allocation (\$5,000.00).

- M. The board approved of offering **Gary Rhodenbaugh**, Royersford, PA, the extra curricular position of Senior High Football Coach, at a rate of \$6,498, effective with the 2003-04 school year. Mr. Rhodenbaugh is currently an Emotional Support teacher at the Senior High.

- N. The board approved of an Extra Curricular Contract:
 - 1. Bevin Wilkin Track –Intramural – IMS \$300 LC
(replacing Matt Moyer who resigned)

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

Julia A. Hood	Elementary
Collegeville, PA	Cabrini College
(Previously approved as an instructional assistant)	

- P. The board approved of the following **support staff substitutes**:

Walter T. Stirk	Custodial/Maintenance
Pottstown, PA	

V. FINANCE

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

- A. The board approved of the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
 Checks #4527-4578 \$146,483.58

B. The following Treasurers' Reports are submitted for your approval:

- Money Market – April 30, 2003
- General Fund – April 30, 2003
- Treasurer's Report – April 30, 2003
- General Fund – Tax Account – April 30, 2003
- General Fund Investment Schedule – April 30, 2003
- Payroll Account – April 30, 2003
- Naturium Fund – April 30, 2003
- High School Activity Account – April 30, 2003
- Middle School Activity Account – April 30, 2003
- Athletic Fund – April 30, 2003
- G.O.B. 1999 – April 30, 2003
- Series A 2001 – April 30, 2003
- Note of 2000 – April 30, 2003
- Note of 2002 – April 30, 2003
- Capital Reserve Fund – April 30, 2003
- Capital Reserve Investment Schedule – April 30, 2003
- Upper Providence 1999 \$20 M Pool – April 30, 2003
- 5-7 1999 \$20 M Pool – April 30, 2003

C. The following reports are submitted for your information:

- Cafeteria M/M Account – April 30, 2003
- Cafeteria Checking Account – April 30, 2003
- Cafeteria Participation Report – April 30, 2003
- Cafeteria Investment Schedule – April 30, 2003
- Cafeteria Savings Schedule – April 30, 2003
- Cafeteria Profit & Loss – April 30, 2003

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item D1, D2, and D5. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

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. <u>April</u>		
Check No. 91261-91331		\$501,061.38
2. <u>May</u>		
Check No. 91332-91458		\$547,840.05
5. <u>April</u>		
Check No. 294846-294996		\$18,611.32

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item D3. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 8-0-1 with Mr. Grispon abstaining. He cited Section 11-11 of the school code.

- 3. Check List Held for May Board Approval
 Check No. 91459-91525 \$31,799.51

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item D4. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 8-0-1 with Mr. Schroeder abstaining.

- 4. April
 Check No. 294846-294996 \$18,611.32

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item E. Mr. Masciandro seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

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

1. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Boyertown Supply Inc.	Drainage Sup./Playground Area	\$	1,068.70
Ferguson Enterprises	Misc. Constr. Supplies	\$	1,260.08
Fixtures Furniture	Furniture/Guidance/Spec. Ed. & Reception/Nurse's Areas	\$	6,388.48
Dave Kuterbach	Labor/Equip/Install Catch Basin & Headwall (Playground Area)	\$	2,600.00
Dave Kuterbach	Lay Out/Excavate Playgrd. Area	\$	2,783.00
Martin Stone Quarries	Stone-Playground Area	\$	450.79
Office Basics Inc.	Office Supplies	\$	629.45
Officenter, Inc.	Furniture/Spec Ed/Principal Off.	\$	26,574.23
Schiller & Hersh Assoc.	Air & Water Balancing	\$	6,557.00
Waltz Turf Farm, Inc.	Straw/Erosion/Playground Area	\$	245.00
Zimmerman, Inc.	Custodial Supplies	\$	344.62
*Roberts & Meck, Inc.	Classroom Tables (14)	\$	1,190.40
*Sico	Cafeteria/Faculty Dining Tables	\$	21,495.00
	TOTAL	\$	71,586.75

2. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

*U.S. Engineering Lab	Soil Testing & Inspection	\$	702.00
*R.M. Shoemaker Co.	Applic. #17- General Contractor	\$	980,616.00
	TOTAL	\$	981,318.00

* NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the projected fund balance. Mr. Anspach said it was \$4 million and that it could change in June. Mr. Anspach referred to new legislation referring to money put in the capital reserve. The board discussed the possibility of lowering the tax increase to 5.5% or below. Dr. Coale reported that the district is waiting on federal allocations and new revenues and that there was a chance of getting taxes lower. The board discussed the healthcare premium increase of 13% as opposed to the projected 15%. Mr. Anspach said the increase went up 5% and in two years, it is expected to go up by 15% in two years. The number

used in the budget was 5%. Mr. Schroeder said there is a potential shortfall of \$200,000 to \$250,000 and that funding for PSERs is inadequate and whether the board should dip into fund balance. Dr. Coale said that the board needs to discuss that issue at the committee of the whole. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item F. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 5-4 with Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Weber, Mr. Grispon, and Mr. Cummins voting no.

- F. The board approved of the **Preliminary General Fund Budget** for the 2003/2004 school year in the amount of \$79,963,280. The proposed budget will be made available for public inspection at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed budget will be presented and considered for approval as the final budget. Final action of the budget cannot be taken until at least thirty (30) days have passed from the time the proposed budget was adopted.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items G, H, and I. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- G. The board approved of a 48-month lease with IKON Office Solutions, Inc, Malvern, PA for fifteen (15) **photocopiers** at a monthly cost of \$5,440.40 plus a service and supply cost at .0048 cents per copy. Presently, we are paying a monthly lease of \$5,375.39 for eleven (11) photocopiers. IKON is under state contract number 3610-08. Seven are replacements for the High School, 1 replacement each in the Middle School, Intermediate School, Brooke Elementary and Oaks Elementary. Three new copiers are for Upper Providence and one is for Limerick Elementary. (See spreadsheet)
- H. The board approved of setting up a separate bank account in the **General Fund**, for the purpose of creating an account of funds 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 (dental, prescription, vision) and/or insurance programs. The administration recognizes self-funded programs require a start-up cash reserves.
- I. The board approved of Mr. Anspach, Business Manager, granting authorization to proceed with an RFP for consultant services to evaluate the cost savings for the district to become **self-insured in the areas of dental, prescription, vision, and/or property insurances**. The consultant services not to exceed \$20,000 to come from the Health Care/Insurance Funds.

Referring to Item J, Mr. Schroeder asked about the revenue in taxes. \$55,000 to \$65,000 each year said Mr. Anspach. Mrs. Block asked if the money was included in the budget. Mr. Anspach said no. Sixty days after settlement sheets are signed, he added. Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item J. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- J. The board approved of formally approve the settlement with Exelon Generation Company regarding four tax parcels 37-00-0441-007, 37-00-02622-001, 37-00-02653-001, and 37-00-02603-006. These properties are near the Limerick power plant but do not comprise the power plant. The total assessment of the four parcels is \$3,294,100. These properties will be removed from the PURTA tax roles effective January, 2001 and placed on the local tax roles on that date. Wendy G. Rothstein, (Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Frankel), shall be authorized to execute the appropriate documentation on behalf of the School district to effectuate the settlement.

VI. PROPERTY

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item A. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- A. **Change Order – G-10.1- UP Elementary School**
The board approved of a credit (deduct) change order for unused unit items as per the specifications for a total deduct of **-(~~\$50,957.00~~)**.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items B and D. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- B. **Change Order – GC-11 – New Intermediate School**
The board approved of a credit (deduct) change order for a change of the oils in the transformer for a total **deduct of -(\$7,200.00)**.
- D. The board approved of the award for Pest Management to **Fleming Termite and Pest Control** of Royersford, PA. Fleming Pest control was the lowest bidder in the amount of **\$3,696.00** per year for pest management throughout the School District. This would be effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The District has the option to continue the services from Fleming Pest Control for two additional years.

Mrs. Block asked for costs of playground equipment. Mr. Rocchio said the playground equipment cost was astonishing. Dr. Coale said the equipment needed to be very durable and that she would have Mr. Anspach check on the costs. Mr. Anspach said he would check the Plancon submission figures. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item C. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Grispon voting no.

- C. The board approved of purchase and installation of **Playground Equipment** for the Upper Providence Elementary School similar to the other elementary schools for both the kindergarten area and the 1st through 4th grade area for a total cost not to exceed **\$48,000.00**. Playground Equipment will be purchased through PA State Contract. Funding will come from the New UP Elementary School Construction fund.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item E. Mr. Weber seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- E. The board approved of the Filter Bid to the lowest bidder, **Filter Recon** of Spring City, PA, for a total cost of **\$29,601.02**. These filters will be used throughout the district.

VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Block thanked Mrs. Hubley and Mrs. Conrad and others who worked on the novel list. Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Weber seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the K-12 **reading/novel list** for the 2003-04 school year.

PSBA REPORTJohn S. Grispon
House passes expulsion proposal.

This week the full House of Representatives passed HB 418, which provides for post-expulsion procedures for students and authorizes certain actions by school boards. Specifically, the bill ensures that no school district will be required to pay for the education of an expelled student during the period of expulsion, unless the student’s parents can prove they lack the financial resources to do so. HB 418 also requires school boards to enact a policy governing the readmission of expelled students, and establishes provisions governing the transfer of expelled students from both public and non-public schools.

New child labor provisions approved

Also passed by the House was HB 674 that would create the Child Labor Act and repeal the current provisions of law relating to child labor. The bill also includes various definitions and provisions regarding the hours and consecutive days that a minor may work each week, as well as specific language regarding volunteer emergency service work, entertainment work, fund raising activities and newspaper delivery. In addition, HB 674 includes provisions regarding the duties of a school district to administer applications and issue work permits to students, and to initiate enforcement actions if necessary.

The General Assembly is now in recess until June 2, because of tomorrow’s primary election.

State Board

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22, the State Board of Education will meet to discuss various issues. The board is expected to continue its discussion on the Department of Education’s proposed standards it is required to adopt under the federal No Child Left Behind Act regarding the implementation of the

Unsafe School Option. The board began this discussion at its last meeting in March, when it adopted definitions for “dangerous incidents” and “violent criminal offense” that will be used with the standards and criteria for defining an unsafe school. Next week the board will consider draft standards for “victims of violent crime” and standards for “persistently dangerous schools.” Both drafts are posted on the department’s Web site.

(end of PSBA Report)

VIII. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Dr. Leslie T. Morrill**, Staff Development Specialist, to attend “*A Framework for Teaching and Framework Induction Program*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 and from Monday, June 16, 2003 through Thursday, June 19, 2003. This conference will focus on the intensive training needed to prepare mentors to conduct formative assessments and guide beginning teachers to become reflective practitioners. The total cost of the conference is \$900.00 from the 580 account.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Items A and B. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the following policy:
1. **Policy #217** – Graduation Requirements
- B. The board approved of admission of Diego de Senna Pereira Fontes Ibiapina as a foreign exchange student for the 2003-04 school year. Diego is from Parna/BA, Brazil, and is sponsored by the Rotary International Youth Exchange. Upon approval, Diego will be enrolled as a full-year senior next year.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-D. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of **Kathryn D. Manion**, Instructional Assistant at Brooke Elementary School for a Family Medical Leave of Absence effective June 6, 2003 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks.
- B. The board approved of **Jack Chambers**, Chester Springs, PA, for an **extra-curricular/supplemental contract** to present an interactive presentation to the 4th grade students entitled "Olimpiks" at Oaks Elementary School. The cost of the program will not exceed \$350 and will be in effect on June 11, 2003. Funding will be provided by the Oaks PTA.
- C. The board approved of **Alternatives Unlimited**, Baltimore, MD, to provide an alternative education program for a special education student as per the IEP. The cost of the contract is \$80 per day for 29 days for a total cost of \$2,230. Funding will be from the Alternative Education Budget.
- D. The board approved of the following **support staff substitutes**:

Cecilia K. Felice
Limerick, PA

Playground Asst.
Lunchroom Asst.
Food Service

Lisa R. Strickler
Royersford, PA

Instructional/Clerical Asst.
Playground Asst.
Office/Clerical

FINANCE

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A and B. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the continuation of the **Microsoft School Agreement** for a fourth year. The District entered into this agreement to ensure the usage of the most current Microsoft software District wide while evening the cost of software on an annual basis. The agreement licenses Microsoft software for use on all District computers for one year at a cost of approximately \$113,080. During the term of the agreement, all computers will receive all upgrades of the covered software free of additional charge. The packages include: Windows XP Operating System, Office XP including Front Page, Works, Encarta, Visual Studio, and

BackOffice client licenses. Timely adoption of this item will not only allow us to upgrade all current district computers, it will license additional new computers for the coming year without additional cost. Microsoft is currently offering static per unit pricing at this year's rate for a three-year period with the District's commitment to the agreement for the next three years. Payment would continue to be made annually. Administration recommends that we so commit. Funding will come from the Technology Fund.

- B. The board approved of the purchase of **anti-virus and backup** software from Computer Associates in the amount of approximately \$13,054. This purchase represents a renewal of the software for existing computers and additional licenses for the new computers for Upper Providence Elementary. Funding will come from the Technology Fund.

Dr. Coale said that approving Item C now would allow the district to hire through the summer. Mrs. Block asked whether additional positions could be added if the opportunity arose. Dr. Coale said if additional funding became available, additional hiring could occur. Mr. Grispon asked if the home and school visitor position would define non-resident students. Dr. Coale said it would. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item C. Mr. Grispon seconded it. It was approved 8-1 with Mr. Grispon voting no.

- C. The board approved of the **New Personnel List** in the amount of \$1,482,495 for the 2003-04 school year.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item D. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- D. The board approved of the Special Education Service agreement with the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit** for the 2003-04 school year in the amount of \$814,232.52 for the Spring-Ford Area School District.

Mrs. Block said that she and Mr. Weber voted against the budget (Mr. Schroeder was absent from the meeting) since it reduces the fund balance to zero. She said there was no money to address basic maintenance such as the sewer system and roof. Upper Perkiomen and Pottsgrove, the other two districts participating in the vo-tech program, did not want to budget money for these needs. Mr. Schroeder said the vo-tech facility suffered from deficiencies in the rooftop air conditioners and electric services. He added that no contingency fund was set up. The board discussed the repercussions of not approving the budget tonight. Mr. Davis said approval of the budget would occur with the majority of the three district boards. Dr. Coale said the budget is done every five years and Spring-Ford's enrollment has been increasing. There is a budget reserve for boilers. The building is old and some programs are expanding with increased enrollment, Dr. Coale said. Mrs. Block said there is a deficit of \$80,000. She said the other two districts used the fund to decrease tax increases. Spring-Ford has 121 to 124 students attending the vo-tech and spend 100% of their day at the vo-tech, Dr.

Coale said. The cost is \$9,300 per student. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Item E. Mr. Masciandro seconded it. The board voted unanimously to **TABLE** it.

- E. The board voted to **TABLE** the final proposed budget for the **Western Center for Technical Studies** for the 2002-03 school year in the amount of \$3,894,862. The Spring-Ford Area School District cost is \$891,194, representing a \$29,953 (+3.5%) increase from the 2002-03 school year.

Mrs. Block initially made a motion to delete the newsletter from the from motion but she withdrew the motion. Mr. Weber had seconded it, then withdrew his second. Mrs. Block made a motion to **TABLE** Item F and discuss the newsletter at the committee of the whole. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted unanimously to **TABLE** it.

- F. The board **TABLED** authorization to seek bids for “**Publications**” for the 2003/2004 school year.

PROPERTY

Mr. Cummins said this was costly, commended Mrs. Block and Mr. Grispon for maintaining their position, and cautioned the board from moving too fast in the future. Mrs. Block thanked Mr. Cooper and Mr. Ziegler for moving the building projects forward. Mr. Grispon said hiring a firm with whom you are in litigation with is costly. Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted unanimously to approve Item A.

- A. The Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with Section 8.3 of both the K-4 Elementary School Building and Construction of a Multi-Grade Elementary and Middle School and the contract for Renovations to Existing Middle School hereby **terminates the Agreement** of EI Associates and authorizes the Administration to give the seven (7) calendar days notice terminating the Agreement on the 27th day of May 2003.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item B-F. Mr. Masciandro seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- B. The board approved of a Motion to adopt the five contracts with the **DLR Group**:
 1. Takeover of Upper Providence K-4 Elementary School Administration of the construction contract.
 2. Takeover of 5-7 Intermediate School Administration of the Construction Contract.
 3. Two-wing addition to Upper Providence K-4 Elementary School.

- 4. New Elementary school to be located at Winnie’s site.
- 5. Renovations to existing Spring-Ford Middle School located on Lewis Road.
- C. The board approved of the submission by the DLR Group of **PlanCon Part I** Interim Reporting for addition to the Upper Providence K-4 Elementary School.
- D. The board approved of the Change Order for the **Addition to Upper Providence** K-4 Elementary School pending PDE approval of PlanCon I and any other preconditions.
- E. Administration recommends approval of Plancon Part F, Construction Document notification of review and approval for Upper Providence Elementary School.
- F. The board approved of Plancon Part I, Interim Reporting notification of review and approval for Upper Providence Elementary School.

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-C. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. It was approved 9-0.

- A. The board approved of the “Classroom Meetings” presentation on June 16, 2003, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. The presentation will be made by Mrs. Cindy McNaney, a trainer in the Positive Discipline program. This training is for staff to conduct “classroom meetings,” which is a key ingredient to our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program which we will be using next year. The cost for this presentation is \$375.00 and will be funded through the 2002-2003 Safe Schools Initiative Grant. All staff members in the Intermediate School will be attending and participating in this professional development program.
- B. The board approved of the **2003-2004 summer curriculum** projects and assessment listed in the amount of \$60,753.55 (based on the current rate of \$29.00/hr. plus benefits).
- C. The board approved of the following **new textbooks** as part of the curriculum cycle adoption for 2003-2004.

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. Spanish V <i>Galeria de Arte y Vida</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (1997)	\$779.40
2. AP Computer Science (major) <i>Java Methods</i>	Skylight Publishing (2001)	\$1,048.50
3. Desktop Publishing <i>Microsoft Publisher 2002</i>	Thomson Course Technology (2002)	\$1,213.80

4. Introduction to Philosophy (Gifted minor)		
<i>Philosophy, Basic Readings</i>	Routledge (1999)	\$718.50
<i>Philosophy, The Basics</i>	Routledge (2000)	\$688.50
<i>Sophie's World, A Novel</i>	Berkley Books (1994)	\$239.70
<i>About the History of Philosophy</i>		
5. AP Calculus (major)		
<i>Calculus, Early</i>	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (2002)	\$4,048.50
<i>Transcendentals</i>		
6. AP Psychology (major)		
<i>Psychology and Life</i>	Allyn and Bacon (2002)	\$2,358.00
7. AP Biology		
<i>Biology</i>	Benjamin Cummings (2002)	\$3,267.00
8. Science, Grade 5		
<i>Harcourt Science</i>	Harcourt, Inc. (2002)	\$20,034.00
9. Science, Grade 6		
<i>Harcourt Science</i>	Harcourt, Inc. (2002)	\$23,347.50
10. Social Studies, Grade 7		
<i>Human Heritage, A World History</i>	Glencoe McGraw-Hill (2004)	\$29,288.00

Mr. Grispon objected to books published by Addison Wesley since the company published a book by Mumia Abu-Jamal, deathrow inmate convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer. Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Item D. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. It was approved 5-4 with Mr. Grispon, Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Pettit, and Mr. Weber voting no.

D. The board approved of the following **new textbooks** as part of the curriculum cycle adoption for 2003-2004.

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. AP Statistics (major)		
<i>AP Stats</i>	Addison-Wesley (July 2003)	\$1,949.10
2. Trigonometry & Advanced Algebra		
<i>Trigonometry</i>	Addison-Wesley (2001)	\$3,478.20

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that he discussed the Perkiomen Plumbing case and a potential real estate issue in executive session and invited three board members who missed the session to meet with him.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cummins seconded it. The board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Magee Block
Board Secretary

Pat Dillon
Recording Clerk