

On August 24, 2009 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

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

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Williams announced that school opens for students on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents who need to register their children for the 2009-2010 school year should do so by calling 610.705.6203 or by visiting online at [www.spring-ford.net](http://www.spring-ford.net). Mrs. Williams reported that the Spring-Ford Administration Building has moved to its new location next to Upper Providence Elementary School. The new address is 857 South Lewis Road in Royersford.

### **I. PRESENTATION**

Dr. Hurda said it is her pleasure to introduce the 2009-2010 Spring-Ford Leadership Team. She introduced Mr. David Willauer, who is the President of the Spring-Ford Principals and Supervisors Association. Mr. Willauer presented the Core Leadership Team Values that were established back in 2005 and continue to guide the decisions and actions of the team. The core team values are being proactive, practicing principled leadership, creating a climate of collaborative problem solving, and establishing an environment of trust, support and caring. Mr. Willauer presented the goals, which focused on teamwork, that the Leadership Team established following a day long in-service with Mr. Greg Dale at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The three major areas of focus were administrative professional growth, enhanced communication and the continuation of ongoing character development. Mr. Willauer reported that members of the Leadership Team have been invited to make a presentation on "Effective Teambuilding at the PSBA Conference at Hershey on October 15, 2009. Mr. Willauer asked each member of the Leadership Team to introduce themselves and mention the building they work in. Dr. Hurda thanked Mr. Willauer and the members of the Leadership

Team saying they are the finest group of administrators she has ever worked with. Dr. Hurda commented that if she were a parent of a student in the community she would feel very comfortable and secure knowing that these are the people who are responsible on a day to day basis for their children. Dr. Hurda concluded by saying these administrators are the unsung heroes of the school district.

- A. Introduction of the 2009-2010 Spring-Ford Area School District Leadership Team.

## II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no questions or comments.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved the May 18, 2009 Work Session minutes.
- B. The Board approved the May 26, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.
- C. The Board approved the June 15, 2009 Work Session minutes.
- D. The Board approved the June 22, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.

## IV. PERSONNEL

Mr. Dehnert asked that Item K be separated. Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-J and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

### A. Resignations:

1. **Dana Claffey**, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, effective July 6, 2009.
2. **Alex Cushman**, Evans Elementary School; Custodian, effective August 21, 2009.
3. **Alicia Forgione**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, effective June 26, 2009.
4. **Victoria Geiss**, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Food Service Employee, effective June 30, 2009.
5. **Sherrie Iskenian**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, effective August 24, 2009.
6. **Jeffrey S. Moyer**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Middle School Soccer Coach, effective July 22, 2009.
7. **Michael Siuchta**, High School; Instructional Assistant, effective August 11, 2009.

8. **Nicole Wassil**, Royersford Elementary School; .50 Kindergarten Teacher, effective August 12, 2009.

**New Resignation:**

9. **Margaret Barr**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Family & Consumer Science Teacher, effective August 14, 2009.

**B. Leaves of Absence:**

1. **Barbara Hritz**, Royersford Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 25, 2009 through January 1, 2010.
2. **Erin Hughes**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2009/2010 school year.
3. **Jessica McCleary**, Limerick Elementary School; Special Education Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective, tentatively, September 15, 2009 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
4. **Dena Moser**, Upper Providence/Limerick Elementary Schools; Kindergarten Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective, tentatively, November 6, 2009 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.
5. **Elise Reiter**, Limerick Elementary School; Speech Therapist, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective, tentatively, October 23, 2009 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.
6. **Jennifer Weaver**, Limerick Elementary School; Autistic Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective, tentatively, October 15, 2009 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
7. **Christine Wike**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2009/2010 school year.
8. **Marshall Lawhorne**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Board Policy, effective July 1, 2009 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.
9. **Thomas F. Melissen**, Bechtel Building; Maintenance Employee, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Board Policy, effective June 18, 2009 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

**New Leave of Absence:**

10. **Juliet R. Davidheiser**, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Elementary Teacher, effective August 25, 2009 for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy for up to a maximum of twelve weeks.

**C. Professional Employees** as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 25, 2009:

1. **Kimberly Fallstich**, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$64,000, M+30, Step 8.

**D. Temporary Professional Employees** as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 25, 2009:

1. **Angela Bramowski**, Oaks Elementary School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1.
2. **Lea Marie DiEgidio**, High School; Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1.
3. **Maureen Doran**, High School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,500, BS+18, Step 1.
4. **Stacy Eddinger**, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,000, BS, Step 2.
5. **Matthew Ellis**, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Mathematics Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,000, BS, Step 2.
6. **Kara Johnson**, Brooke Elementary School; Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$50,000, MS+18, Step 3.
7. **Yvonne Rivera**, High School; Social Studies Teacher, for the .25 dual enrollment position; compensation will be set at \$11,875, MS, Step 5.

**New Temporary Professional Employee:**

8. **Kate Seward**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,500, BS+18, Step 2.

**E. Long Term Substitutes** with benefits:

1. **Kimberly Curcio**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,000, BS, Step 2 for the 2009/2010 school year.
2. **Noelle Giampietro**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$44,500, MS, Step 2, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

3. **Michele Humer**, High School; Biology Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1, for the 2009/2010 school year.
4. **Sherrie Iskenian**, Upper Providence Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2009/2010 school year.
5. **Jennifer Murray**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,000, BS, Step 2, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2009/2010 school year.
6. **Tiffany Sallemi**, Oaks Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, compensation will be set at \$44,500, MS, Step 2, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

**New Long Term Substitutes** with benefits:

7. **Heather Martin**, Evans Elementary School; Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2009/2010 school year.
8. **Kimberly Owsiany**, Evans Elementary School; Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,000, BS, Step 1, prorated, for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2009/2010 school year.

**F. Support Staff Employee:**

1. **Susan L. Saylor**, District Office; Human Resources Administrative Assistant, compensation will be set at \$15.68 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective August 24, 2009.

**G. Department Head Contracts:**

1. **Rebecca Barnett**, English, \$4681
2. **Bruce Cope**, Foreign Language, \$3737

**H. Extra-Curricular Contracts:**

**High School**

1. **Dan Butterweck**, Assistant Golf Coach, \$3471
2. **Daniel DeLong**, Marching Band Percussion Design Planner, \$5312
3. **Laura DiBattista**, Student Council Co-Advisor, \$710.50
4. **George Growcot, Jr.**, Marching Band Program Planner, \$3504
5. **Frank P. McGuigan**, Indoor Percussion Team Instructor, \$2140
6. **Monica Morrison**, Indoor Winter Color Guard Instructor, \$3089
7. **Monica Morrison**, Marching Band Front Visual Facilitator, \$3089
8. **Joseph Perry**, Assistant Band Director, \$2644
9. **Joseph Perry**, Theater Orchestra Director, \$1067
10. **Drew Scheeler**, Assistant Volleyball Coach-Girls', \$4242
11. **Edward Z. Stewart**, Chess Club, \$388
12. **Lydia Tornambe**, Spanish Club, \$388

**New Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School**

13. **Kristy Murphy**, Cultural Awareness Club Advisor, \$388
14. **Patricia Staley**, Flag Football Intramural Advisor, \$655

**Middle School**

15. **Patrick Connors**, Athletic Event Supervisor – Fall, \$1141
16. **Patrick Connors**, Athletic Event Supervisor –Spring, \$1141
17. **Laura George**, Head Cheerleading Coach – Fall, \$1786

**5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**

18. **Kevin Bean**, Intramural Games Club Advisor, \$388
19. **Kevin Bean**, Intramural Chess Club Advisor, \$388
20. **Cortland Bigelow**, Girls' Basketball Intramural, \$388
21. **Cortland Bigelow**, Boys' Basketball Intramural, \$388
22. **Cathy Campbell**, Computer Club Advisor-2<sup>nd</sup> session, \$388
23. **Cathy Campbell**, Computer Club Advisor- 3<sup>rd</sup> session, \$388
24. **Carrie Cechak**, Fitness Club Advisor #2, \$388
25. **Carrie Cechak**, Science Coordinator, \$2140
26. **Richard Cechak**, Flag Football Intramural Advisor, \$388
27. **Jessica Craig**, Book Club Advisor, \$388
28. **Barbara Crist**, Spanish Club Advisor, \$388
29. **Juliet Davidheiser**, Yearbook Advisor, \$1421
30. **Stephanie Hahn**, Softball Intramural Advisor, \$388
31. **Eric Hill**, Track Intramural Advisor, \$388
32. **Mike Hoinowski**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director, \$2140
33. **Mike Hoinowski**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director, \$2140
34. **Marlene Kimble**, School Newspaper Advisor, \$710.50 (1/2 contract)
35. **Yvonne Kirby**, Lacrosse Intramural Advisor, \$388
36. **Susan Koss**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Coordinator, \$1421
37. **Cheryl Kramer**, Art Club Advisor - 2<sup>nd</sup> session, \$388
38. **Cheryl Kramer**, Art Club Advisor - 4<sup>th</sup> session, \$388
39. **Andrea Krauss**, Computer Club Advisor - 2<sup>nd</sup> session, \$388
40. **Andrea Krauss**, Computer Club Advisor - 4<sup>th</sup> session, \$388
41. **June McGrath**, Field Hockey Intramural Advisor, \$388
42. **Jeff Moyer**, Flag Football Intramural Advisor, \$388
43. **Jeff Moyer**, Fitness Club Advisor #3, \$388
44. **Jeff Moyer**, Track Intramural Advisor, \$388
45. **Jeff Moyer**, Softball Intramural Advisor, \$388
46. **Jeff Moyer**, Girls' Basketball Intramural Advisor, \$388
47. **Jeff Moyer**, Boys' Basketball Intramural Advisor, \$388
48. **Bev Reimund**, Kiwanis Builder's Club Advisor, \$533.50 (1/2 contract)
49. **Becky Rudinsky**, School Newspaper Advisor, \$710.50 (1/2 contract)
50. **Kate Schneider**, Art Club Advisor-1<sup>st</sup> session, \$388
51. **Kate Schneider**, Art Club Advisor-3<sup>rd</sup> session, \$388
52. **Molly Sheehan**, Field Hockey Intramural Advisor, \$388
53. **Molly Sheehan**, Lacrosse Intramural Advisor, \$388
54. **Sherry Stockmal**, Yearbook Advisor, \$1421

- 55. **Kay Stokes**, District String Ensemble K-12, \$2140
- 56. **Shayne Tobin**, Flag Football Intramural Advisor, \$388
- 57. **Shayne Tobin**, Track Intramural Advisor, \$388
- 58. **Shayne Tobin**, Fitness Club Advisor #1, \$388
- 59. **Shayne Tobin**, Boys' Basketball Intramural Advisor, \$388
- 60. **Lindsey Waltermeyer**, Kiwanis Builder's Club Advisor, \$533.50 (1/2 contract)
- 61. **Megan Wiley**, Softball Intramural Advisor, \$388
- 62. **Connie Willauer**, Math Club Advisor, \$194 (1/2 contract)

**I. Supplemental Contracts:**

**Playground Assistants**

- 1. **Kelly Castner**, Upper Providence Elementary School; \$10.60 per hour
- 2. **Karen Guza**, Upper Providence Elementary School; \$10.60 per hour
- 3. **Chris Schoch**, Limerick Elementary School; \$10.60 per hour

**Copy Room Clerk**

- 4. **Aura Dordea**, Copy Room Clerk, \$11.00 per hour

**J. Support Staff Substitutes:**

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. <b>Brendt Davenport</b> | Custodian |
| 2. <b>Sara Delbuono</b>    | Custodian |
| 3. <b>Angelo Epps</b>      | Custodian |
| 4. <b>Ronald Nettles</b>   | Custodian |
| 5. <b>Barry Stevens</b>    | Custodian |
| 6. <b>Robert Nagy</b>      | Custodian |

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Item K and Mr. Shafer seconded it. The motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Dehnert abstaining under Section 1111 of the School Code.

**K. New Professional Staff Substitutes:**

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Devin Dehnert</b> | Elementary Education         |
| 2. <b>Nicola Pascal</b> | Elementary Education         |
| 3. <b>Jessica Smith</b> | Elementary & Early Childhood |

**V. FINANCE**

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

Mr. Weber asked that Item A be separated. Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-1 with Mr. Weber voting no.

- A. Administration recommends approval of payment for the following invoices for the month of **AUGUST** in connection with the **SERIES A of G.O.B. 2007:**

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

**JUNE**

El Associates	Professional Services	\$	1,596.25
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Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 3,288.50
MBR Construction Inc.	Applic. #1- Electric Contractor	\$ 42,300.00
Traffic Planning & Design	Professional Services	\$ 2,620.00
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies (2 Inv.)	\$ 57.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,862.50</b>

**AUGUST**

Apex Plumbing & Heat.	Applic. #1- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 26,415.00
Bursich Assoc.	Professional Services	\$ 770.00
E.R. Stuebner	Applic. #1- General Contractor	\$ 386,021.88
EI Associates	Professional Services	\$ 293.38
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (4 Inv.)	\$ 2,088.00
Goshen Mechanical, Inc.	Applic. #2- HVAC Contractor	\$ 72,048.98
Limerick Twp.	Professional Services	\$ 259.00
Limerick Twp.	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 718.52
MBR Construction, Inc.	Applic. #2- Electric Contractor	\$ 7,044.00
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$ 9,219.94
Traffic Planning & Design	Professional Services	\$ 354.70
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 32.40
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 383.00
*Goshen Mechanical, Inc.	Applic. #3- HVAC Contractor	\$ 15,468.28
*E.R. Stuebner	Applic. #2- General Contractor	\$ 207,394.78
*MBR Construction, Inc.	Applic. #3- Electric Contractor	\$ 237,934.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 966,445.86</b>

Mr. Grispon asked that Item J be separated. Mr. Masciandaro asked that Item K be separated.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items B-I and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

1. **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE**

**JUNE**

PECO	Electricity	\$ 458.82
Penske Truck Leasing	Truck Rental-Move Furniture	\$ 153.34
Sanatoga Corporation	Refrigerator	\$ 569.00
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 75.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,256.76</b>

**AUGUST**

Colonial Electric	Misc. Supplies	\$ 504.88
John DiBattista	Adj Misc Items/Loose Soffit	\$ 525.00
Foreman Architects/Eng	Professional Services	\$ 1,218.00
High Safety Consulting	Professional Services	\$ 2,150.00
Home Depot	Wall Cabinet/Rest Room	\$ 338.87
MAB Paints	Paint (2 Inv.)	\$ 114.06
MYCO Mechanical, Inc.	Applic. #15- HVAC Contractor	\$ 1,900.00
Officenter, Inc.	Design Hours	\$ 4,015.00
Officenter, Inc.	Labor/Move	\$ 16,940.00



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Officenter, Inc.	Furniture	\$ 4,587.80
PECO	Electricity	\$ 1,315.39
Snyder-Deacon Painting	Clean/Paint File Cabinets	\$ 2,000.00
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse GF-File Cab. Rails	\$ 1,741.10
TMI Commercial, Inc.	Applic. #9 - Fire Suppression	\$ 17,556.93
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 19.40
Wilson Safe Company	Move 2 Safes	\$ 800.00
*Lenni Electric Corp.	Applic. #15- Electric Contractor	\$ 29,782.58
*Staples	(2) End Tables/Magazine Rack	\$ 256.97
*U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 215.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,980.98</b>

2. **10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BY-PASS**  
**JUNE**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 358.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 358.00</b>

**AUGUST**

Bursich Assoc.	Professional Services	\$ 1,312.50
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$ 252.00
U.P.S. Store	Drawing Copies	\$ 3.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,568.10</b>

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>	
	<b><u>June</u></b>	
	Check No. 131198 – 131433	\$1,365,712.54
	<b><u>July</u></b>	
	Check No. 131434 – 131788	\$2,847,377.73
	<b><u>August</u></b>	
	Check No. 131789 – 131921	\$1,251,952.48
2.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>	
	Check No. 132079 - 132136	\$ 422,211.56
3.	<u>Board Checks held for approval</u>	
	Check No. 131922 - 132078	\$ 228,812.09
4.	<u>Athletic Fund</u>	
	<b><u>June</u></b>	
	Check No. 301634 – 301657	\$ 48,052.47

E. The Board approved the following bid awards for the 2009-2010 school year:

**COPIER PAPER- M.C.I.U.**

Lindenmeyr Munroe	\$ 1,673.60
Paper Mart	<u>\$177,002.27</u>
TOTAL	\$178,675.87

**PAPER SUPPLIES**

Becker's School Supplies	\$ 7,720.04
Kurtz Brothers	\$ 8,982.66
School Specialty Inc.	<u>\$ 1,873.80</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,576.50

**SCIENCE SUPPLIES – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Centers**

Benz Microscopes	\$ 3.98
Carolina Biological Supply Co.	\$ 170.82
Delta Education Inc.	\$ 31.52
Fisher Scientific Company LLC	\$ 214.84
Flinn Scientific Inc.	\$ 5.90
Frey Scientific Company	\$ 848.65
Para Scientific	\$ 156.85
Science Labs.com	\$ 275.32
Wards	<u>\$ 9.87</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,717.75

**SCIENCE SUPPLIES – 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Alden Forbes Laboratories	\$ 21.00
Benz Microscopes	\$ 152.70
Carolina Biological Supply Co.	\$ 500.08
Fisher Scientific Company LLC	\$ 1,295.10
Flinn Scientific Inc.	\$ 782.59
Frey Scientific Company	\$ 664.73
Nasco	\$ 1,304.94
Para Scientific	\$ 235.02
Sargent-Welch/VWR	\$ 1,379.54
Wards	<u>\$ 542.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,878.21

**ART SUPPLIES - District Wide**

Dick Blick	\$ 3,327.00
T.B. Hagstoz & Son	\$ 2,733.35
Kurtz Brothers	\$ 23,894.79
Nasco	\$ 7,923.23
National Art	\$ 18,404.48
S&S Worldwide	\$ 276.36
Sax Arts & Crafts	\$ 24,125.96
Standard Stationery	\$ 2,981.18
Triarco	<u>\$ 9,261.52</u>
TOTAL	\$ 92,927.87

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES - District Wide**

Cannon Sports	\$ 1,112.80
Flaghouse	\$ 2,204.88
Georgi Sports	\$ 9.00
Gopher Sports	\$ 489.58
Nasco	\$ 516.94
Sportime LLC	\$ 850.10
Sportsmans	\$ 707.94
Sport Supply Group dba/Passons	\$ <u>5,621.35</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,512.59

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION-COMMUNICATION SUPPLIES**

Kelvin Electronics	\$ 72.00
Pitsco	\$ 88.80
Satco Supply	\$ <u>270.90</u>
TOTAL	\$ 431.70

**MANUFACTURING SUPPLIES**

Metco	\$ 259.60
Paxton Patterson	\$ 27.80
Satco Supply	\$ <u>25.89</u>
TOTAL	\$ 313.29

**CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES**

Industrial Arts Supply Co.	\$ <u>21.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21.00

**TRANSPORTATION POWER & ENERGY SUPPLIES**

Metco	\$ 85.05
Paxton Patterson	\$ <u>121.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 206.55

**WOOD SUPPLY**

Brodhead Garrett Company	\$ 34.20
Industrial Arts Supply	\$ 270.00
Metco	\$ 163.26
Midwest Technology	\$ 101.25
Paxton Patterson	\$ 656.56
Retco Alloy Co.	\$ 127.80
Satco Supply	\$ 1,335.94
Tague Lumber Company	\$ <u>53.44</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,742.45

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES**

Industrial Arts Supply	\$ 1,644.25
Kelvin	\$ 5,923.40
Metco	\$ 515.94
Pitsco	\$ 197.40
Retco Alloy Co.	\$ 88.38
Satco Supply	\$ <u>706.90</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,076.27

**LUMBER SUPPLY**

Industrial Arts Supply	\$	456.64
Retco Alloy Co.	\$	35.50
Peter Lumber Company	\$	36.75
Tague Lumber Company	\$	<u>157.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	685.89

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – MECHANICAL DRAWING**

Metco	\$	52.60
Modern School Suppliers	\$	381.15
Paxton Patterson	\$	<u>6.84</u>
TOTAL	\$	440.59

- F. The Board approved All-Sports and Voluntary Accident Insurance to ACE American Insurance Company (administered by American Management Advisor, Inc.). The catastrophic coverage will remain with AIG Life, also administered by American Management Advisors, Inc. These costs, which remain the same as last year, are as follows:

All Sports (Includes Intramural Sports 5-12)	\$	7,000.00
Catastrophic Medical Coverage – Students in Interscholastic Sports	\$	<u>1,700.00</u>
<b>District Sponsored Payment</b>	\$	<b>8,700.00</b>

**Parent Responsibility**

Voluntary School-Time Coverage	\$	22.00
Voluntary 24-Hour Coverage	\$	88.00

- G. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon K, for the 5-7 Intermediate School Project, for the purpose of receiving state reimbursement for the cash pay off of the New Garden Authority – General Obligation Note of 2000 (lease #00-2690) in the amount of \$7,790,070, which has been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Attachment).

- H. The Board approved awarding the contract for milk and drinks for the cafeteria for the 2009-2010 school year to Clover Farms, Reading, PA.

- I. The Board approved the following Maintenance Service Agreements for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Simplex Grinnell (District-wide)		
Inspection Service of Fire and Alarm Systems	\$	18,496.71
2. Brocks Fire Protection (District-wide)		
Portable Fire Extinguisher Insp. (approx.)	\$	3,600.00
Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems	\$	1,077.45
3. Anchor Fire (District-wide)		
Sprinkler System Inspection	\$	5,400.00

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4. Johnson Controls (District-wide)		
	HVAC & ATC Controls	\$ 106,655.00
5. Carrier Corp.		
	Heat Pumps (Interm./Middle, Upper Providence Elem., 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr.Ctr., Evans) Chiller Maintenance (District-wide)	\$ 144,000.00
6. Tri-State McQuay		
	Water Chiller – Service Agreement (Brooke Elementary)	\$ 2,160.00
7. Secure-A-Home (District-wide)		
	Security Monitoring	\$ 3,820.00
8. Kensol Airways (District-wide)		
	Kitchen Hood Exhaust Cleaning & Dishwasher Exhaust Cleaning	\$ 3,700.00
9. Fleming Pest Control (District-wide)		
	Integrated Pest Management Serv.	\$ 6,240.00
10. R.J. McCarville Assoc. (H.S., 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Ctr., 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Ctr., Flex)		
	Bleacher Inspections	\$ 2,810.00
11. R.J. McCarville Assoc. (District-wide)		
	Folding Door/Partition Inspection	\$ 4,990.00
12. Tri-State Elevator (District-wide)		
	Elevator Service Agreement	\$ 10,440.00
13. Daktronics (High School – Coach McNelly Stadium)		
	Service Agreement Electronic Scoreboards	\$ 1,245.00

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item J and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. Mr. Grispon commented on Item J7 saying that Adam Chrusch is a Spring-Ford graduate. Dr. Hurda stated that Dr. Chrusch will be in the district tomorrow to take part in the opening day ceremony. The motion passed 8-0.

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

1. **Camfel Productions – Irwindale, CA.** Provide two (2) anti-bullying assemblies on December 22, 2009 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center entitled “Balance of Power”. Funding will be paid from the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Assemblies Budget and shall not exceed four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495.00).

2. **Camfel Productions – Irwindale, CA.** Provide two (2) anti-bullying assemblies on December 23, 2009 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center entitled “Balance of Power”. Funding will be paid from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Assemblies Budget and shall not exceed four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495.00).
3. **Magic Touch Entertainment – Canadensis, PA.** Provide three (3) assemblies entitled “The Brain Show”, two (2) during the school day for students and one (1) evening performance for families on January 15, 2010 at Limerick Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Limerick Elementary School Assembly Budget and shall not exceed two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250.00).
4. **National Circus Project – Westbury, NY.** Provide six (6) assemblies in conjunction with the Artist in Residence Program, five (5) during the school day for students from March 8, 2010 through March 12, 2010 and one (1) evening performance for families on March 12, 2010 at Evans Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Evans Elementary Assemblies Budget and shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars (\$6,945.00).
5. **Royer-Greaves School for the Blind – Paoli, PA.** Provide Extended School Year services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twenty-five (25) days at a rate of two hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$238.70) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education IDEA Funds and shall not exceed five thousand nine hundred sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$5,967.50).
6. **Dr. John Aylward – Royersford, PA.** Provide medical supervision and emergency treatment services for the 2009-2010 school year in connection with the Athletic Department. Services for varsity games shall be paid at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per game with junior varsity games being paid at a rate of seventy-five (\$75.00) per game. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed one thousand six hundred forty dollars (\$1,640.00).
7. **Dr. Adam Chrusch – Jenkintown, PA.** Provide medical supervision and emergency treatment services in the absence of Dr. John Aylward for the 2009-2010 school year in connection with the Athletic Department. Services for varsity games shall be paid at a rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per game with junior varsity games being paid at a rate of seventy-five (\$75.00) per game. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed one thousand six hundred forty dollars (\$1,640.00).
8. **Friendship Hook Ladder and Ambulance, Inc. – Royersford, PA.** Provide ambulance services for the 2009-2010 school year in connection with the Athletic Department. Services will be provided for high school home varsity junior varsity football games, middle school home football games and other events deemed necessary by the school district at a rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per game. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00).

9. **Joy Brewster – LaGrangeville, NY.** Provide in-home Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP. Direct Intervention services will be provided for six hundred twenty-four (624) hours at a rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per hour and Applied Behavior Analysis consult services for ten (10) hours per month for twelve (12) months 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 thirty-three thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$33,240.00).
10. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide educational services for two special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of two hundred eighty-five dollars and eighty-three cents (\$285.83) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one hundred two thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$102,898.80).
11. **Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre – Swarthmore, PA.** Provide Sign Language Interpreter services for meetings and school events for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for twelve (12) hours at a rate of fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) per hours. Mileage reimbursement will be provided at the current IRS rate of fifty-five cents (\$.55) per mile for a total of two hundred (200) miles. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred twenty-two dollars (\$722.00).
12. **Spring Valley YMCA – Limerick, PA.** Provide supervised swimming for special needs students as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for two (2) one (1) hour sessions per month for ten (10) months. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).
13. **Lakeside Educational Network – Fort Washington, PA.** Provide eight (8) educational slots for one hundred eighty days (180) each at the **Vantage Alternative Program**, Souderton, PA for special needs students for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost of each educational slot will be twenty-seven thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$27,412.00). Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed two hundred nineteen thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$219,296.00).
14. **Buxmont Academy, Community Service Foundation – Pipersville, PA.** Provide three (3) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days each for special needs students for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost for each educational slot will be eighteen thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$18,469.00). Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed fifty-five thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$55,407.00).
15. **Alternatives Unlimited – Baltimore, MD.** Provide fifteen (15) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days each at **Tri-County Learning Academy**, Pottstown, PA for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost for ten (10) regular education slots will be ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) and the

cost for five (5) special education slots will be seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00). Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00).

16. **Perkiomen Valley Academy – Frederick, PA.** Provide five (5) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days each at a rate of ninety-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$96.25) per day per slot for a total of seventeen thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$17,325.00) per slot. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-six thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$86,625.00).
17. **Lakeside Educational Network – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide two (2) full-time Mainstay Program Counselors to deliver on-campus problem/resolution services for the 2009-2010 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2009-2010 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed one hundred forty-two thousand three hundred ninety dollars (\$142,390.00).

#### **NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACT**

18. **Kate Fusaro – Wayne, PA.** Teach four (4) enrichment courses as part of the Royersford Elementary PTO Cool School Summer Enrichment Program. Each course comprises a total of ten (10) hours for a total of forty (40) hours at a rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour. There is no cost to the district as funding will be paid by the Royersford PTO from registration funds collected for the Cool School Program. The total of this contract shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).

#### **NEW FINANCE**

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item K and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro asked if this motion was one that we brought the assessment appeal on and Mr. Davis confirmed that was correct. The motion passed 8-0.

- K. The Board approved settlement of an assessment appeal involving tax parcel #61-00-04417-40-9 owned by Hampton Mid-Atlantic Convenience (Wawa) in Upper Providence Township for the years 2009 and 2010. The fair market value of \$3.3 million would equate to an assessment of \$1,676,400 in 2009 and \$1,782,000 in 2010. The Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals had previously reduced the property's assessment from \$2,782,350 to \$1,043,940.

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item L and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Dehnert asked what the success percentage rate is for those businesses that have this type of system in place and Dr. Hurda responded she really did not have an answer because she does not know what the percentage of the population is but she does know the accuracy of the system is pretty high. Dr. Hurda reported that this system has been used for the last several years in school districts across the country. The system taps into the databases from 48 different states so you really have a large amount of information that you are accessing. Dr. Hurda stated that there are some checks in place so that if something comes up that does not seem accurate then there is another process in place that we will initiate in order to verify the information. Mr. Dehnert asked if a lot of people have been identified as sex offenders and Dr. Hurda replied no



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because once you get the information out there that we are using this software then that in itself is a deterrent. Dr. Hurda said this is a great protection system for our students, staff and parents.

Mr. Pettit asked if there was a fee after the \$19,000 initial set up and Dr. Hurda replied that there is a maintenance fee each year of approximately \$5600.00.

Mrs. Mullin asked who sets the parameters for the system to determine what exactly it is looking for and Dr. Hurda said our state sets the parameters and the only things that will come up are those violations of those 8 or 9 specific offenses in the school code, all of which relate to sexual predators and immorality with children. Mrs. Mullin asked if the new system would replace the requirement for Act 34 and Act 151 volunteer clearances, Dr. Hurda said this system will allow us to continue to update those clearances that we have on file. Dr. Hurda said this new system will also allow those visitors, for example a grandparent visiting from Florida, who may want to visit their grandchild's classroom and who would not have clearances on file with us the ability to do so just by having us scan their drivers license. Dr. Hurda explained that the system will scan the drivers' license and if no record comes up it then prints a visitors tag with their picture on it.

Mr. Masciandaro asked what the procedure would be if a record shows up and Dr. Hurda said we are in the process right now of preparing a procedural manual to help the secretarial staff with the process. Dr. Hurda said if a record comes up a message goes immediately to the police department (phone, text and web based) and an administrator or school resource officer is immediately contacted. Dr. Hurda stated that a letter will be posted on the district website that will inform the parents of the process.

Mr. Pettit asked how soon this will become effective and Dr. Hurda responded that the system is actually in place in the buildings; it will be activated once the Board approves it, and will be ready to go for the first day of school.

Mrs. Williams asked what will happen with someone's information in between the time a person visits a school building and then whenever they may come back to a building to visit. Dr. Hurda answered that when a person visits their drivers license is scanned once. The information then becomes part of the database so then each time that person visits that building the secretary only has to enter the person's name and the 48 databases are then scanned for any records and if none are found the visitors pass is then printed out. Dr. Hurda said all of our employees are going to be asked to do this and she suspects that Board Members will be asked to do this as well. Dr. Hurda said the pass will also track where visitors are in the building since the pass specifies the location the visitor is heading to.

Mr. Dehnert asked if the driver's license must be scanned only once or is it once per year. Dr. Hurda estimated that it would be scanned once per year.

Mr. Weber asked about if there was a tool to pick up the information that would be coming from the two states that do not report to this system, Dr. Hurda responded that she did not know which two states were not included but she would try to get the information for the Board. The motion passed 8-0.

- L. The Board approved the acquisition of V-Soft from Raptorware, Inc. of Houston, TX at a cost of approximately \$19,016 including installation, setup, and first-year database fees for all schools and the District Office. The Raptorware software uses a scanned driver's license (or other state-issued ID card) to search the Megan's Law database for convicted sex offenders. Annual recurring fee for the service is \$5,616. Funding will be paid from the Technology Budget.

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item M and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- M. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:

General Fund

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

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – June/July 2009
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity – June/July 2009
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity – June/July 2009
- High School Activity – June/July 2009
- Athletic Account – June/July 2009

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – June/July 2009
- Note of 2004 – June/July 2009

Other Funds

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

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – June/July 2009
- Cafeteria Checking Account – June/July 2009
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – June/July 2009
- Investment Account – June/July 2009

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items N-Q and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

**June**

Check No. 8893 – 9008 \$ 338,182.80

**July**

Check No. 9009 – 9035 \$ 11,757.52

- O. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2008-2009 school year:

Limerick Township Exonerations	No. 001 – 023
Royersford Borough Exonerations	No. 001 – 043
Spring City Borough Exonerations	No. 001 – 014
Upper Providence Township Exonerations	No. 001 – 035

- P. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits** for the 2009-2010 school year:

Permits No. 2735 – 2793

- Q. The Board approved the following bid awards for the 2009-2010 school year:

**PUBLICATIONS**

Kalil's	\$ 1,202.00	Crisis Plan
GraphiColor Corporation	\$13,060.00	Newsletter (4 Issues)
Courier Printing Corporation	\$ 4,456.00	Elementary Handbooks
Star School Items	<u>\$12,524.50</u>	Intermediate, Middle & Senior High Handbooks
TOTAL	\$31,242.50	

**VI. PROPERTY**

Mr. Masciandaro asked that Item B be separated. Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved seeking bids and awarding a contract to the lowest responsible bidders for the replacement of the walk-in refrigerator and freezer at Oaks Elementary School, pending solicitor review. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro asked for an executive summary of this project. Mr. Anspach reported that the PlanCon J that will be submitted for total expenditures for the project is in the amount of \$22,428,838. The PlanCon G number was for \$22,159,741 which means there was a difference/over expenditure of \$269,097. Mr. Anspach pointed out that he had brought to the attention of the Board early on that there were a number of items that we had to purchase which would have been included in primes and this is the difference we are over. Mr. Anspach reported that we will get reimbursed for equipment purchased. Mr. Masciandaro asked what the reimbursement amount is and Mr. Anspach stated he did not have that number as it is usually a temporary percentage based on the number of kids for each classroom and things of this nature. Mr. Masciandaro if this information could be obtained for the Board at some point. Mr. Anspach said he believes the amount is approximately 3 cents on a dollar or 3% but once PDE reviews the final numbers and they are okay with the PlanCon J numbers then they will fix a permanent percent for the project. Mr. Anspach reported that the payout will occur over the length of the bond so we still have approximately 15 years on the bond which means we will not receive all of the money from the state upfront.

Mr. Grispon asked how long we will have to wait for the extra money and Mr. Anspach responded that what we have paid thus far we will receive upfront but the rest will be paid every time we make a payment. Mr. Grispon commented that PDE does not budget for this and when they get these in from school districts they wait until there is so much there and then they put it into the Governor's budget and then they reimburse you so this means there is no pot of money sitting there waiting for us. The motion passed 8-0.

- B. The Board approved submitting to PDE, PlanCon Part J: Accounting Based on Final Costs for Evans Elementary School Project.

## VII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-F and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

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

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

- A. **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, to attend "*Child Nutrition Finance Report*" in Wyomissing, PA on Friday, September 18, 2009. The total cost for this conference is \$25.00 from the 2009-2010 Cafeteria Budget. No substitute is needed.
- B. **Mary Palladino**, Math Department Chairperson, and **John Holsinger**, Teacher, to attend "*PDE's Power Teaching in Math Training Series*" at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on September 21, 22 and November 17, 2009. The total cost for this training is \$1,080.00 for mileage and substitutes.
- C. **Mary Pat Long** and **Wendy Taylor**, Math Support Teachers, to attend "*PDE's Response to Instruction and Intervention in Math*" at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on September 3, 2009. There is no cost to the district for this conference. No substitutes are needed.
- D. **Dr. Melissa Patschke** and **Jacqueline Clarke-Havrilla**, Elementary Principals, to attend "*PAESSP State Conference*" from October 5 – 6, 2009 in State College, PA. The total cost of this conference is \$796.60 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

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- E. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, and **Carol Crossman**, Executive Secretary – Human Resources, to attend "*PASPA Certification Academy*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Monday, September 21, 2009. The total cost of this academy is \$300.00 from the 2009-2010 Human Resources Budget. No substitutes are needed.

- F. **Timothy Anspach**, Business Manager, to attend “4 County Business Administrator’s Workshop” at the Inn at Pocono Manor from Wednesday, September 23 through Friday, September 25, 2009. The total cost of this workshop is \$530.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Masciandaro asked if Item B needed to be an action item or is it under the Superintendent’s discretion, Mrs. Williams responded that it is just an acknowledgement but it confirms the 20% district fee and finalizes the agreement. Mrs. Williams reported that in the past we have approved them as part of the meeting minutes to affirm that agreement. Mr. Davis responded that there may be a situation where someone may offer something to the district and the Board chooses for various equity reasons that they do not want to accept the donation. Mr. Masciandaro commented that we have a policy that specifically states that the superintendent can do this but the wording of the motion says that we are just acknowledging the acceptance of the donation so he is okay with this. Dr. Hurda publicly recognized the Oaks Parent Teacher Association for their donation of playground equipment in the amount of nearly \$30,000. Dr. Hurda said this is quite a benefit to Oaks Elementary School and our community needs to be aware of this as this is just one additional way that our parents partner with us in order to provide additional services and equipment for our students.

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The rescinding of the following policy was approved:
1. Policy#701 – OPERATIONS: Facilities Planning **(to be rescinded)**
- B. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the donation of playground equipment to Oaks Elementary School. The total amount of this donation will be \$29,671.00 and will be funded by the Oaks Parent Teacher Association. This amount includes shipping and installation as well as the standard 20% district fee for the maintenance of new equipment.

Mr. Dehnert asked about Item C wondering what the percentage of the increase is \$300 million from last year’s budget. Mr. Grispon said we do not know because we do not know what last year’s budget was. Mr. Grispon explained that the resolution is one that the liaisons for PSBA received on Saturday and they are asking all school boards to pass this because the state is slow in passing their budget. Mr. Grispon pointed out that the district has missed one payment from the state already and subsequent payments come in every other month. Mr. Anspach commented that the district also will not be receiving social security and retirement reimbursements as all money coming from the state are on hold. Mr. Grispon reported that school districts are trying to get our legislatures to listen to us as we will be forced to use our savings to fund the school district when the state has not funded their budget. Mr. Grispon said the state legislatures are shirking their responsibility and the idea is for us to put pressure on them to pass their budget. Mr. Dehnert said he would like to know whether the \$300 million is an increase over last year budget. Mr. Grispon responded that the \$300 million is what the Senate, the House and the Governor are

arguing about. They are trying to use stimulus money which the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, says you cannot do.

Dr. Hurda said the basis for a lot of the discussion is the costing out study. The Governor has really made a strong commitment to equalizing funding throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hurda said all of us are watching with baited breath as they discuss the budget as it could have a very deleterious effect on our budget for this year and future years. Dr. Hurda reported that we were supposed to have received about \$800,000 through additional IDEA funding and this was supposed to be available to us on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We had to submit a plan on how we were going to spend the money and at this point we have not received any money and our direction is to do nothing. Dr. Hurda said this will impact our current budget since we had marked \$400,000 of this to offset our special education costs. Dr. Hurda said this will impact our programs and services in the months ahead so it is really important that we send a strong message to Harrisburg that they need to have some resolution on the budget so that we can run the school district effectively. Mr. Dehnert said he agrees with that but does not like having a number and not knowing what it means.

Mr. Grispon replied that it means about \$257,000 to Spring-Ford. Mr. Anspach said our budget was based on the Governor's budget and then there was the senate budget which showed that Spring-Ford would receive \$177,000 less and then a revised one which showed we would receive almost \$449,000 less. Mr. Grispon said if they do not pass the \$300 million dollar budget then Spring-Ford will get \$449,000 less. Mr. Grispon further stated the \$300 million is spread over 501 school districts. Dr. Hurda said this amount is equal to the \$400,000 we were supposed to receive as part of the stimulus money.

Mr. Masciandaro asked what our cash situation is since we are not getting the normal funding from the state. Mr. Anspach answered that it is going to be tough, it will not only impact this year's budget but it certainly hurts next year's budget as well. Mr. Anspach reported that our safeguard is that we have a budgetary reserve amount with \$400,000 in it but we have always carried over this amount as fund balance money to help with next year's taxes in order to balance the budget. Mr. Anspach stated that the Finance Committee will have their work cut out for them as they will have to go back to the drawing board to find out where we can make cuts in order to help soften the pain.

Mr. Weber questioned how long Spring-Ford can survive without borrowing money if the state does not pass a budget. Mr. Anspach responded that based on history our real estate money is coming in quicker this year than any other time, the pain will be felt the further we go out. Mr. Weber asked what the timeframe was and how long we can survive without the state reimbursement. Mr. Anspach said as a safeguard we always have the Capital Reserve Account and we could take a loan from there with an understanding that you would pay it back with interest. Mr. Anspach stated that he believed we would have to borrow money in the last two months of the fiscal period, May and June.

Mr. Masciandaro said in previous years we would take certain bills such as insurance bills and pay them up front in full to receive discounts and he assumes that we will no longer be able to do that. Mr. Masciandaro said he would be interested in knowing what this delay in the budget adoption is costing us in real terms. Mr. Anspach said

the true value you are losing is the money you would have received from the state that we could have actually banked until later and made some additional revenue on through interest collected.

Dr. Hurda commented that on a positive note we are in a much better situation than some of her colleagues whose districts have not practiced the same prudent fiscal management as we have. Dr. Hurda stated this is a tough situation but at least for us we can make our payroll for the next several months and this is not the case everywhere and that is a credit to the decisions that have been made in the past.

Mrs. Williams asked about the House and Senate wondering if they are meeting everyday to resolve this problem and Mr. Grispon responded that only the leadership is meeting, the legislatures are on a six hour call to return to Harrisburg for a vote if needed. Mrs. Williams reported that our Board must have a budget approved by June 30<sup>th</sup> and if they cannot agree then they must meet every day until a budget is approved.

Mr. Masciandaro commented that we are in a good financial state so we can weather the storm and he wondered about the Western Center who operates on a much tighter budget. Mr. Masciandaro stated that if the Western Center runs out of money they will go back to the sending districts for help. Mr. Davis said since Spring-Ford has money until next May the Western Center will continue to get their monthly allocation so their problem is no more extreme than yours.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item C and Mr. Shafer seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

## **NEW OTHER BUSINESS**

- C. The Board approved **Resolution #2009-17** calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact a 2009-2010 budget that increases basic education funding by at least \$300 million, keeps PA on track for real education reform by maintaining the commitment to the basic education funding formula, and maintains the state's investment in public education by not rolling-back state funds in the basic education subsidy.

## **IX. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Mrs. Williams said Dr. Hurda had an idea and we are certainly open to any and all ideas. We talked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month for possibly holding all committee meetings except for Finance. Mrs. Williams stated that Finance, especially this year, could take an entire evening. Mrs. Williams asked how the Board would feel about this idea and whether anyone would be willing to give it a try for September and October.

Mr. Shafer asked if it would be easier on our administrative staff, Mrs. Williams responded absolutely yes. Mr. Shafer said he sees no reason why we cannot give this a try.

Mr. Dehnert asked if there would be enough time to hold all of those meetings in one night. Mrs. Mullin asked if we could use all four Monday's in the month. Dr. Hurda said she would try to develop a schedule, which would not be carved in stone, to

send home this week in the Board packet if everyone is agreeable to this idea. Dr. Hurda said a number of our surrounding districts have a similar model. Dr. Hurda stated that we may be a bit more efficient if we have a beginning and an ending time for the committee meetings. Mr. Grispon reported that he has done this before and you must stick to your schedule otherwise the later meetings go too late.

Mrs. Williams asked if there was a majority that would support trying this in September. Mr. Grispon asked what would happen if we did not have committees and Mrs. Williams said that the Board memos would be very long and there would be a lot of phone calls. Mrs. Mullin asked if we should revisit the committees to see how many we actually need or how many can be combined or condensed. Mr. Masciandaro said he believes the Board would really work at the Work Session. Mr. Shafer said he believes we need committees and we have a wonderful structure for moving these things through.

Mr. Pettit stated he did not know why Finance could not be made part of the committee meeting night. Mr. Grispon said he has always felt that Finance should be part of the Work Session but once you start budget then it would need to be done separately.

Mrs. Williams confirmed that the Board wanted to give this idea a try for the month of September but the meeting would take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday for this month due to the Western Center having their meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday because of the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Grispon stated that we must be fully committed to this because if we are not then it will never work. Mr. Grispon said if you cannot make a meeting then you have to trust that the other Board members are going to do their job.

Mrs. Mullin asked if the Extra-curricular Committee would be included or will that meeting still be held during the day. Mrs. Williams stated that this meeting seems to be working for those Committee members during the day so let's just leave it there for right now and we can visit this later in the year.

A. Board Committee Meetings

**IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**X. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Cindy Ryan, Oaks Elementary School, questioned the scanning of a driver's license, and whether delivery personnel and any personnel that may come in for maintenance. Dr. Hurda said absolutely and even though these people may have clearances through their employers this just gives us an extra level of security. Ms. Ryan asked about delivery personnel who are coming to the back door. Dr. Hurda clarified we would be scanning the licenses of those people who would be coming into the building that would have any opportunity to interact with kids. Someone who is just coming into the back door of the kitchen to deliver food would not be scanned because they would not be coming into the building. Ms. Ryan asked about the possibility of them going down the hall to use the restroom and Dr. Hurda said she did not believe this would be the case. Ms. Ryan asked about the bus personnel and whether they have clearances because she has seen them use building restrooms. Dr. Hurda confirmed that they do have clearances and their drivers' license would be



scanned. Dr. Hurda said what is going to happen, in an effort to provide a greater level of protection, we will have to look at all of these situations but she will always be on the side of caution. Dr. Hurda stated she believes that there will be a number of people who are not happy about this but she would never want to have to look at a parent and say our carelessness put their children at risk. Dr. Hurda thanked Ms. Ryan for bringing up a valid point and she said it is something she will have to look into.

Mrs. Mullin asked if this is something that will go through the Policy Committee and if not how will the procedure for this be set up and who will oversee it. Dr. Hurda responded that we have looked at guidelines from other districts that have this system and she has a couple samples of procedures that they have used. Dr. Hurda said this is a work in progress but at least we have initiated the procedure.

Ed Dressler, Oaks District, said in looking at the last page of the resolution, it is almost an afterthought at this time for it to be presented to our Senators and Representatives. Mr. Dressler stated that he thinks it would be more important to get some feedback from them as to what they are doing to make this budget happen and if they are not doing anything then we need to know that as well. Mr. Dressler said he would like to see something included in the resolution to get some feedback from the people that we elect. Dr. Hurda said she thinks it would be a good idea to invite them to our Board meeting; they have always been willing to come in the past and what better way for them to tell us what they are doing than to have them stand here and answer our questions. Dr. Hurda stated if there is an interest in this then she is happy to reach out to them to see if they can come and provide us with their insights as to how the budget process is going and what they are doing to help us. The Board supported this idea and Dr. Hurda said she would invite all of the State Representatives to the September Board meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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