

On June 28, 2010 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Edward T. Dressler, Jr., Bernard F. Pettit and David R. Shafer
Region II: Clara M. Gudolonis, Julie A. Mullin and Donna L. Williams
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert and Thomas J. DiBello
Presiding Officer: Joseph P. Ciresi
Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda
Business Manager: Timothy Anspach
Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.
Student Rep.: Taylor Daily

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ciresi announced that the Board met in an Executive Session to discuss a personnel related item.

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no questions or comments.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. The Board approved the April 26, 2010 Board Meeting minutes.

B. The Board approved the May 17, 2010 Work Session minutes.

III. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Donna Williams 2nd Mon. 6:15 p.m.

Mrs. Williams announced that there are three policies on the agenda for a 1st reading this evening. The Committee discussed the 000 series of policies and in particular Policy 005. Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Ciresi to clarify how the names of some of the Committee's should be listed since the old policy differs from the way the committees are currently set up. Mr. Ciresi responded that Curriculum and Technology could be listed together even though they are separate Committees since they do meet on the same night, Community Relations/Dedication can be known just as the Community Relations Committee and the Property/Facilities Committee can be known as the Property Committee. Mrs. Williams reported that there was a minor change made to Policy 005.1 and this is on the June agenda for a first reading. Mrs. Williams stated that there were a couple of concerns with

Policy 006 that the Committee would like Mr. Davis to address and the first is if the district is required to advertise notices in the newspaper rather than use the internet; Mr. Davis confirmed that the statute on this has not changed and you must advertise in a publication of general circulation in the community. Mrs. Williams reminded everyone that this can grow to be very expensive as it runs a couple hundred dollars anytime a Committee meeting or Board meeting must be changed. Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Davis if the district still has a \$10,000 bid requirement when entering into a contract of any kind and Mr. Davis replied that was correct unless the district applied for and received a mandate waiver for this. Dr. Hurda nodded that we had in fact obtained a mandate waiver and she questioned whether we need to change the policy regarding this or keep the \$10,000 in the policy and then the mandate waiver covers us if the amount is a bit higher. Mr. Davis replied if you are using the mandate waiver in conjunction with the policy every time then you should incorporate it into the policy but if you are using it on a case by case basis then you do not need to add it to the policy. Dr. Hurda stated that the wording “unless otherwise dictated by a mandate waiver” could be added to the policy to make it more clear. Mr. Pettit asked if there was an advantage to having a mandate waiver as part of the policy and Mr. Davis responded no, that we sometimes get over policed because he gets concerned when we put into a policy what the law already is because then the law changes and people forget to go back in and change the policy. Mr. Davis stated that he is comfortable with Dr. Hurda’s wording. Mr. Dehnert asked how much we spend approximately each year advertising committee meetings and school board meetings and Mr. Anspach replied no because in the district’s advertising fees is also the fees for advertising bids. Mr. Davis added that the committee and school board meetings are normally done in one blanket add and not in advance of every meeting. Mr. Dehnert suggested that with the advent of the internet it makes sense to our state legislators and ask them to change the law as it is a waste of money for not only our district but other districts to spend money on something that could be put on the internet as opposed to spending money to put it in an obscure place in a newspaper that nobody sees anyway. Dr. Hurda said she seems to remember that last year Upper Moreland sought a mandate waiver for relief from having to put the ads in the newspaper and it was not approved. Mr. Davis replied that he is unfamiliar with this but his guess would be that the restrictions for what you can get a mandate waiver for did not apply to this scenario. Mr. Anspach added that his recollection is that meetings cannot be excluded but bids could be. Mr. Davis said it clear what the Boards’ will is and that is to send a letter to a couple of legislators asking them to look into this and for now we will look at the mandate waiver we have and mold the policy around that. Dr. Hurda asked Mrs. Williams if it would be okay to move the policy forward with the committees on it since we know what the will of the board is and then we will put it on the agenda for the first reading. Mrs. Williams stated that this would be fine.

Curriculum	Julie Mullin	1st Tues. 7:00 p.m.
No Report.		

Property/Facilities	Tom DiBello	2nd Mon. 7:15 p.m.
No report.		

IV. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. **Resignations:**

1. **Dennis A. Booher, Ph.D.**, 5/6th Grade Center; Assistant Principal, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the last day of work on August 27, 2010.
2. **Michele Brant Miller**, High School; Biology/Gifted Teacher, effective June 18, 2010.
3. **Katharine D. Smith**, Brooke Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 18, 2010.
4. **Alycia Thomas**, High School; Food Services, effective June 14, 2010.
5. **Krista A. Zollers**, Evans Elementary School; Art Teacher, effective June 1, 2010.

B. **Leaves of Absence** in accordance with the Professional Agreement:

1. **Khrystin Jo Herb**, High School; Learning Support Teacher, effective August 24, 2010 for the first semester of the 2010/2011 school year.
2. **Bevin Seislove**, 5/6th Grade Center; Music Teacher, effective August 24, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 school year.
3. **Nicole Tenthoff**, 9th Grade Center; Social Studies, effective August 24, 2010 for the first semester of the 2010/2011 school year.
4. **Elise Reiter**, Limerick Elementary School; Speech Therapist, effective August 24, 2010, for the 1st semester of the 2010/2011 school year.

New Leaves of Absence: in accordance with the Professional Agreement:

5. **Elizabeth Capperella**, 5/6 Grade Center; Teacher, effective August 24, 2010, through the end of the 2010/2011 school year.

C. **Leaves of Absence** in accordance with Board Policy for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks:

1. **David C. Imes**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, effective June 2, 2010.
2. **George Powell**, Brooke Elementary School; Head Custodian, effective May 1, 2010.

New Leaves of Absence: in accordance with Board Policy for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks:

3. **Scott Burr**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher effective August 24, 2010 through November 11, 2010.

4. **Robert M. Colyer**, Senior High School; Assistant Principal, effective June 7, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
5. **Rebecca M. Rudinsky**, 5/6 Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, effective August 24, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items D-L and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

D. Change of Status:

1. **Lauren Keifer**, Spring City Elementary School, PT (.50) Art Teacher to FT Art Teacher at Evans Elementary School, replacing Krista Zollers who resigned. Compensation will be set at \$51,700, B+18 Step 8, effective August 24, 2010.
2. **Edward M. Koneski**, Bechtel Building; Maintenance I to Lead Grounds, to fill the vacant position. Compensation will be set at \$20.86 per hour per the Maintenance Plan, effective July 1, 2010.
3. **Kenneth Sell**, Spring City Elementary Custodian (2 hr/day) and District Office, Head Custodian (6 hr/day) to Custodian (4 hr/day) at 5/6 Grade Center, Custodian (2 hr/day) at Spring City Elementary, and Head Custodian (2 hr/day) at District Office. Compensation to be set at \$18.85 per hour (Custodian) and \$19.60 per hour (Head Custodian) as per the Custodian Plan, effective July 1, 2010.
4. **Ryan N. Souder**, Spring City Elementary School, PT (.50) Physical Education Teacher to FT Alternative Education Teacher at Senior High School. Compensation will be set at \$46,800, B Step 4, effective August 24, 2010.

New Change of Status:

5. **Elizabeth Fulton**, 7th Grade Center; Clerical Assistant to Attendance Secretary at Senior High School. Compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour, effective July 6, 2010.
6. **Betsy A. Mastrocola**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Secretary to Administrative Assistant replacing Debra A. Schroer who had a change of assignment. Compensation will be set at \$15.98 per hour effective July 1, 2010.

E. Long-Term Substitutes:

1. **Stefanie Emes**, Upper Providence Elementary; Grade 2 Teacher, compensation will be set at \$65,700.00, M Step 11, prorated, with benefits, effective August 24, 2010 through the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year.
2. **Barbara J. Giebler**, 5/6 Grade Center; Music Teacher, compensation will be set at \$49,300.00, M Step 5, with benefits, effective August 24, 2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

3. **Janet L. Rudinsky**, 5/6 Grade Center; Grade 6 Teacher, compensation will be set at \$63,400.00, B+18 Step 12, with benefits, effective August 24, 2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
4. **Andrea Sandberg**, 5/6 Grade Center; **Grade 6 Teacher**, compensation will be set at \$45,600.00, B Step 3, prorated, with benefits, effective August 24, 2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

- F. The Board approved the following Special Education teachers to be hired for the **2010 Summer ESY Professionals including Fast Forward, Speech & Language Services, and Tutor Programs**. Compensation will be set at \$30 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement). Funding will be from 2010/2011 IDEA funds.

1. **Stephanie Davis**
2. **Marla Falcone**
3. **Sarah Hamilton**
4. **Melissa Shimukonas**
5. **Shea Vocht**

New 2010 Summer ESY Professional

6. **Robin Riegel**

- G. The Board approved the following **ESY-Support Staff** to be hired for the **2010 Summer ESY Programs** that were previously Board approved. Compensation for new employees will be set at \$14.80(\$15.80 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 2010/2011 IDEA funds.

1. **Brian Johnson**
2. **Allyson Kimble**
3. **Megan O. Mowrer**
4. **Lisa Longua**

- H. The Board approved that effective as of the close of business on June 18, 2010, the following positions would be eliminated and the following individuals would be terminated:

1. **Mary K. Carr** – Instructional Assistant
2. **Kevin D’Annunzio** – Instructional Assistant
3. **Rachel Weller** – Instructional Assistant
4. **Susan L. Kantner** – LPN
5. **Lisa M. Clasby** – Technology Assistant

I. **Professional Staff Substitutes:**

1. **Maria Carroll** Elementary Education, Special Education
2. **Ellen Stemler** Elementary Education
3. **Molly Woods** Elementary Education

New Professional Staff Substitute:

4. **Stephanie Davis** Elementary Education, Special Education

J. Support Staff Substitute:

1. **Lisa Longua** Registered Nurse

K. The Board approved the **extracurricular and supplemental contracts** for the 2010/2011 school year (*Current listing attached*).

L. The Board authorized Administration to employ personnel during the interval between the June Board meeting and the August Board meeting for the 2010/2011 school year. It has been customary for the Board to authorize its officers to execute contracts for personnel recommended for employment by the administration during the months of July and August. Such authorization is, of course, subject to limitations imposed by the 2010/2011 General Fund Budget.

PERSONNEL AGENDA ADDENDUM

Mr. Ciresi asked that the Board vote on Letters M and O and then come back to Letter N. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items M and O and Mr. Dehnert seconded it.

Mr. DiBello asked if there was a process for teachers to perform to certain levels before they can attain tenure status or is it just after three years. Mr. Davis explained that teachers are rated just like any professional employee and as long as they get three years of satisfactory service they are entitled to tenure. Dr. Hurda added that at the end of three years they are entitled to tenure as per state guidelines. Mr. Davis stated that if you did not grant tenure then you would be sued and you would lose but with regards to the question teachers are reviewed and rated and if someone did not perform satisfactorily then they should not be recommended for tenure. Mr. Pettit asked if we have any teachers in the past who were not recommended for tenure and Dr. Hurda said she does not wish to breach any personnel issues but if someone is rated unsatisfactory in the last semester prior to them being granted tenure then tenure is delayed and that has happened in this district in the past. The motion passed 9-0.

M. 2009-2010 Extra-Curricular Contract: 5/6 Grade Center

1. Mary Pat Long, Math Club Advisor, \$194 (1/2 contract)

O. Personnel Information Items

The individual(s) listed below have completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employee(s) and are, therefore, entitled to tenure status:

**Jeannine Acri
Kris Bautsch
Stacey Bogus
Matthew S. Cappelletti
Laura M. DiBattista
Brittany A. Dunbar
Brandy Finnegan**

**Daniel Badway
Megan Bielecki
Corrine P. Calcagno
Cynthia A. Cooper
Eileen Dolenti
Stephen K. Ferko
Nathaniel Fisher**

**Cara L. Giese
Rachelle Hafer
Sarah Kalish
Marguerite Lownes
Laura McNeil
Jennifer Moran
Jeannine Plitnick
Vincent L. Randle
Racquel Richter
Ryan Souder
David Susek
Travis S. Wagner**

**Michael Gruber
Amy L. Hostetter
Ronald Logan
Jennifer Low
Shannon Moore
Christina M. Moyer
Jacqueline M. Raco
Ann M. Ricci
Crystal L. Smith
Julie L. Stadulis
Jose Thomas
Jeff West**

Mrs. Ciresi said this motion is to approve the salary of the Superintendent, Dr. Hurda, for the school year 2010-2011 beginning July 1, 2010. Mr. Ciresi stated that the motion is to approve a 1% increase and Dr. Hurda's salary will become \$183,894.00. Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item N and Mr. Pettit seconded it.

Mr. Ciresi commented thanked Dr. Hurda for this past year of service saying she has gone above and beyond and the salary increase does not reflect the feeling of what they know she is worth and valued at. Mr. Ciresi stated that it is very difficult in this economy to value a person and give them what they deserve but he knows that she has gone above and beyond anyone's expectations in the most difficult time we have ever seen. Mr. Ciresi said he has worked with Dr. Hurda a lot in the last six months and we have taken major strides in a hard time and made hard choices and decisions and with Dr. Hurda's guidance we have all come through this. Mr. Ciresi thanked Dr. Hurda again.

Mr. DiBello agreed with Mr. Ciresi's comments and added that in his short time with the Board he has been impressed and enjoyed working with Dr. Hurda and all the staff. Mr. DiBello said that Dr. Hurda should be commended for her drive, dedication and love for the district. Mr. DiBello commented that every event he has been at he is constantly amazed that she knows all the kids names. He agreed that the increase is a show of appreciation but certainly does not demonstrate what they would like to do but unfortunately with the economic situation we have to stay within certain bounds.

Mr. Pettit voiced his agreement with the previous remarks and said he would like to express his deep appreciation for the hard work that was put in especially this year. He added that he knows how difficult it was and she certainly went way heads and shoulders above what was asked of her.

Mr. Ciresi shared that Dr. Hurda gave the Board a list of District Accomplishments and he said one thing that a lot of the Board was surprised by was the amount of nights that Dr. Hurda was out which amounted to 125 nights out of 180 school days. Mr. Ciresi stated that the commitment to be out that many nights and sometimes it is until 11:00 PM including some weekends. Mr. Ciresi said the public is not always aware of what goes into the position of having over 1,000 employees and close to 8,000 students.

The motion passed 9-0.

- N. The Board approved the salary for the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marsha R. Hurda. Dr. Hurda's salary for 2010-2011, beginning July 1, 2010 will be \$183,894.00.

V. FINANCE

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

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-T and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

1. SENIOR HIGH- ALTERATION & ADDITIONS

APEX Plumbing Inc.	Applic. #11- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 24,358.00
Bergey's Leasing Assoc.	Refrigerated Truck Rental (5 Inv)	\$ 2,936.05
CDW Government	Technology Supplies	\$ 26.60
Colonial Electric Supply	Wire (8 Reels)	\$ 2,295.04
Earth Engineering Inc.	Professional Services	\$ 1,358.25
EI Associates	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 972.26
Franklin Cleaning Equip.	Custodial Supplies (2 Inv.)	\$ 1,022.87
Indco Inc.	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,691.12
Limerick Township	Professional Services	\$ 157.08
Officenter Inc.	Design/Meetings/Breakdown And Move Temporary Offices	\$ 5,995.00
Penske Truck Leasing	Refrigerated Truck Rental	\$ 1,191.74
Schiller & Hersh Assoc.	Professional Services	\$ 4,588.00
Singer Equipment Co.	Custodial Supplies & Equip (4 Inv.)	\$ 14,469.91
Star Audio/Visual	TV Hybrid Boxes & Conn. Pins	\$ 5,549.95
Sunoco	Diesel Fuel-Refrigerated Truck	\$ 95.01
Troxell Communications	Hitachi Projectors (2 Inv.)	\$ 65,263.00
Visual Sound	Smart Whiteboards (24)	\$ 24,985.00
Zimmerman Supply LLC	Custodial Supplies (3 Inv.)	\$ 4,110.00
*Bergey's Leasing Assoc.	Refrigerated Truck Rental	\$ 487.51
*EI Associates	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 269.05
*Earth Engineering Inc.	Professional Services	\$ 379.25
*E.R. Stuebner	Applic. #12 - General Contractor	\$ 716,100.99
*Goshen Mechanical	Applic. #13- HVAC Contractor	\$ 413,242.72
*KMB, Inc.	680 Built-in Lockers	\$ 5,584.00
*MBR Construction	Applic. #13- Electric Contractor	\$ 127,729.00
*Penske	Refrigerated Truck Rental	\$ 1,098.82
*Sunoco	Diesel Fuel-Refrigerated Truck	\$ 283.06
*Troxell Communications	Projector Mounts/Adapter Kits Extension Columns/Ext Bracket	\$ 10,473.75
	TOTAL	\$1,437,713.03

2. **9th GRADE CENTER PARKING LOT**

Bursich Assoc. Inc.	Professional Services	\$	1,200.74
Denney Electric Supply	Lighting –Parking Lot	\$	7,275.61
Peter Lumber Company	Misc. Supplies	\$	49.00
	TOTAL	\$	8,525.35

B. 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.

C. Checks:

1. Weekly Checks prior to Work Session

May
Check No. 136641 – 136724 \$ 770,342.07

June
Check No. 136725 – 137052 \$1,733,430.26

2. Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting

Check No. 137203– 137257 \$ 397,357.39

3. Board Checks held for approval

Check No. 137053 – 137202 \$ 187,107.63

4. Athletic Fund

May
Check No. 302550 – 302647 \$ 17,759.37

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

1. **Penn Behavioral Health – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide a Management and Corporate Assistance Program for the Administrative Team for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no cost to the district for this contract which gives the Spring-Ford Area School District the opportunity for reduced rates on a fee for service basis for Management Training Programs when requested.
2. **Lapreziosa Occupational Therapy Services – Pottstown, PA.** Provide Occupational Therapy Services for the Extended School Year Program for fifty-eight (58) special needs students as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed twenty thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars (\$20,983.00).
3. **Lapreziosa Occupational Therapy Services – Pottstown, PA.** Provide Occupational Therapy Services for the 2010-2011 school year for special needs students as per their IEPs. The contract addresses direct intervention, consultation, indirect services (i.e. meetings, in-service, paperwork), evaluations, and home visits. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed five hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$539,423.00).

4. **Suzanne Glick First – Bala Cynwyd, PA.** Provide Speech Therapy Services for the Extended School Year Program for special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for forty-five (45) hours plus five (5) hours for training/in-service at the rate of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed three thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$3,250.00).
5. **Amy Marks – Royersford, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy Services for the 2010-2011 school year for special needs students as per their IEPs. The contract addresses direct intervention, consultation, indirect services (i.e. meetings, in-service, paperwork) and evaluations. Services will be provided for twenty-four (24) hours per week for forty (40) weeks at a rate of sixty-two dollars (\$62.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed fifty-nine thousand five hundred twenty dollars (\$59,520.00).
6. **Cynthia Mosier – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy Services for the Extended School Year Program for special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for forty (40) hours per week plus four (4) hours for the first teacher day, for a total of two hundred four (204) hours at a rate of sixty-one dollars (\$61.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed twelve thousand four hundred forty-four dollars (\$12,444.00).
7. **Cynthia Mosier – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy Services for the 2010-2011 school year for special needs students as per their IEPs. The contract addresses direct intervention, consultation, indirect services (i.e. meetings, in-service, paperwork) and evaluations. Services will be provided for forty (40) hours per week for forty (40) weeks at a rate of sixty-two dollars (\$62.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$99,200.00).
8. **Dr. Jim Cianciulli – West Norriton, PA.** Provide neuropsychological testing and an educational report for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, ARRA Stimulus Funds and shall not exceed one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00).
9. **Delaware Valley Friends School – Paoli, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs high school student for the 2010-2011 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed forty-five thousand four hundred dollars (\$45,400.00).
10. **Developmental Enterprises – Worcester, PA.** Provide transition services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for ninety-six (96) days at a rate of ninety-one dollars (\$91.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, ARRA Stimulus Funds and shall not exceed eight thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars (\$8,736.00).

11. **Devereaux Foundation** – Provide an Extended School Year Program for four (4) special needs students as per their IEPs. Educational services will be provided for two (2) students for a total of fourteen thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$14,820.00). Residential and Educational services will be provided for two (2) students for a total of fifty-seven thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$57,220.00). Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed seventy-two thousand forty dollars (\$72,040.00).
12. **High School to Work Transition Services – Telford, PA.** Provide transition services for five (5) special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for four marking periods at a rate of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) per marking period per student. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, ARRA Stimulus Funds and shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00).
13. **Bon Homie Daily Living Center – Limerick, PA.** Provide transition services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for eighty (80) days at a rate of fifty-seven dollars (\$57.00) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, ARRA Stimulus Funds and shall not exceed four thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$4,560.00).
14. **Delaware Valley Friends School – Paoli, PA.** Provide educational services for two (2) special needs middle school students for the 2010-2011 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-thousand eight hundred dollars (\$90,800.00).
15. **Camphill Special School – Glenmoore, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Educational Services will be provided for twenty (20) days at a rate of one hundred ninety one dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$191.67) per day and Residential Services will be provided for twenty-eight (28) days at a rate of one hundred twelve dollars and twenty cents (\$112.20) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA Funds and shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$6,975.00).
16. **Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center – Worcester, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for six (6) weeks at a cost of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750.00). In addition, Variety Club will provide six (6) sessions of Occupational Therapy and six (6) sessions of Speech Therapy at a rate of ninety dollars (\$90.00) per session for a total of one thousand eighty dollars (\$1,080.00). Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed four thousand eight hundred thirty dollars (\$4,830.00).

17. **Vanguard School – Paoli, PA.** Provide a six (6) week Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-nine (29) days at a rate of two hundred thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$232.25) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA funds and shall not exceed six thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars and thirty cents (\$6,735.30).
18. **Martin Luther School – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide an Extended School Year Program for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-nine (29) days. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education IDEA Funds and shall not exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00).
19. **Dr. Frederick Fisher – Wynnewood, PA.** Provide psychiatric services, evaluations and re-evaluations for the 2010-2011 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed fifteen thousand four dollars (\$15,004.00).

NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS

20. **J.P. Mascaro & Sons – Audubon, PA.** Provide an assembly for 3rd and 4th grade students at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “The Respect Program” on September 17, 2010. This program will teach the importance of respect and highlight respect for the environment through recycling. There is no cost to the district for this assembly.
21. **Main Line Rehabilitation Associates, Inc. – Exton, PA.** Provide seventy-two (72) hours of cognitive therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP and eight (8) hours of training and consultation for the teachers and assistants working with this student. Services will be provided for a total of eighty (80) hours at a rate of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twelve thousand four hundred dollars (\$12,400.00).
22. **Ken Crest Services – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment training services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided a total of forty-two days at a rate of one hundred nine dollars and ninety-two cents (\$109.92). Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand six hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents (\$4,616.64).
23. **Lakeside Educational Network – Fort Washington, PA.** Provide sixteen (16) educational slots including transportation for one hundred eighty (180) days for special needs students requiring an alternative placement for the 2010-2011 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00).

24. **Lakeside Educational Network – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide two (2) full-time Mainstay Program Counselors to deliver on-campus problem/resolution services for the 2010-2011 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Alternative Education Budget (\$72,390.00) and from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget (\$70,000.00) for a total not exceed one hundred forty-two thousand three hundred ninety dollars (\$142,390.00).
- E. The Board approved paying outstanding obligations of the 2009/2010 fiscal year for which invoices have not yet been received or processed prior to the June Board meeting.
 - F. The Board approved issuing purchase orders in July and August in favor of those firms that qualify under the provisions of the Public School Code for formal awards by the Board of Directors. The law requires that awards be made to the lowest responsible bidder on items specified or items equal thereto. Board authorization will help to assure that materials and supplies required for the beginning of the new school year will be received on times.
 - G. The Board approved awarding a contract based on quotes to IKON Office Solutions, Inc., King of Prussia, PA, for the lease of 11 photocopiers (11 replacements) throughout the buildings in the amount of 2,989.69 per month for a 4 year lease including maintenance and supplies. The next lowest quote was from Fraser Advanced Information System at a cost of \$3,204.00.
 - H. The Board approved awarding a contract based on quotes to Xerox Corporation, Blue Bell, PA, for the lease of 2 photocopiers (replacement) in the photocopy center in the amount of \$4,603.16 per month for a 4 year lease including maintenance. The next lowest quote was from Fraser Advanced Information System at a cost of \$5,947.00.
 - I. The Board approved awarding a contract based on quotes to Clover Farms Dairy Company, Reading, PA for milk, juices, and teas for the 2010/2011 school year.
 - J. The Board approved purchasing equipment of the High School addition by bidding, receiving quotes, buying from IU contracts, buying from state/other consortium purchasing contracts, and purchasing from PEPPM. While the PLANCON G (PDE report) has \$1,500,000 allocated for equipment, the district will see savings by utilizing existing furniture from the old district office and remaining corporate furniture donation, where appropriate.
 - K. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part H, Project Financing, for the High School Additions/Alterations 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).
 - L. The Board approved increasing parking permits for the 2010-2011 school year from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for high school students.
 - M. The Board approved the Salary Book for the 2010-2011 school year.

N. The Board approved the following **Maintenance Service Agreements** for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

Simplex Grinnell	
Inspection Fire Alarm Services	\$ 18,746.00
Brocks Fire Protection (estimate)	
Portable Fire Extinguisher Inspection	\$ 3,600.00
Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression	\$ 1,077.45
Anchor Fire	
Sprinkler System Inspection	\$ 5,850.00
Johnson Controls	
HVAC & ATC Controls	\$114,576.00
Carrier Corporation	
Heat Pumps & Chillers District-wide	\$ 60,000.00
Tri-State McQuay	
Water Chiller Tower – Brooke	\$ 2,232.00
Secure-A-Home	
Security Monitoring	\$ 4,270.00
Kensol Airways	
Kitchen & Dishwasher Hood Exhaust Cleaning	\$ 3,770.00
Barber’s Septic Service	
Kitchen Grease Traps	\$ 1,585.00
Fleming Pest Control	\$ 6,240.00
R.J. McCarville Associates	
Bleacher Inspection	\$ 2,650.00
R.J. McCarville Associates	
Folding Door/Partition Inspection	\$ 4,740.00
Amtech Elevator Services	
Elevator Service Agreement	\$ 11,520.00
Daktronics	
Service Agreements – Scoreboards	\$ 1,245.00
School Dude	
Maintenance Service	\$ 6,936.56

- O. The Edwin A. Thomas fund has earned interest of \$55.91. According to the stipulation, interest earned shall be allocated towards purchase of library books. The Board approved the recommendation to accept the donation.

New Finance:

- P. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:

General Fund

- Money Market – May 2010
- PSDLAF – May 2010
- PSDMAX – May 2010
- Checking Account – May 2010
- PLGIT Account – May 2010
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule - May 2010
- Payroll Account – May 2010
- Tax Account – May 2010

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – May 2010
- 7th Grade Activity – May 2010
- 8th Grade Activity – May 2010
- High School Activity – May 2010
- Athletic Account – May 2010

Bond Funds

- Note of 2007A – May 2010

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – May 2010
- Debt Service Fund – May 2010
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – May 2010

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – May 2010
- Cafeteria Checking Account – May 2010
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – May 2010
- Investment Account – May 2010

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

MAY

Check No. 9422 – 9453	\$ 295,130.23
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- R. The Board approved the following **additions/deletions** from the per capita tax for the 2009-2010 school year:

Limerick Township Additions	No. 067 – 068
Limerick Township Deletions	No. 639 – 659
Royersford Borough Deletions	No. 295 – 305
Spring City Borough Additions	No. 014 – 093
Spring City Borough Deletions	No. 186 – 203

- S. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits:**
Permits No. 3158 – 3184
- T. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the Evans Elementary School project. These materials have been reviewed and approved by the Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Attachment).

VI. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-F and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved the acceptance of the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant in the amount of \$59,000.00. This grant will continue to support our district-wide Healthy Choices Program.
- B. The Board approved the submission of the 2010-2011 Title I Federal Program Grant – Improving Basic Programs in the amount of \$236,359.00 and the 2010-2011 Title II Federal Program Grant – Class Size Reduction and Professional Development in the amount of \$135,312.00.
- C. The Board approved purchasing two servers from Hewlett-Packard Corporation at a cost of approximately \$23,520 under Costars-3 Information Technology Hardware Contract. These two servers will virtualize and replace the existing five Skyward servers. Funds are budgeted for the purchase in the 2010-2011 Technology Budget.
- D. The Board approved a contract with VLN Partners LLC of Pittsburgh, PA, pending solicitor review, to establish 60 Spring-Ford Academic Courses on-line for the purpose of instituting our in-house alternative program for secondary students beginning in the fall of 2010. The VLN product will also provide the alternative to cyber schools and long term homebound instruction. Funding will come from the 2010-2011 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed \$53,100.
- E. The Board approved a membership with the Montgomery County Education and Workforce Partnership which will provide Spring-Ford School District the opportunity to participate in programs, internships, job shadowing and an “Educator in the Workforce Program”. The membership fee for the 2010-2011 school year is \$1,000 and funding will come from the 2010-2011 High School Budget.

NEW PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

- F. The Board approved a contract between the Spring-Ford Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the Virtual High School (VHS) Participation Consortium. The annual membership fee for the 2010-2011 school year is five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) for twenty (20) slots per semester. Funding will come from the 2010-2011 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00).

VII. PROPERTY

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved Bursich Associates to develop specifications to design and go out to bid for the proposed parking lot modification and bus lane improvements at the 9th Grade Center front parking lot and bus drop-off (Phase II). Funding will come from the High School Construction Project and shall not exceed sixteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$16,600.00).
- B. The Board approved entering into a license agreement between the Spring-Ford Area School District and Spring-Ford Rams Youth Football for five (5) years, effective July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2015.

NEW PROPERTY

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items C-E and Mr. Pettit seconded it.

Ms. Gudolonis asked what Item E was for and wondered if Mr. Davis had reviewed the charges and work to be done to make sure that it was not something covered under E.I. Associates current contract.

Dr. Hurda responded that as we get close to the start of the school year there are questions that need to be answered about the internal renovations on a shorter term basis than their current term on site. Dr. Hurda added that E.I. Associates are on site exactly what their contract calls for and we believe there may be a need for additional time on site and since the Board does not meet in July this covers fees above and beyond time on site in order to complete the project on time. Mr. DiBello stated that this is really because we are not meeting in July so this is just in case a situation arises and the architecture firm is needed on site we are giving the okay for staff to go to them for an amount up to \$10,000. Dr. Hurda confirmed this was correct. Ms. Gudolonis asked if Mr. Davis concurred with this and Mr. Davis replied that he has not seen the request but would be happy to look at it but clearly the contract is clear on the number of hours E.I. Associates is required to be here and if he heard it correctly tonight we may be asking for them to come more often and if that is the case then it certainly is beyond their contractual obligation.

Mr. Ciresi asked how close we are to completion of the High School Project. Mr. Cooper reported that right now we are working inside tearing apart rooms and flooring and we never know what we will run into so it is imperative that we have the architects on site more often in order to get answers right away rather than wait two weeks for them to come on site during one of the regularly scheduled visits. Mr. Cooper said if we waste two weeks then we are not going to have the building ready for the start of school.

The motion passed 9-0.

- C. The Board gave approval for the Spring City American Legion Baseball, Inc. to contract with Hummer Turfgrass Systems, Inc. for the improvement and upgrade of the infield at Ram Stadium at no cost to the district.

- D. The Board approved an Easement Right of Way for connecting a neighboring property, owned by Robert and Donna Bivens, located on 277 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 to the sewer line located on the District property (Tax Parcel 37-00-05074-001) know as the Greenstein Property. An appraisal report completed by Mastroieni & Associates valued the Right of Way Easement area at \$2,500.00 which has been paid by the property owners. In addition the Bivens have reimbursed the district for the appraisal report as well as all fees charged by Fox Rothschild for completing the Easement Right of Way documents and recording the easement with the county.
- E. The Board approved additional architectural fees to E.I. Associates, if necessary, during the months of July and August in order to complete the High School Renovation Project in time for the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Funding will come from the High School Renovation and shall not exceed \$10,000.00.

VIII. PSBA REPORT/MCIU REPORTS Tom DiBello

Mr. DiBello reported that the big news coming out of the state is all budget related. Governor Rendell has his budget on the floor but his current budget has introduced an additional \$354 million to go towards education. There was one proposed/counter budget on the floor which was to stay within the current budget with no additional spending for education and then there was another proposal which included \$300 million additional funding for education. The main problem right now coming out of Pennsylvania is that there is projected to be about a \$1 billion shortfall in revenue and again that will translate into approximately \$2 billion next year. Mr. DiBello reported that there was a group of people who went down to Harrisburg last week in support of increased spending for education and although it seemed to be well received, unfortunately, there are other side effects associated to tax increases and right now we are not sure where it is going to go. Mr. DiBello stated that the buzz on the hill about passing the budget, finding additional revenue and still trying to come up with some additional dollars for education. Mr. DiBello concluded by saying there was one bill passed by the House recently that addressed the PSERS issue. The bill is now going to the Senate where they will give it careful review. This bill is a stop gap for the short term but really will not address the long term issues related to PSERS.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-F and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Daniel Currie**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend “*2010 Special Education Leadership Summer Academy – Achieving Balance*” in Bedford Springs, PA on July 27, 2010 and July 28, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$175.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

- B. **Maren Trout**, College Career Coordinator, to attend the “*High Point University Counselor Fly-In Program*” at High Point University in North Carolina from Wednesday, July 28 through Friday July 30, 2010 and the “*New Hampshire College & University Council’s Fall Counselor Tour*” in Concord, New Hampshire from Sunday, October 17 through Thursday, October 21, 2010. There is no cost to the district and no substitute is needed.

5/6TH GRADE CENTER

- C. **Janet Gebhardt**, Reading Specialist, and **Robin Riegel**, Instructional Assistant, to attend “*Lindamood-Bell Visualizing and Verbalizing*” in Billerica, MA on June 23 and June 24, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$1501.00 from the 2009-2010 IDEA, Part B, ARRA Stimulus Funds. No substitutes are needed.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- D. **Deborah Longwell**, ESL Teacher, to attend “*English Language Learner Symposium*” in Immaculata, PA on August 2, 2010 and August 3, 2010. The total cost for this symposium is \$326.00 from Title III Funds. No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- E. **The Spring-Ford Administrative Team**, to participate in a program entitled “*Leadership Resiliency*” at the 7th Grade Center on June 22, 2010. The 34 members of the Administrative Team will receive training through Penn Behavioral Health. Participants will focus on wellness, time management, and resiliency. The total cost of this program is \$750.00 from the 2009-2010 Professional Development Budget. No substitutes are needed.
- F. **Colleen Antal, Rebecca Barnett, Kimberly Camilleri, Mary Ann Group, Cheryl West**, Teachers, **Nick Lemuell**, Guidance Counselor, **Patrick Nugent, Michael Siggins, Tina Weidenbaugh**, Principals, and **Johnna Weller**, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, to attend “*21st Century Leadership & School Improvement – What Secondary School-Based Teams Need to Know*” at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, Pa on August 10, 2010. The total cost for this conference is \$322.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

1. Policy #005.1 – LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES: Board Committee Agenda and Minutes
2. Policy #201 – PUPILS: Admission of Beginners
3. Policy #213 – PUPILS: Assessment of Student Progress

B. The Board approved the following annual report of income and expenses as required by Policy #229 – Student Fund Raising.

1. Spring City American Legion Baseball, Inc.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that the Joint Operating Committee for the Western Center has hired an independent engineer to look at the two storm water management problems. The independent engineers were interviewed and one was hired for an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00. Mr. Davis said today he received an email from the Limerick Township Manager asking him what the status was and he was advised that an independent engineer had been hired and a report is expected and due the beginning of July assuming that there is cooperation from the old project engineer.

Mr. DiBello asked for clarification on whether the engineer was hired to look at both the storm water issues and the driveway issues and Mr. Davis replied that he was hired to look at both problems. Mr. DiBello asked if when the Township Manager contacted Mr. Davis some mitigation was expected in a certain period of time and Mr. Davis replied that the Township has been after the JOC for 8-9 months to resolve the issue. A temporary measure was discussed at a meeting between the Township and the Western Center which was to use the old sewer line but the Township was very clear in that they did not want this to be a long term solution. Mr. Davis said the concern remains that when they disconnect the pipe that the water problem will be back again.

Mr. Dressler stated that the larger problem is the parking area which is \$194,000 to repair and this could possibly end up in some type of litigation. Mr. Davis added that the immediate reaction is that the problem is due to either design or improper installation and neither of which you would think should be our responsibility to fix. Mr. Davis said there is still the potential that this is an act of God or some massive water problem such as an underground spring but this is why the expert has been called in.

Dr. Hurda asked when we expect to get the report and Mr. Davis stated the middle of July but there is a caveat here and that is that the current and consulting engineer cooperate. Dr. Hurda asked when the next JOC meeting would be held and the response was the first week in August.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEM

Mr. Ciresi said last week the Board discussed whether or not to remediate the asbestos out of the old district office over the summer and the discussion went on a bit longer as the Board questioned what the total plan would be for the building as there may be a cost savings if we are going to knock the building down anyway we can remediate it and potentially save some money. Mr. Ciresi stated that in this week's Board packet information was sent home regarding what it would cost to put the building up for sale. There was a letter from Mr. Davis on whether or not the district would have to remove the asbestos if selling the building and the response was no but this information must be disclosed. If the Board plans on demolishing the building then the asbestos would have to be removed. Mr. Ciresi asked the Board for their input.

Dr. Hurda reported that a formal appraisal of the property was done back in November of 2000 and the value at that time was \$350,000. In November of 2009 the Board decided not to put out the money to get another appraisal but instead decided to hire

Puleo Real Estate to drive by and they estimated the property to be valued somewhere in the area of \$400,000 if there is no access to sewer. Dr. Hurda reported that we contacted Puleo to find out the value once the property is linked to the sewer and the estimated value would then be around \$500,000. Dr. Hurda said a question was asked about the insurance costs for the district office and that amounts to \$500 per year but if the building were to be torn down then the cost to insure just the property would be around \$100 per year.

Mr. Dressler asked if the school district had future need for this property and Dr. Hurda said the only proposal we saw that seemed to be relatively reasonable was to use the property as a maintenance facility but when looking at the costs to upgrade the building and make it usable the cost was relatively significant. Dr. Hurda stated that she must advocate on behalf of the community and when all this discussion started we said if you plan on keeping the building then you must maintain it. Dr. Hurda said if you drive by the building and if you live across the street you would have to be very concerned that the paint is falling off and the windows are boarded up. Dr. Hurda stated that at this point the decision is really up to the Board. Dr. Hurda said that she does not see this as a viable building for us in the district.

Mr. DiBello commented that we are looking at \$100,000 – \$150,000 to demolish the building and take it away including the asbestos removal and then another \$100 per year to insure the land. Mr. DiBello said the land at this point could probably be sold for \$350,000.

Mr. Ciresi said his original reason for bringing this up was because he felt we could have the asbestos removed over the summer and then move forward with either selling it or demolishing it and clearing the land. Mr. Ciresi stated if we are going to hold onto the property then he would like to see us demolish the building and keep the land as there is more value in the land. Mr. Ciresi asked about the condition of the roof and if we are close to needing a new one and Mr. Cooper replied yes, because we have been patching the current roof for over 5-6 years.

Mr. Shafer said the only problem with demolishing the building is that you are going to invest roughly \$150,000 with the hopes of selling the land at some point. Mr. Shafer stated if the Board's flavor is to get rid of the building then let's put it on the market because the net of it is that either we pay for the asbestos removal or the buyer pays for it, it is going to get paid for.

Mr. Dehnert agreed that the property should be listed but asked that the Board find out what it is worth so we know what to list it at rather than go with what the informal appraisal said because we do not want to sell it for substantially less than it is worth. Mr. Dehnert said getting a good appraisal would pay for itself in the additional value you would get in selling the property.

Mr. Ciresi asked what the cost of an official appraisal would cost and Dr. Hurda said it seems to her that the cost of updating the appraisal by using the same company who did the original appraisal would be in the area of about \$3,000.

Ms. Gudolonis asked if the firm providing the appraisal would also be the same firm responsible for selling the property and Dr. Hurda responded no. Ms. Gudolonis asked about contracting with a firm that would also be responsible for selling the property and

Dr. Hurda replied it is really whatever the Board wants to do. Ms. Gudolonis asked if we really need a formal appraisal if we are going to put it on the market. Mr. Davis said there are several ways defined in the school code for selling ground and the three basic ways are: holding a private auction, a sealed bid or a private sale. Mr. Davis said in his experience these types of things have always been done by a private sale. Mr. Davis added that in order to have the court approve the sale you must have two affidavits of people familiar with real estate so it does not have to be certified appraisal. Ms. Gudolonis why we do not save the money on an appraisal then and Mr. Dehnert replied because his suggestion was that if we do not know the real value and we list it for \$400,000 and it is worth \$500,000 then it would make sense to pay the \$3,000 to potentially get \$100,000 more. Ms. Gudolonis said she has spoken with commercial realtors and they have told her that short of an appraisal they will go out and look at the property and give us an informal evaluation of it and there would not be a charge for this. Dr. Hurda said that is exactly what we did with Puleo.

Mr. Shafer asked if we list the property and hypothetically get a few offers on it then who makes the decision on whether or not we agree on an offer. Mr. Davis replied that this was the Board's call but again he must then go to the court and get it approved and submit two affidavits from people familiar with real estate saying it was a fair value and reasonable and that you could not get any more for the property at a public sale. Mr. Shafer stated that if this is the case we do not have to necessarily agree to what the offer is and that may give us some more time to discuss this issue.

Dr. Hurda asked if we were to go in this direction what would our first step be and Mr. Davis replied the first step would be to interview a couple realtors and decide who you are going to list it with. You would then enter into a listing agreement with the realtor and then market the property. Mr. Davis said then when an offer is made it would then be up to the nine Board Members to decide if they liked the offer or not.

Mr. Ciresi asked how the land was zoned and Mr. Cooper replied it was zoned residential overlay institutional and once the building would be knocked down then it would be zoned residential. Mrs. Williams stated that this would then affect the price and Mr. Cooper replied definitely the price would then drop. The Board discussed what exactly institutional meant and the fact that it did not necessarily mean educational.

Mr. Ciresi asked what the Board would like to do now and Dr. Hurda suggested possibly we could begin the process of identifying some realtors and Mr. Ciresi said that would be fine. Mr. Ciresi said this could be passed back to the Property Committee for review and have them come back to the Board in September with a recommendation.

A. Plans for the Old District Office

XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Ciresi thanked the Board for the last 6 months of hard, hard work as we moved forward into this horrible budget year and seeing where we ended up with the taxes although it was not ideal it was among if not the lowest increase that we have ever seen. Mr. Ciresi said we would all have loved to not have any increase at all but unfortunately we could not go in that direction. Mr. Ciresi stated that we have a lot to be proud of as a Board and as a school district as we enter the summer months. Mr. Ciresi stated that the accomplishments that were made in that time says a lot for the

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school district and for the Board in working with the Administration. Mr. Ciresi thanked everyone who sits at the table for their countless nights and afternoons and he thanked the Administration.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary