

On May 26, 2009 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Michael V. Masciandaro and Bernard F. Pettit

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: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.

Student Rep.: Michael John

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Mrs. Mullin arrived at 7:33

I. PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Hurda presented Yvonne O'Dea a resolution honoring the Spring-Ford High School Chorus on their accomplishments at the Fiesta-Val Choral Competition. Mrs. O'Dea thanked everyone and said it was a privilege to be working at the high school. Mrs. O'Dea spoke about the awards the chorus won at the competition. The High School Chorus sang one of the numbers from their award winning performance at the Fiesta-Val Competition.
- A. Presentation of Resolution **#2009-09** to Yvonne O'Dea and the Spring-Ford High School Chorus for their outstanding performance at the Fiesta-Val Choral Competition in New York where the Vocal Ensemble was awarded 1st place with a Superior rating, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble was awarded 1st place with an Excellent rating and the Women's Choir was awarded 3rd place with a Superior rating.

Dr. Hurda presented Jeremy Cairns with a resolution honoring his participation in the Music Educators National Convention All-Eastern Chorus.

- B. Presentation of **Resolution #2009-10** honoring Jeremy Cairns for successfully auditioning and participating in the Music Educators National Convention All-Eastern Chorus in Rhode Island.

Dr. Hurda presented Matthew Dwyer with a resolution honoring his participation in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Chorus.

- C. Presentation of **Resolution #2009-11** honoring Matthew Dwyer for successfully auditioning and participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Chorus.

Dr. Hurda presented Tyler Schwirian with a resolution honoring his participation in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra and the Music Educators National Convention All-Eastern Band.

- D. Presentation of **Resolution #2009-12** honoring Tyler Schwirian for successfully auditioning and participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra and the Music Educators National Convention All-Eastern Band in Rhode Island.

Dr. Hurda presented James Brittain and Julia Hodge with a resolution honoring their participation in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Symphonic Concert Band.

- E. Presentation of **Resolution #2009-13** honoring James Brittain and Julia Hodge for successfully auditioning and participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Symphonic Concert Band.

Dr. Hurda said tonight we are also honoring a group of people who have made a tremendous difference in our school district. Dr. Hurda stated that prom night is supposed to be one of the happiest days in a student's life but for too many it turns out to be a tragic tragedy. Dr. Hurda said a group of parents decided to do something about it and came forward and asked permission to organize a post prom party. This post prom party has run successfully for four year under the able leadership of two co-chairpersons, Cindy Clark and Debbie Landis. Dr. Hurda asked them to come forward so that they can be honored for four years of tremendous effort in keeping our kids safe on prom night. Dr. Hurda said she does not believe that anyone realizes the time and effort goes into making a successful post prom party. Dr. Hurda thanked them both for taking on this responsibility over the past four years.

Mrs. Landis spoke on behalf of SNAP and said that when they came forward four years ago and approached Dr. Hurda and Mr. Nugent with this idea the feedback was very positive. Mrs. Landis said this year there were 780 students who attended the prom and of that group 730 attended the post prom so the percentage of kids attending post prom was unbelievable. The volunteers could not have asked for anything better than that and they hope this tradition continues. Mrs. Landis said the post prom could not have happened without all the support they received from the SNAP chairpersons, the administration, and the community as this was a team effort

and she thanked everyone who helped with this event. Dr. Hurda asked all the SNAP volunteers who were present in the audience to please stand and be recognized for their efforts.

- F. Recognition of Cindy Clark and Debbie Landis, Co-chairs (2005/06 through 2008/09), and all the volunteers of the SNAP Committee for their efforts in creating a safe and successful post prom party for the students at Springfield Area High School.

Gary Bannon, E.I. Associates, thanked the Board and the Administration for the opportunity to come and talk about the High School Project and in particular their design services. Mr. Bannon said he is here tonight to clear up any confusion, misunderstandings, and answer questions from the Board/Administration. Mr. Bannon said on Friday they just issued the "Notice to Proceed" to all the contractors so hopefully, weather permitting, we will move into the construction phase of the project. Mr. Bannon reported that he has had discussions with the Administration about enhancing the architectural services during the construction phase. Mr. Bannon said as we move forward things envisioned in the past may no longer be appropriate. Mr. Bannon reported that, given the tight construction schedule we have, part of the discussion has been on how to move information more quickly than we have in the past. The construction industry has changed over the last six months and the economy has brought new issues to the surface. Mr. Bannon said perhaps another model/process for developing information as we move through the discussion may help benefit the project staying on schedule. Mr. Bannon stated the opportunity to have additional site visits during construction may help to pick up on things that possibly may not have been seen on an every two week schedule. Mr. Bannon stated that they have a contract and they are required to fulfill certain basic services for the district and there have been discussions on how to enhance those in order to make the process even better. Williams thanked Mr. Bannon for coming back to discuss this tonight and the Board would like to send this back to the Property Committee to review the contract and the additional services along with the district solicitor.

- G. 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, commented that, after reading the contract herself, the architects are required to perform visual site visits during construction as required, not every two weeks but as required. Mrs. Gudolonis said enhancing this and going more often than two weeks is already in the existing contract.

Janet Stokes, Limerick Township, commented that she was confused by Mr. Bannon's comments. Mrs. Stokes said Mr. Bannon is talking about enhancing the architectural services to the Administration and she questioned why the enhanced services were not included in the original contract so that he does not have to come back and ask for more money to perform a task that should have been included in the original contract. Mrs. Williams responded that we do not know this yet for sure and that is why it is being sent back to the Property Committee for review with legal counsel. Mrs. Stokes said the way Mr. Bannon is talking he is obviously looking for an enhanced contract. Mrs. Williams stated that we just want to make sure that

everything can be done to have the high school renovation open and available to students by August of 2010.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. The Board approved the March 23, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.

IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum/Technology Bernard F. Pettit Quarterly as needed
No report.

Property/Facilities Robert A. Weber 2nd Weds. 7 p.m.
Mr. Weber will report next month.

V. PERSONNEL

Dr. Hurda made a correction on Item A, Number 5 saying the date should read June 19, 2009 and not June 15, 2009. Mr. Dehnert asked that Item H be separated.

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

A. Resignations:

1. **Linda McDermott**, Evans Elementary School; Part-time Food Service Employee, effective with the last work day, April 27, 2009.

New Resignations:

2. **Scott Freiler**, 9th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, effective with the last work day, June 15, 2009.
3. **Sheryl Gorey**, Spring City Elementary School; Playground Assistant, effective with the last work day, May 15, 2009.
4. **Olivia Dombrowski**, 7th Grade Center; Mathematics Teacher, effective with the last teacher day, June 15, 2009.
5. **Jessica Geri**, High School; Secondary School Counselor, effective with the last work day, June 19, 2009.

B. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Marshall Lawhorne**, 8th Grade Center; Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 27, 2009 for up to twelve weeks.
2. **Kathy Manion**, Brooke Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 27, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year.

3. **Gay Snyder**, Spring City Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective April 17, 2009 for up to twelve weeks.
4. **Rhiannon Zimmerman**, 8th Grade Center; English Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 25, 2009 for up to twelve weeks.

New Leaves of Absence:

5. **Doreen Krebs**, Brooke Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 18, 2009 for up to two weeks.
6. **James Reidnauer**, High School; Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective May 12, 2009 for up to twelve weeks.

C. Extra-Curricular Contracts: 8th Grade Center

1. **Todd Bowers**, Table Football, \$187.50 (1/2 contract)
2. **Kory Parsia**, Table Football, \$187.50 (1/2 contract)

D. Professional Staff Substitutes:

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| 1. | Madeline Jackmon | Elementary Education |
| 2. | Melissa Stevens | Elementary Education
Special Education
Reading Specialist
Mid-Level Mathematics |
| 3. | Vanessa Royce | English |
| 4. | Heather Wallace | Art |

New Professional Staff Substitute:

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| 5. | Jeffrey Doyle | Social Studies |
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E. Personnel Information Item

The individual listed below has completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee and is, therefore, approved for tenure status:

Karen DeLange	Special Education
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- F. The Board approved of **Sarah Fralich**, **Heather Kiser** and **Karen Schodle** for the 2009 Summer Instrumental Lesson positions and **Emily Murphy** for the 2009 Summer Strings Lesson position. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour and will be funded through student tuitions collected for the lessons. **There will be no cost to the district.**

- G. The Board approved the following Special Education Teachers to be hired for the 2009 Summer Extended School Year Programs including Fast Forward and Tutoring. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits (FICA and Retirement). Funding will be from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds.

*Denotes names added since last week's work session agenda

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| 1. Jeannine Acri | 13. *Laura Krawczan |
| 2. *Lauren Bucci | 14. *Gina Lasky |
| 3. Amanda Burr | 15. Jessica Meclarey |
| 4. *Daniel Butterweck | 16. Mary Moore |
| 5. Laura Camp | 17. *Patricia Musselman |
| 6. *April Collins | 18. Kelly O'Donnell |
| 7. Karen DeLange | 19. *Heather Potemski |
| 8. *Joanna D'Orazio | 20. *Jennifer Smith |
| 9. Marla Falcone | 21. *Joan Staples |
| 10. Shannon Furlong | 22. Erin Siuchta |
| 11. *Sandra Gallagher | 23. Dana Starkey |
| 12. Christine Kramer | 24. *Brittany Wagner |
| | 25. Mariel Zummo |

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve item H and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Dehnert abstaining under Section 1111 of the School Code.

- H. Administration recommends approval of the following Support Staff for the 2009 Summer Extended School Year Programs. Compensation for new employees will be set at \$14.16 (\$15.16 degree rate) per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement); Regular hourly employees will be paid at the current instructional assistant hourly rate. Funding will be from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds.

*Denotes names added since last week's work session agenda

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| 1. Robin Angle | 19. *Allyson Kimble |
| 2. *Denise Bedard | 20. *Carolyn Koch |
| 3. *Susan Boring | 21. Erin Lewis |
| 4. Helen M. Brennan | 22. *Adriane Lightcap |
| 5. *Megan Casey | 23. *Laura McQuaid |
| 6. *Mary Ann Christy | 24. *Melanie Macelko |
| 7. Kate Daniels | 25. *Nicola Pascal |
| 8. *Devin Dehnert | 26. *Dana Peden |
| 9. *Brittany DiJosia | 27. Emily Peden |
| 10. *Jeff Fuhrman | 28. Sharon Platchek |
| 11. *Jessica Guzzardo | 29. *Steve Randolph |
| 12. *Kim Hagendorf | 30. *Paul E. Seip |
| 13. *Stephanie Hahn | 31. Terri Stefanelli |
| 14. *Tim Hunsberger | 32. Amanda Tamaki |
| 15. Cynthia Isabella | 33. *Mary E. Walter |
| 16. *Sherri Iskenian | 34. *Jennifer Werner |
| 17. *Brian Johnson | 35. Patricia Wynn |
| 18. Lynn Keene | 36. *Patricia Young |

New Personnel Items

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Item I and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- I. The Board approved the following teachers to be hired for the **2009 Summer School Program for the High School**. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement).

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| 1. | Colleen Antal | Science |
| 2. | Michele Konnick | English |
| 3. | Susan Miscavage | Social Studies |
| 4. | Doug Weidner | Mathematics |

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

- J. The Board approved of **Patricia Pearson**, Registered Nurse Position, for the 2009 Summer Extended School Year Program. Compensation will be set at \$26.07 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Funding will be from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds.

VI. FINANCE

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

Mrs. Mullin asked that Item F be separated. Mr. Weber asked that Item J be separated.

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

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

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

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	2,915.50
Limerick Township	Building Permits	\$	120,328.75
Limerick Township	Professional Services	\$	330.00
Limerick Twp Mun. Auth.	Professional Services	\$	317.24
Spring-Ford A.S. D.	Montco Recorder of Deeds	\$	273.50
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies (4)	\$	21.00
*Limerick Township	Professional Services	\$	141.00
	TOTAL	\$	124,326.99

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

1. **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE**

Bureau Veritas	Professional Services	\$	409.50
Foreman Architects/Eng.	Professional Services	\$	1,218.00
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	329.00
Gelet Electrical & Mech.	Flag Pole Repairs	\$	1,050.00

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*DDL Enterprises, Inc.	Applic. #13- General Contractor	\$	65,529.82
*Lenni Electric Corp.	Applic. #14- Electric Contractor	\$	<u>1,828.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$	70,365.07

2. **10TH AVENUE BY-PASS**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	504.00
	TOTAL	\$	<u>504.00</u>

3. **9TH GRADE CENTER CAPACITOR BANK**

Greg A. Vietri, Inc.	Applic. #1- Electrical Contractor	\$	<u>34,258.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$	34,258.50

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.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>		
	<u>April</u>		
	Check No. 130075 – 130150	\$	898,857.17
	<u>May</u>		
	Check No. 130151 – 130370	\$	904,871.77
2.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>		
	Check No. 130515 – 130595	\$	209,375.15
3.	<u>Board Checks held for approval</u>		
	Check No. 130371 – 130514	\$	158,858.80
4.	<u>Athletic Fund</u>		
	<u>April</u>		
	Check No. 301389 – 301564	\$	30,391.04

E. The Board approved the following **independent contracts**:

1. **High School to Work Transition Services – Telford, PA.** Provide transition, assessment and pre-employment services for four (4) special needs students during the 2009-2010 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided at a rate of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) per marking period for five (5) marking periods per student. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00).
2. **The Vanguard School – Paoli, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for two (2) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for twenty-nine (29) days at a rate of two hundred twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$222.25) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed twelve thousand eight hundred ninety dollars and fifty cents (\$12,890.50).

3. **Sandra Gallagher – Pottstown, PA.** Provide direct instruction and consultative services for a special needs student for the 2009-2010 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided for four (4) hours per week at a rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$6,240.00).
4. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide Consultative Applied Behavioral Analysis for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for eleven (11) hours at a rate of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one thousand forty-five dollars (\$1,045.00).
5. **Camp Joy – West Chester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for three (3) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for one (1) student for five (5) days and for two (2) students for a total of fifty-nine (59) days at a rate of one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed eight thousand nine hundred sixty dollars (\$8,960.00).
6. **Camphill Special School – Glenmore, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty (20) days of education at a rate of one hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$91.67) per day and for twenty-eight (28) days of residential service at a rate of one hundred eight dollars and twenty-seven cents per day (\$108.27). Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed six thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars and ninety-six cents (\$6,864.96).
7. **Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Vocational Training Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00).
8. **Cabrini College – Radnor, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program at Upper Darby High School for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed three thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$3,135.00).
9. **St. Edmond's Home – Rosemont, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for a total of eight (8) weeks at a rate of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per week. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

10. **TheraPlay, Inc. – West Chester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Speech and Physical Therapy Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Speech Services will be provided for a total of twelve (12) sessions and Physical Therapy Services will be provided for a total of six (6) sessions at a rate of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per session. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA accounts and shall not exceed one thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$1,530.00).
11. **High School to Work Transition Services – Telford, PA.** Provide transition, vocational exploration, community based work assessments, and pre-employment services 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).
12. **Developmental Enterprises Corporation, Inc. – Worcester, PA.** Provide transition services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for fifteen (15) days at a cost of ninety-one dollars (\$91.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,365.00).
13. **Betsy Dru Tecco – Collegeville, PA.** Provide an assembly entitled “Get Up & Go” at Spring City Elementary School for the 3rd and 4th grade classes. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
14. **The Brain Show – Canadensis, PA.** Provide three (3) assemblies in conjunction with the 5th/6th Grade Center Field Day. Funding will be paid by the 2008-2009 5th/6th Grade Center Home and School Association and shall not exceed two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300.00).
15. **Philadelphia Rock Gym – Oaks, PA.** Provide team building activities for the 5th grade students at the 5/6 Grade Center. Funding will be paid by the 2008-2009 5th/6th Grade Center Home and School Association and shall not exceed seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$7,800.00).
16. **Puppets Pizzazz – Richboro, PA.** Provide an assembly for the kindergarten through second grade classes at Spring City Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
17. **Steven Courtney – Manheim, PA.** Provide an assembly entitled “Bully Free School” at Upper Providence Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2008-2009 Upper Providence Assembly Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).
18. **Therapy Source, Inc. – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide Speech Therapy services for the Extended School Year Program for special needs students

as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for sixteen (16) hours per week for five (5) weeks plus sixteen (16) hours for training/in-service and preparation of progress reports at a rate of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$6,912.00).

New Independent Contracts

19. **Camp Joy – West Chester, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty (20) days at a rate of one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA account and shall not exceed two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00).
20. **Todd Kupper – Huntingdon Valley, PA.** Provide an assembly entitled “The Magic of Nutrition” at Evans Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
21. **Community Service Foundation – Phoenixville, PA.** Provide two (2) special needs students an alternative education placement for the 2009-2010 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of one hundred fourteen dollars and one cent (\$114.01) per day per student. Funding shall be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Fund and shall not exceed forty-one thousand forty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$41,043.60).
22. **Ms. Kerri Houser – Aldan, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for thirty-nine (39) hours at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed two thousand one hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,145.00).
23. **Susan Parsons – Wallingford, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for one hundred twenty-six (126) hours at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (\$6,930.00).
24. **Gateway Employment Resources, Inc. – Limerick, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Community based transition work assessment services will be provided for sixty-four (64) hours at a rate of fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed three thousand four hundred fifty-six dollars (\$3,456.00).
25. **Teaching Learning Succeeding, Inc. – Phoenixville, PA.** Provide consultation, planning, support and training in the development of common

assessments throughout the 2009-2010 school year for the staff at Spring-Ford High School. Services will be provided for a period not to exceed twelve (12) days (2-3 sessions per day) at a rate of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per day plus mileage. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Professional Development Budget and shall not exceed seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$7,700.00).

26. **Woodlynde School – Strafford, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for five (5) weeks at a rate of two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245.00) per week. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed one thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,225.00).

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Item F and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 6-1 with Mrs. Mullin voting no.

- F. The Board approved continuing with the legal services (2009/2010) of Fox Rothschild LLP at an annual retainer of \$23,400.00 charged on a quarterly basis in equal installments of \$5,850.00. Items not covered under the school retainer are subject to a blended hourly rate of \$180.00 per hour or established rates as listed under Miscellaneous Matters and Rates outlined in the agreement.

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve items G-I and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- G. The Board approved Timothy C. Anspach, Business Manager, and Shirley A. Rhoads, Assistant Business Manager, as the primary voting delegate and alternate voting delegate respectively to the Tax Collection Committee for the collection of EIT as required by Act 32.
- H. The Board approved opening bank scholarship accounts for Richard A. Hoover – Wrestling Scholarship and the Lynne (McNelly) Witte Scholarship Fund.
- I. The Board approved the request from the Township of Upper Providence for the property located at 353 Arcola Road (Parcel # 6100000151004) to be exonerated from the payment of tax, since the property is listed as open space.

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item J and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Grispon and Mr. Weber voting no.

- J. The Board approved the independent contract with Communications Solutions for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$35,100.00 for retained services.

NEW FINANCE

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

- K. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:
General Fund
- Money Market – April 2009

- PSDLAF – April 2009
- PSDMAX – April 2009
- Checking Account – April 2009
- PLGIT Account – April 2009
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – April 2009
- Payroll Account – April 2009
- Tax Account – April 2009

Activity Accounts

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

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – April 2009
- Note Of 2004 – April 2009

Other Funds

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

Cafeteria Fund

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

L. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:

April

Check No. 8721 - 8769

\$ 332,237.67

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Weber asked that Item A be separated. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item A and Mrs. Mullin seconded it.

Mr. Masciandaro asked for an update on the Notice to Proceed for the High School Addition and also asked for clarification on why it is taking so long to get to this point. Dr. Hurda responded that the Notices to Proceed were issued on Friday and the delay was due to the desire by the contractors to find lower insurance coverage. Mr. Cooper explained that when they submitted their bonds for insurance they were not all complete and up to the amount we required, the general contractor was complete but the four prime contractors were incomplete. The process took approximately two months to get all the correct documentation needed to proceed. Mr. Masciandaro asked if we would have gone single prime would we have the same problems and Mr. Cooper said no because the general contractor would have all the insurance documentation and this is one of the problems with multiple prime. Mr. Masciandaro asked what recourse we would have with the contractors and Mr. Cooper responded we do not always have a lot or recourse until the contractors run out of their time and then we can get them for delay of the contract. We do not have a contract though

until we get all of the documentation so our only recourse would be to throw out all the bids and start over again which would be a huge delay. Mr. Masciandaro said in light of the economy you would think that the contractors would want to move things along in order to get paid sooner. Mr. Cooper said this is an example of things that happen when the bids come in so low.

Mr. Dehnert asked if there are any performance penalties that we can enforce and if not can we do this in the future. Mr. Cooper said there is a damage clause but you first must have a contract with the contractor in order to enforce this. Mr. Dehnert asked about throwing the contractor off the job and going to the next lowest bidder. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that you would have to go through the open bid process as per the code instead of just assigning the next closest bid; you would have to reopen the process under the act. Mrs. Williams clarified that this was per the School Code and not something that we control. Mr. Dehnert asked when the contract was signed with each of the contractors and Mr. Cooper responded the contractors signed their contracts awhile ago but we could not sign them until we had all the correct paperwork, which we now have, so they will be signed today.

Mr. Pettit asked if we now have the notice to proceed and Mr. Cooper confirmed this went out Friday. Mr. Pettit said he is concerned that we these prime contractors that would have been sub-contractors had we gone single prime. Mr. Pettit said this is a walking example of why we should not be going with a multi-prime. Mr. Cooper said he couldn't agree with Mr. Pettit more.

The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- A. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part F, Construction Documents, for the Spring-Ford High School Addition/Alteration 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)

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

- B. Administration is recommending approval to move forward with a traffic signal controller and mast arm at the west end driveway exit at the High School for the new pedestrian walkway as required by PennDot and the township. We will also be seeking permission to work with the neighbor for a temporary construction easement to complete the handicap ramps. The costs not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 with funding coming from the construction fund.

New Property

Mrs. Williams announced that there is an addendum to the agenda, Letter D. Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items C-D and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- C. The Board approved awarding the Duct Cleaning Bid to GEM Mechanical Services in the amount of \$60,600.00, contingent upon the contractor obtaining the required bonds and insurance certificates. Work will be completed during the

summer months. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 General Fund – Maintenance Budget.

Addendum:

- D. The Board approved entering into a contract with Officenter, Inc., Elverson, PA, to dismantle sixty-eight (68) existing work stations, being donated by a company in Malvern, PA, and reinstall units as needed for the new District Administration Building at a cost of thirteen thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$13,860.00). An additional fee of up to one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) will be required by Officenter to relocate additional donated office furniture (chairs, conference tables, lateral files, etc.). Funding will be from the Capital Reserve Account and shall not exceed fifteen thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$15,260.00).

Mr. Masciandaro explained for the public the fact that the reason the Board was whining about not having a single prime versus a multi-prime and that was not due to any action that the school district has taken but because the State of Pennsylvania has made it illegal for us to bid these projects by single prime.

Mr. Pettit said as he understands it there may have been a case that has come down subsequently which allows single prime and does not limit us to multi-prime.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that there was a case about a year ago and PDE was “freaked out” by this and there was major lobbying by the various labor groups to keep this as a complex system of multi bids and they more or less asked for an indefinite moratorium on the process and further guidance from PDE has not been provided since.

Mr. Masciandaro stated that the point he was making is that the problem lies in Harrisburg and if the public wants to help the district out then a call to their state senator may help.

VIII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

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

- A. The Board approved the 2008-2009 summer curriculum projects and assessments listed in the amount of \$58,882.11 based on a current rate of \$30.00/hour plus benefits. (Attachment)
- B. The Board approved the 2009-2010 student exchange program with the Coláiste Chiaráin High School in Limerick, Ireland. This exchange would provide a 2-3 week opportunity between students at Spring-Ford High School and students at Coláiste Chiaráin High School. The Irish students will be visiting Spring-Ford from November 14 through November 28, 2009. The Spring-Ford High School Students will be visiting Ireland from March 20 through April 3, 2010.

IX. PSBA REPORT JOHN S. GRISPON

Mr. Grispon reported that the state Department of Education has awarded a contract to Data Recognition Corporation for the development of a series of end-of-course Keystone Exams and related materials, including model curriculum and online diagnostic tests. The contract was awarded for an initial term that will continue until June 30, 2015.

According to the contract, initial work to be completed for the project includes primarily development of the model curriculum and diagnostic tests components. Item development of the Keystone Exams will begin as well. Plans call for the introduction of the mathematics elements of each component at first, with elements of all three components added in science, history, civics & government and literature & English composition, which will be introduced in cycles over the life of the contract that expires in 2015.

This week PSBA presented [testimony](#) to the House Appropriations Committee regarding [HB 850](#), the 2009-10 state budget plan recently passed by the Senate. Representing the association was Timothy Allwein, assistant executive director for governmental and member relations.

Allwein said that the association opposes the deep cuts and elimination of funding for basic education programs that are included under the Senate plan. He urged legislators to continue the governor's proposal to continue his six-year funding plan for schools that uses \$418 million in federal stimulus money for the basic subsidy in 2009-10 and another \$735 million in 2010-11. In addition, the governor's plan uses an additional \$294 million for State Fiscal Stabilization Grants in the coming fiscal year.

"Unfortunately, there are those who would hijack the stimulus money that is targeted for education and use it for other purposes - a proposition that we believe goes against the intent, if not the letter of the law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The budget proposed by SB 850 throws Pennsylvania off of its six-year schedule to fund the adequacy gaps found in the costing-out study," Allwein told the committee.

X. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

DISTRICT-WIDE

- A. **Deborah Longwell** and **Sandra Wohlfahrt**, ESL Teachers, to attend "*An English Language Learner Symposium*" at Immaculata University from Sunday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 5, 2009. The total cost for this symposium is \$588.71 and is fully covered by the 2009-2010 Title III Funds.

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- B. **Stacy Shiffer**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend “*Wilson Reading System Level I Certification Training*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA. This year long training is necessary in order to be able to provide additional appropriate Wilson certified staff to support student services as per their IEPs. The total cost of this training plus substitute is \$1,825.00 from the 2008-2009 Staff Development Budget.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The following policies are submitted as a first reading:

1. Policy #200 – PUPILS: Enrollment of Students
2. Policy #335 – ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES: Family and Medical Leave of Absence
3. Policy #435 – PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES: Family and Medical Leave of Absence
4. Policy #535 – CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES: Family and Medical Leave of Absence

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

- B. The Board approved the appointment of Diane Fern to the office of the Board Secretary of the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2009.
- C. The Board approved the appointment of Timothy Anspach to the office of the Board Treasurer of the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2009.

XII. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report.

XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Joseph Ciresi, Limerick Township, commented that his is confused with Mr. Bannon’s summary given tonight and he asked that before the Board formally goes to a vote on the contract that there is a full presentation to the public one more time so that everyone understands what is happening.

Thomas DiBello, Limerick Township, wondered if there was an upcost to the High School Project due to the delay in starting the construction. Mrs. Williams said she does not believe there is any additional cost at this point as the project has not started yet. Mr. DiBello said there is a defined timeframe in order to finish by August 2010 and he questioned if there would be an upcost due to the delay in the project beginning. Mr. Cooper replied that as of right now the answer is no. Mr. Cooper said if the project was strictly renovation we may have run into a problem as we would have to schedule around the school day and what is taking place in the building but the portion we are really tight on time on is the new addition we should

be able to pick up the time needed if we have a good summer and not a lot of rain. Mr. DiBello asked if there was lag time built into the schedule and Mr. Cooper replied yes for weather and so forth. Mr. DiBello reported his concerns were due to the discussion at the last several meetings over multiple subs that may be lagging for whatever reason and he believes he heard it said that if the project continues to lag there would be significant cost to the district. Mr. Cooper likened the lag time to snow days that you build into a school calendar and right now we are using up our snow days so we are still okay.

Barbara Grubb, Limerick Township, stated that she is concerned and frustrated over an incident that has been happening with her daughter in elementary school. Mrs. Williams stopped Mrs. Grubb saying her issue is one that concerns student confidentiality and Dr. Hurda will be glad to speak with her privately after the meeting regarding the concerns.

Mrs. Williams announced that the Board will meet in an Executive Session following the conclusion of the Board meeting regarding personnel agreements.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary