

On August 28, 2006, 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:	Michael V. Masciandaro, Bernard F. Pettit and Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.
Region II:	Ammon G. Morgan, Jr., and Joseph M. Petrowski
Region III:	Joseph P. Ciresi, 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.:	Danny Suraci

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Williams announced that the board met in an executive session regarding a legal issue. Mrs. Williams announced that the SFASD students scored well above state requirements and state averages on the PSSA; at every grade level S-F surpassed state requirements in reading and math. Mrs. Williams reminded the public that there is still time to sign up for classes through the S-F Community Education Program. The program brochure is available online at www.spring-ford.net or at the district administration building. Mrs. Williams also announced that this week is the final week to apply for a position on the Local Tax Study Commission which is required under Act 1. Residents who would like to be a part of this commission, which will recommend whether or not to increase the earned income tax or establish a personal income tax, should fill out an application by this Friday, September 1. Applications are available by calling 610-705-6203 or emailing Mary Chrisman at mchri@spring-ford.net. Residents can also obtain an application online at www.spring-ford.net or by stopping by the district administration building.

I. PRESENTATION

Connie Willauer, gifted support teacher at the 5/6 Grade Center, spoke about the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award. This award was originally funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation and the National Association for Gifted Children and is designed to recognize excellence in academics, leadership and the arts for students in grades 3 through 6. This Foundation was originally established by Maggie and Reg Green to

V. PERSONNEL

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve items A-Q and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. Resignations:

1. **Larry S. Byers**, High School, Secondary School Counselor, effective July 21, 2006.
2. **Tracy M. Bruton**, Limerick Elementary School, 4th Grade Teacher, effective July 24, 2006.
3. **Barbara Davidheiser**, Limerick Elementary School, Administrative Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 11, 2006.
4. **Judith K. Detwiler**, Oaks Elementary School, Secretary, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2006.
5. **Lois Hunsicker**, District Office, Secretary, effective July 28, 2006.
6. **Andrea Krause**, High School, Food Service part-time, effective July 13, 2006.
7. **Tom Komp**, Spring City Elementary School, Art Teacher, effective August 15, 2006.
8. **Shelly Mallozzi**, Brooke Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, effective July 6, 2006.
9. **Nancy Q. Saul**, District Office, Supervisor of Special Education, effective tentatively September 17, 2006.
10. **Abbey Smith**, High School, Science Teacher, Winter Track Advisor and Spring Track Assistant Coach, effective July 27, 2006.
11. **Melissa M. Toto**, High School, Social Studies Teacher, Assistant Field Hockey Coach and 7th Grade Lacrosse Coach, effective June 30, 2006.

B. Resignations (to accept other positions within the District):

1. **Betsy Mastrocola**, Upper Providence Elementary School, Clerical Assistant, effective July 3, 2006.
2. **Nichole G. Monahan**, 8th Grade Center, Food Service part-time, effective August 11, 2006.

C. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Catherine C. Bala**, Brooke Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.

2. **Charles Evans**, 7th Grade Center, Head Custodian, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective retroactive July 24, 2006.
3. **Khrystin Herb**, 5/6th Grade Center, Learning Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.
4. **Jennifer Moyer**, 5/6th Grade Center, LA/Social Studies Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.
5. **Joy Needles**, Brooke Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.
6. **Jane Piersol**, 8th Grade Center, English Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 14, 2006 for approximately six (6) weeks.
7. **Dr. Leticia M. Rodríguez**, District Office, Director of Human Resources, for a Leave of Absence, effective tentatively August 10, for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.
8. **Melissa A. Shimukonas**, Royersford Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively October 6, 2006 for the 1st semester 2006/2007 school year.
9. **Faith Walton**, 5/6th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 23, 2006 for approximately four (4) weeks.
10. **Carol Lippy**, Upper Providence Elementary, Math Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective for the 1st semester of 2006/2007 school year.

New Leave of Absence

11. **Carrie Kehl**, Royersford Elementary School; Grade 1, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective December 15, 2006 until the beginning of the 4th marking period.

D. Administrative Employees:

1. **Teresa M. Carboy**, Intermediate/Middle Schools, Assistant Principal. Ms. Carboy earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Temple. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Gwynedd-Mercy and a second Master's Degree in Computer Technology

for Educators from Arcadia University. Compensation will be set at \$100,365.96 with benefits, retroactive to July 24, 2006.

2. **Robert Colyer**, Senior High School, Assistant Principal. Mr. Colyer received both his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Mansfield University. He earned his Principal's Certificate from St. Joseph's University. Compensation will be set at \$100,365.96 with benefits, retroactive to July 25, 2006.
3. **Daniel Currie**, Elementary, Supervisor of Special Education. Mr. Currie received his Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from Cabrini College and his Master's Degree in Special Education from Penn State University. Compensation will be set at \$94,889.67 with benefits, effective date to be determined pending receipt of current clearances.

E. **Professional Employees**, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 22, 2006:

1. **John T. Hughes**, Limerick Elementary School, 4th Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,400, BS+18, Step 5.

F. **Temporary Professional Employees**, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 22, 2006:

1. **Dale Bergman**, High School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,500, BS + 18, step 1.
2. **Adrian L. Bortz**, High School, Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
3. **Jessica Hobbs**, District, .6 Psychologist position, compensation will be set at \$30,900, MS + 30, Step 5.
4. **Kirsten Krasley**, 5/6th Grade Center, 5th Grade Language Arts Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2.
5. **Leah Leneweaver**, 7th Grade Center, English Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2.
6. **Barbara McGuigan**, High School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2.
7. **Jessica Mecleary-Joshi**, Limerick Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
8. **Jessica Moyer**, Oaks Elementary School, Music Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
9. **Tara O'Toole**, High School, Mathematics Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2.

10. **Darryl Perecko**, 8th Grade Center, Secondary School Counselor, compensation will be set at \$40,000, MS, Step 1. *Mr. Perecko's effective hire date will be retroactive to August 14, 2006.*
11. **John E. Raber**, Oaks Elementary School, Reading Specialist, compensation will be set at \$41,000, BS + 18, Step 4.
12. **Robert H. Rineer**, High School, Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$40,000, MS, Step 1.
13. **Michael Rhodes**, High School, Secondary School Counselor, compensation will be set at \$40,000, MS, Step 1. *Mr. Rhodes effective hire date will be retroactive to August 14, 2006.*
14. **Katherine Schneider**, 5/6th Grade Center, Art Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
15. **Rachel Shore**, Limerick Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
16. **Angelo Volpe**, 7th Grade Center, Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
17. **Cheryl A. West**, 7th Grade Center, English Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1.
18. **Mary Jane Yost**, Brooke Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$47,000, BS, Step 10.

New Temporary Professional Employees

19. **Shannon M. Buchy**, Upper Providence Elementary School, Emotional Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1 with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 23, 2006.
20. **Meghan Fallon Timmes**, 8th Grade Center, Emotional Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,500, BS, Step 7 with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective date to be determined.

G. Long Term Substitutes:

1. **Kris Bautsch**, Limerick Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1 with benefits, effective September 8, 2006 for the 2006/2007 school year.
2. **Lauren Carr**, Brooke Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$41,000 MS, Step 2 with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.

3. **Vicki Ellis**, Royersford Elementary School, 3rd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$42,200 MS, Step 3 with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
4. **Mark A. Gregor**, 5/6th Grade Center, Music Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 2006/2007 school year.
5. **Billie Hoch**, Limerick Elementary School, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,500, BS + 18, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 2006/2007 school year.
6. **Julie F. Lieberman**, 7th Grade Center, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
7. **Crystal Lilliock**, Brooke Elementary School, Kindergarten Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
8. **Marguerite Lownes**, Upper Providence Elementary School, 1st Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$43,500, MS, Step 4, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
9. **Vince Randle**, Royersford Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
10. **Joan Staples**, District-wide, Speech Therapist, compensation will be set at \$40,000, MS, Step 1 with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 2006/2007 school year.
11. **David W. Susek**, Limerick Elementary School, 1st Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1 with benefits, effective August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.
12. **Julie Walters**, Brooke Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,500, BS + 18, Step 1 with benefits, effective September 13, 2006 for the 1st semester.

New Long Term Substitute Employees

13. **Cara Giese**, District; Math Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006.
 14. **Nikol Ryan**, Intermediate School; LA/Social Studies Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,500, BS + 18, Step 1, with benefits, effective August 22, 2006.
- H. The Board approved **Jeannette Hellauer**, Limerick, PA, to continue to provide instructional and consultative services for a student as per the IEP.

This position was originally approved January 2001. Effective dates of services will be August 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Compensation will be set at \$30.00 per hour for 6 hours of instruction per week not to exceed \$7,920.00. Compensation will be funded through the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget previously budgeted for contracted services.

- I. The Board approved **Lia Sandilos** for **ESY-Support Staff** for the **2006 Summer ESY program(s)**. Compensation will be set at \$12.53 per hour plus benefits (FICA & Retirement); Funding will be from IDEA funds, effective retroactive to July 24, 2006.

J. **Support Staff Employees:**

1. **Michele Benek**, High School, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
2. **Elaine Byrd**, 8th Grade Center, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
3. **Debra L. Cavello**, District Office, Clerical Assistant for Food Service Department and Duplication Center, compensation will be set at \$11.25 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective August 29, 2006.
4. **Nancy Clark**, 7th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
5. **Debra A. DeMitis**, 7th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
6. **Jill Detweiler**, Limerick Elementary School, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
7. **Kathleen Doran**, 9th Grade Center, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
8. **Scott Freiler**, 2006 ESY Summer Program, \$14.03 per hour (degree rate), retroactive to June 26, 2006.
9. **Laura Gilmore**, 8th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
10. **Dallas Grashardt**, 9th grade Center, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate-pending receipt

of official transcript) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.

11. **Francis Guber**, Intermediate/Middle School, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
12. **Connie Iannetta**, Upper Providence Elementary School, Clerical Assistant, compensation will be set at \$12.25 per hour (degree rate) with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
13. **Donald Kollar**, Oaks Elementary School, Custodian, compensation will be set at \$14.46 per hour with benefits as per the Custodian Plan, effective retroactive August 8, 2006.
14. **Debra Liney**, Intermediate/Middle School, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
15. **Christina Mallozzi**, Intermediate School/Middle School, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
16. **Betsy Mastrocola**, Upper Providence Elementary School, Secretary, compensation will be set at \$13.63 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive to July 5, 2006.
17. **Nichole G. Monahan**, Limerick Elementary School, Administrative Assistant, compensation will be set at \$15.00 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive August 14, 2006.
18. **Diane O'Brien**, Upper Providence Elementary School, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
19. **Jacquelyn M. Raco**, Flex Building, School Nurse, compensation will be set at \$24.10 per hour with benefits as per the School Nurse Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
20. **Debra L. Rufibach**, Oaks Elementary School, Secretary, compensation will be set at \$12.25 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, retroactive to July 17, 2006.
21. **Wendy R. Scheel**, High School, 9th Grade Center, Secretary, compensation will be set at \$13.25 per hour (degree rate included) with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective retroactive August 21, 2006.
22. **Paul Seip**, Intermediate School, 5/6th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.

23. **Rebecca Smith**, Intermediate/Middle School, 6-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour with benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
24. **Christine Wheeler**, High School, 6-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour with benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective August 28, 2006.
25. **Edward Yergey**, Bechtel Site, Maintenance I position, compensation will be set at \$16.67 per hour with benefits as per the Maintenance Plan, retroactive to July 17, 2006.
26. **Indira Pothukuchi**, High School, Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
27. **Maren Trout**, High School, College Career Coordinator, compensation will be set at \$19.49 per hour with benefits, retroactive to July 31, 2006.

New Support Staff Employees

28. **Cynthia Isabella**, Limerick Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.50 per hour (degree rate-pending receipt) with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective August 22, 2006.
 29. **Natalie A. Stark**, High School; Instructional Assistant, compensation will be set at \$13.00 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' plan, effective August 24, 2006.
- K. The Board approved the personnel contract for **Employment Practice Solutions**, Philadelphia, PA, to provide training services for the Spring-Ford Area School District. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$1,450.00 effective August 22, 2006. Funding will be from the General Fund.
- L. The Board approved the amended Food Service Employee Plan for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009.
- M. **Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School**

1. **William J. McGrane, Jr.**, Head Girls' Soccer Coach, \$4,126, Code D
2. **Jane Ehnot**, Field Hockey Coach, \$4,126, Code D
3. **Mark Morgan**, 9th Grade Assistant Football Coach, \$3,160, Code E
4. **Shelley Glossner**, Assistant Field Hockey Coach, \$2,786, Code F
5. **Kelly Kester**, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, \$2,786, Code F
6. **Glenn T. Mest**, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, \$2,786, Code F
7. **Adrian Bortz**, Asst. Cheerleading Coach (Football), \$1,930, Code H
8. **Aimee Cantello**, 10th Grade Class Advisor, \$1,632, Code I
9. **James Young**, Intramural Boys' Basketball Coach, \$591, Code LB
10. **Nikki Flocco**, 9th Grade Hockey Coach, \$2,786, Code F

New Extra-Curricular Contract: High School

11. **Steve Anspach**, Senior High Volunteer Football Coach, \$1, Code 1

Extra-Curricular Contracts: Middle School

12. **Elaine Ruppert**, 8th Grade Hockey Coach, \$1,930, Code H
13. **Krista Zollers**, 8th Grade Volley Ball Coach, \$1,930, Code H
14. **Mark Morgan**, 7/8th Grade Assistant Track Coach, \$1,632, Code I

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: Middle School

15. **Dale Bergman**, 7th Grade Assistant Football Coach, \$3,160, Code E
16. **Marla Falcone**, 7th Grade Field Hockey Coach, \$1,930, Code H
17. **Melinda Klunk**, 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach, \$1,930, Code H

Extra-Curricular Contracts: Elementary School

18. **James Westlake, Jr.** Elementary Band Director, \$1,632, Code I
19. **Monica Johner**, Oaks Elementary Science Coordinator, \$962, Code K
20. **Harold Moser**, Oaks Safety Patrol Sponsor, \$510, Code L

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: District-wide

21. **Tricia Glass**, Media Department Head Chairperson, \$3,371, Tier 3
22. **Ginny Prevost**, Elementary Guidance Department Chairperson, \$1,827.50, Tier 2 (.5 position)
23. **Kristen Beideman**, Secondary Guidance Department Chairperson, \$1,827.50, Tier 2 (.5 position)

N. Supplemental Contracts: 2006-2007

1. **Sherry Grove**, Playground Coverage, \$10.60/hr.
2. **Tricia Sweeney**, Playground Coverage, \$10.60/hr.
3. **Margaret Higgins**, Playground Coverage, \$10.60/hr.

New Supplemental Contact: 2006-2007

4. **Karen Guza**, Playground Coverage \$10.60/hr

O. Extra-Curricular Contract: 2005-2006

1. **Megan Seip**, 5/6th Grade Center, Anchor Club Advisor, \$337

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: 2005-2006

2. **James Westlake, Jr.**, Elementary Band Director, \$1,569, Code I
3. **Monica Johner**, Oaks Elementary Science Coordinator, \$925, Code K

P. Professional Staff Substitutes:

1. Robert Alexander	Social Studies
2. Christine Badger	Elementary
3. Lynda Brock	Elementary and Early Childhood
4. Jill Cáceres	Spanish
5. Jennifer Gerges	Elementary
6. Patricia Hagerty	Elementary
7. Tanya Kennedy	Social Studies
8. Abigail Miller	Art
9. Dawn Nelson	Elementary
10. Shavon Onfrillo	Elementary and Early Childhood
11. Sabrina Parker	Social Studies
12. Meredith Piersol	Music
13. Karen Pizzuta	Chemistry
14. Daelyn Phillips	Elementary
15. Max Robinson	Social Studies
16. Amy Russo	Elementary/Reading Specialist
17. Renae L. Sally	Elementary
18. Adam Swavely	Biology
19. Kathryn Szupowal	Elementary
20. Mary Walter	Elementary
21. Jeff West	Health & Physical Education
22. Lauren E. Youngs	Elementary
23. Krista Zollers	Art
24. David Kase	English

New Professional Staff Substitutes

25. David Kase, Jr.	English
26. Larry Rhine	Mathematics
27. Dana Starkey	Elementary/Special Education
28. Dawn Whitson	Elementary

Q. Support Staff Substitutes:

1. Jason Bickley	Custodial (<i>previously approved for support</i>)
2. Lois Hunsicker	Support
3. Lisa Huttinger	Support
4. Andrea Krause	Food Service
5. Stephanie Krivulka	Food Service
6. Joseph Pilny, Jr.	Custodial
7. Anne Reiner	Custodial
8. Michael Robaey	Custodial
9. Brian Schantz	Custodial
10. Susan Vandenburg	Food Service
11. Peter Shorley, III	Custodial
12. Brad Armentrout	Custodial

VI. FINANCE

Mr. Masciandaro asked that Items F12 and H be separated. Mr. Rocchio asked that Item A be separated.

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **AUGUST**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2003**:

1. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**June**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$ 1,256.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #6- Electrical Contractor	\$ 119,857.00
Jay R. Reynolds, Inc	Applic. #6- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 33,405.30
Spring-Ford Area SD	Reimburse Salary & Benefits	\$ 35,565.71
Spring-Ford Area SD	Reimburse General Fund	\$ 37.97
U.S. Laboratories Inc.	Soils Testing & Inspection	\$ 7,379.74
Worth & Company	Applic. #6- HVAC Contractor	\$ 298,824.21
PECO Energy	Electricity	\$ 189.48

July

A C Miller Concrete	Concrete Transformer Vault	\$ 1,925.00
DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ 4,239.56
Limerick Twp. M.A.	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 2,639.36
Limerick Township	Fire Protection Permit	\$ 5,300.00
MBR Construction	Applic. #7- Electrical Contractor	\$ 124,701.00
PECO Energy	Electricity	\$ 202.65
Jay R. Reynolds, Inc.	Applic. #7- Plumbing Contractor	\$ 53,502.35
SMJ Contracting, Inc.	Applic. #9- General Contractor	\$1,832,696.10
U.S. Laboratories Inc.	Soils Testing & Inspection	\$ 7,560.69
Worth & Company	Applic. #7- HVAC Contractor	\$ 568,903.17

August

Limerick Twp. M.A.	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 2,053.74
*DLR Group	Professional Services	\$ 4,239.56
*PECO Energy	Electricity	\$ 182.21
*SMJ Contracting Inc.	Applic. #10- General Contractor	<u>\$ 909,299.68</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,013,960.48

2. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT**June**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$ 1,039.69
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July

Sico North America	Cafeteria & Pacer Tables	\$ 14,328.47
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August

Nickerson Corp.	Classroom Furniture	\$ 91,363.90
	Student Desks, Chairs, Chair/ Desk Combos	
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	<u>\$ 6,315.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 113,047.38

3. 9th GRADE CENTER

June

Recreation Resource 20 Alum. Player Benches \$ 2,875.00

July

KI-Krueger Inc. 30- 24" Ivy League Stools
Tech. Ed. Classrooms \$ 946.80

August

*Fox Rothschild LLP Professional Services \$ 62.00
TOTAL \$ 3,883.80

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Items B-E and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 8-0 with Mr. Grispon abstaining under section 1111 of the school code.

B. The Board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **AUGUST**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2004:**

1. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*MBR Construction Applic. #8- Electrical Contractor \$ 82,485.00
TOTAL \$ 82,485.00

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

Sukonik/Greenstein Condemnation

June

Fox Rothschild LLP Professional Services (2 Inv.) \$ 1,465.40
*Fox Rothschild LLP Professional Services \$ 661.54
TOTAL \$ 2,126.94

Greenstein Property Repairs

June

A. D. Moyer Replacement Door \$ 229.00
John DiBattista Remove all existing windows \$ 3,450.00
Install 35 vinyl windows & 3 Casement windows, insulate & caulk, clean up
J&L Building Supplies Misc. repair supplies \$ 1,183.32
Stone Masonry Install Concrete Garage Floor \$ 1,760.00

August

Stone Masonry Install Concrete Steps \$ 2,880.00
Trans-Fleet Concrete 4.5 yds. Concrete-Garage Floor \$ 537.50
Keystone Wood Spec Cabinet Refacing (2 Inv.) \$ 1,779.21
Walton's Electric Fixed neutral wire dangling off \$ 1,453.95
PECO pole-Emergency Service
*B&T Custom Millwrk. L Shaped Counter Top \$ 900.00
*Trans-Fleet Concrete 3.5 yds Concrete Front Steps \$ 440.50
TOTAL \$ 14,613.48

Brooke Elementary School-Re-Roofing Project

June

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	1,835.37
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$	252.00
August			
Arthur Altemose Arch	Professional Services	\$	16,076.71
SMJ Contracting Inc.	Applic. #3- General Contractor	\$	437,489.97
Worth & Company	Applic. #1- HVAC Contractor	\$	259,341.75
Silas Bolef Company	Applic. #1- Electrical Contractor	\$	22,518.00
*Arthur Altemose AIA	Professional Services	\$	4,076.46
*SMJ Contracting Inc.	Applic. #4- General Contractor	\$	448,781.56
*Worth & Company	Applic. #2- HVAC Contractor	\$	<u>392,374.12</u>
	TOTAL		\$1,582,745.94

Scoreboard –Senior High

July			
Limerick Township	Scoreboard Permit	\$	97.31
August			
Arthur Altemose Arch.	Professional Services	\$	4,806.25
*Arthur Altemose AIA	Professional Services	\$	<u>4,018.60</u>
	TOTAL	\$	8,922.16

Senior High-Traffic Impact Study

August			
McMahon Assoc. Inc	Professional Services	\$	4,636.46
McMahon Assoc. Inc.	Professional Services	\$	<u>3,630.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	8,266.46

New District Office

August			
Foreman Architects	Professional Services	\$	10,008.00
Montg. County Treas.	Land Development Plan	\$	24.00
U. Providence Twp.	Prelim. Land Development App.	\$	2,500.00
U. Providence Twp.	Escrow Account	\$	5,000.00
*Foreman Architects	Professional Services Inv. #7	\$	10,008.00
*Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	<u>93.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	27,633.00

8th Grade Center

August			
R.J. McCarville	Installation new Bleachers	\$	<u>37,700.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	37,700.00

D. 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.

E. Checks:

1.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>	
	<u>June</u>	
	Check No. 110551-110857	\$1,535,291.23

2.	<u>July</u> Check No. 110858-111194	\$2,592,256.28
3.	<u>August</u> Check No. 111195-111353	\$ 735,282.48
4.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u> Check No. 111354-111456	\$ 829,617.36
5.	<u>Board Checks held for approval</u> Check No. 111457-111672	\$ 415,569.52
6.	<u>Athletic Fund - June</u> Check No. 298428-298455	\$ 51,428.47

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items F1-11 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

1. **Bridgework Theater, Inc. – Goshen, IN.** Provide an assembly entitled “Crossing the Line” at the 5/6 Grade Center on September 29, 2006. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$666.00).
2. **Metamorphosis Performing Company – Reading, PA.** Provide two presentations on September 28, 2006 entitled “Under Construction” as part of the Bullying Prevention Program. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred sixty dollars (\$760.00).
3. **Metamorphosis Performing Company – Reading, PA.** Provide two presentations on March 29, 2007 entitled “Under Construction II” as part of the Bullying Prevention Program. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred sixty dollars (\$760.00).
4. **Sandra Gallagher – Pottstown, PA.** Provide instructional and consultative services for a student as per the IEP. Services are for two (2) hours of instruction per week at thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour from August 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700.00).
5. **Andrea Rainville – Phoenixville, PA and Kristen Allen – Harleysville, PA.** Provide in-home Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP for the time period between August 28, 2006 and June 15, 2007. This contract will be split between the two contractors and is for a total of three hundred

sixty (360) hours at a rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00).

6. **Joy Brewster and Associates – LaGrangeville, NY.** Provide twelve (12) hours per week of ABA Direct Services in the home and up to ten (10) hours per month of consultative services in the home/school for a special needs student as per the IEP for the time period between August 28, 2006 and June 15, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-four thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$24,620.00).
7. **Spring Valley Branch of the YMCA – Limerick, PA.** Provide community based swimming for K-4 special needs students on the third Friday of the month and for grades 5-12 on the fourth Friday of the month as per the student's IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the entire season.
8. **Cynthia Mosier – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy services for the 2006 Extended School Year Program. This contract is for twenty-five (25) hours of service per week for three (3) weeks at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour and is effective from July 1, 2006 through August 11, 2006. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,125.00).
9. **Lansdale Tutoring and Testing – Lansdale, PA.** Provide Geometry and Math Instruction for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for six (6) hours during the summer of 2006 and a maximum of three (3) hours per week during the 2006-2007 school year. The contract is for a total of one hundred thirty-two (132) hours at a rate of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) per hour and will be in effect from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$3,696.00) plus mileage at 0.445 per mile.
10. **Cathy Grayson – Bala Cynwyd, PA.** Provide direct intervention services for special needs students with Asperger's Syndrome as per the IEPs as well as consultation and training in the school setting for staff. This contract is for forty (40) hours at a rate of one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) per hour and is effective from August 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600.00).
11. **Pennsylvania Tourette's Syndrome Association, Inc. – Gettysburg, PA.** Provide training for staff working with a special needs student as per the IEP. The training session will include ninety

(90) minutes of training plus printed materials. Training will be for at least twenty-five (25) participants at a minimum cost of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus mileage, a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) speaker fee, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for additional participants. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00).

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Items F12-29 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro asked for an explanation of Item F12. Mr. McDaniel explained that over the years we have had three athletic trainers; two employed through the district and one through NovaCare. NovaCare no longer provides us with this service so this contract is for the replacement of that third trainer. Mr. Pettit asked if this contract was a supplement to the athletic trainers and Mr. McDaniel said since the district has grown so large over the years it has necessitated the hiring of three trainers. The motion passed 9-0.

12. **Aqua Sport Physical Therapy, P.C. – Audubon, PA.** Provide assistance with athletic training services including pre-game taping, game training supervision and medical assistance. This contract is based on thirty-five (35) hours per week and is effective from August 28, 2006 through June 16, 2007. Funding for this contract was budgeted for in the 2006-2007 General Fund and shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00).
13. **Judson Kane – Hatfield, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis in the home, direct intervention services and consultation for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for one hundred forty-four (144) hours at a rate of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed three thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$3,312.00).
14. **Mia Cusamano – Oaks, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis in the home, direct intervention services and consultation for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for two hundred sixteen (216) hours at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00).
15. **Crossroads School – Paoli, PA.** Provide direct instruction in the school environment, diagnostic evaluations, written reports and participate in multidisciplinary evaluations/reevaluations for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is effective from September 4, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding for will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-four thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$24,370.00).
16. **Lovaas Institute – Cherry Hill, NJ.** Provide Discrete Trial Training in the home for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for a total of four hundred fifty (450) hours at a rate of fifty-three

dollars (\$53.00) per hour not to exceed twenty-three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$23,850.00) between August 28, 2006 and January 18, 2007. In addition, there will be a cost of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) per month for up to four (4) hours per month for five (5) months of therapist supervision not to exceed three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00). Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$27,100.00).

17. **Ken-Crest Services – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment services for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for one hundred (100) days at a rate of sixty-one dollars and twenty cents (\$61.20) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$6,120.00).
18. **Indian Creek Foundation – Souderton, PA.** Provide transition and pre-employment services for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for eighty (80) days at a rate of eighty dollars and sixty-four cents (\$80.64). Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed six thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and twenty cents (\$6,451.20).
19. **Lakeside Educational Network – Fort Washington, PA.** Provide eight (8) educational slots at the **Vantage Alternative Program**, Souderton, PA for special needs students for the 2006-2007 school year. The cost of the contract will be set at twenty-five thousand one hundred seventy-three dollars (\$25,173.00) per slot. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed two hundred one thousand three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$201,384.00).
20. **Buxmont Academy, Community Service Foundation – Pipersville, PA.** Provide instruction to special needs students as per the IEPs for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract is for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of ninety-seven dollars and four cents (\$97.04) per day per guaranteed slot. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed seventeen thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$17,467.20) per slot.
21. **Alternatives Unlimited – Baltimore, MD.** Provide fifteen (15) educational slots at **Tri-County Learning Academy**, Pottstown, PA for the 2006-2007 school year. The cost of the contract will be eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) for ten (10) regular education slots and sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for five (5) special education slots. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000.00).

22. **New Life Youth and Family Services – Harleysville, PA.** Provide four (4) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) per day per slot for a total of twenty thousand seven hundred dollars (\$20,700.00) per slot. This contract is in effect from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and will be funded through the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$82,800.00) for four (4) slots.
23. **Perkiomen Valley Academy – Frederick, PA.** Provide five (5) educational slots for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of ninety-four dollars and forty-four cents (\$94.44) per day per slot for a total of sixteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$16,999.20) per slot. This contract is in effect from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and will be funded through the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-four thousand nine hundred ninety six dollars (\$84,996.00) for five (5) slots.
24. **KidsPeace National Centers – Orefield, PA.** Provide education services for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for one hundred eighty (180) days at a rate of one hundred forty-two dollars (\$142.00) per day. This contract is in effect from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and will be funded through the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-five thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$25,560.00).
25. **Lakeside Educational Network – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide one full time and one part time (.6) Intervention Counselors to deliver on-campus problem/resolution services for the 2006-2007 school year. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Alternative Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$98,000.00).
26. **Duane DeWire – Northumberland, PA.** Provide the Spring-Ford High School Marching Band with current state-of-the-art visual design that will stage the music and color of the band for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract is based on three hundred ten and one half (310.5) hours and will be funded through the 2006-2007 High School Extra-Curricular Fund not to exceed four thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$4,791.00).
27. **Camfel Productions – Irwindale, CA.** Provide two (2) assemblies at the 7th Grade Center on December 19, 2006 entitled "Commitment to Excellence". Funding will be paid from the 7th Grade Center Regular Education Budget and shall not exceed six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$695.00).
28. **Lakeside Educational Services – Ft. Washington, PA.** Provide psychological and counseling support services as outlined in student

IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed forty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$42,400.00).

29. **Souderton School District – Souderton, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs student as per the IEP for the 2006-2007 school year. Services will include multiple disabilities support, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and health services. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

New Independent Contracts

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items F30-34 and Item G. Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

30. **Wilson Language Training – Oxford, MA.** Provide Level I Intensive Course Certification for ten (10) teachers in the Wilson Reading System including a start-up seminar, online course work, a student practicum and live observations of work with students. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00).
31. **Claire Choutka – Limerick, PA.** Provide applied behavior analysis support in the school setting for a special needs student as per the IEP. Direct intervention services, consultation and training will be provided to school staff not to exceed eight (8) hours per month between August 28, 2006 and June 30, 2007 at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).
32. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc. – Doylestown, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy Services for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract is for forty-five (45) hours of service per week for thirty-six (36) weeks at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour, effective August 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eighty-nine thousand one hundred dollars (\$89,100.00).
33. **Cynthia Mosier – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide Physical Therapy Services for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract is for thirty-three (33) hours of service per week for thirty-six (36) weeks at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per hour, effective August 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from IDEA funds and shall not exceed sixty-five thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$65,340.00).
34. **Therapy Source, Inc. – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide Speech Therapy Services for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract is for thirty seven and a half (37.5) hours of service per week for thirty-six (36) weeks at a rate of sixty-eight dollars (\$68.00) per hour,

effective from August 28, 2006 through June 15, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed ninety-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$91,800.00).

- G. The Board approved the reimbursement of the parents of a special needs student for an Extended School Year Summer Program as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed eight hundred ninety dollars (\$890.00).

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item H and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro asked if we have any other bodies covered under the current Spring-Ford policy or is this situation unique. Mr. Anspach said the Spring-Ford Booster Club and the Home and School Organizations are presently covered. The motion passed 9-0.

- H. The Board approved adding the Spring-Ford Alumni Association as an additional insured in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) under the Spring-Ford School District's insurance policy. Utica Insurance has given notice that the Spring-Ford Alumni Association cannot be a rider under the Spring-Ford Educational Foundation due to separate governing board, by-laws and events. Funding for this will be paid from the Spring-Ford Area School District's General Fund.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item I-M and Mr. Morgan seconded it. Mr. Edward Murray from Boenning and Scattergood said there have been no changes since last week. Mrs. Williams asked about page 2 of the resolution and questioned the wording "shall be no less than one million dollars" she wondered what would be required of the board if the savings were less than one million dollars and Mr. Murray said another meeting would have to take place in order to authorize the savings to be less than one million dollars. Mr. Weber asked if the figure being talked about was a net figure that included bond council, printing, etc. and Mr. Murray said the figure is net of all costs. Mr. Petrowski said previously Mr. Murray had quoted a value for basis point changes and Mr. Murray said every five basis points is approximately \$83,000.00 to \$85,000.00. Mr. Petrowski clarified that we would need roughly fifteen basis points movement downward to get to a million dollars and Mr. Murray said that is correct and that is why he is recommending that the board act quickly because since the end of June there has been a drop of thirty-seven basis points. The motion passed 9-0.

- I. The Board approved **Resolution #2006-14**, outlining the District's desire to enter into a forward starting bond purchase agreement for the issuance of bonds in the approximate amount of thirty million four hundred thousand dollars (\$30,400,000.00) to finance the current refunding of the remaining balance of the District's Series of 1997 General Obligation Bonds with a projected minimum savings after the cost of issuance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).
- J. The Board approved **Resolution #2006-15**, which establishes the formation of a Tax Study Commission as required by Act 1 of 2006. This

Commission will be effective September 14, 2006 and the Commission will make its' final recommendation to the board on or before December 13, 2006 and will act in accordance with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006. The membership of the commission will be determined by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board who will appoint members according to the criteria set forth in Act 1 of 2006.

- K. The Board approved the acceptance of quotes received by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for A-G Administrators CIGNA to provide All-Sports and Voluntary Accident Insurance. Ace American Insurance Company will be underwriting the Coverage (administered by American Management Advisor, Inc.). The catastrophic coverage will remain with AIG Life, also administered by American Management Advisors, Inc. These costs are the same as last year.

All Sports & Intramural Sports – Grades 5-12	\$ 7,000.00
Catastrophic Medical Coverage –	
Students in Interscholastic Sports	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
	\$ 8,700.00
Voluntary School-Time Coverage	\$ 22.00
Voluntary 24-Hour Coverage	\$ 28.00

- L. The Board approved Edward Murray, of Boenning, and Scattergood, to provide services to the Tax Study Commission, including reviewing the district demographic information to aid in the recommendation to the Board for the ballot question at no cost to the District.
- M. The Board approved the 48 month lease with Ikon for nine (9) Cannon Image Runner photocopiers through out the district at a monthly cost of two thousand nine hundred five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$2,905.35) including supplies and annual copies of 1,902,300 for a total lease cost of one hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred fifty-six dollars and eighty cents (\$139,456.80) effective July 2006 through July 2010. These copiers are on state contract. A quote by Cannon Image Solutions in the amount of one hundred eighty three thousand twenty-four dollars (\$183,024.00) was rejected.

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Item N and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mrs. Williams commented that this item is through the generosity of Dr. Hurda's family as they have designated Spring-Ford to be the recipient of a scholarship fund to be set up in honor of their mother Marjorie Russell. Mrs. Williams thanked Dr. Hurda and the Russell Family for their extreme generosity.

- N. The Board approved the Marjorie Russell Scholarship Fund, in memory of Dr. Hurda's mother, as spelled out in Policy #240 Scholarships. The funds received have been set up in a separate bank account under the name of Marjorie Russell Scholarship Fund.

New Finance

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve Items O-R and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- O. BIDS – The Board approved the following bid awards for the 2006-2007 school year for the following:

<u>Band Equipment- District Wide</u>	
Washington Music Company	\$ 14,283.00
Victor's House of Music	\$ 11,201.25
Cascio Interstate Music	\$ 1,029.22
Steve Weiss Music	\$ 475.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,988.47

<u>Market Forge Convection Steam Cooker- 9th Grade Center</u>	
Todd Devin	\$ 12,642.00

<u>Science Supplies- Middle/Intermediate School</u>	
Connecticut Valley Bio. Supply	\$ 12.65
Flinn Scientific Inc.	\$ 105.69
Alden H. Forbes Laboratories	\$ 271.00
Nasco	\$ 703.43
Para Scientific Company	\$ 855.76
Wards Natural Science	\$ 1,076.79
TOTAL	\$ 3,025.32

<u>Publications</u>	
Innovative Print & Media Group – Crisis Plan	\$ 1,533.00
Kalil's Printing Inc. - Calendars/Newsletters	\$ 23,398.00
Premier Agendas – Sr. High Handbooks	\$ 6,120.00
Zap Digital Inc. – Elementary, Intermediate, Middle School Handbooks and Post Secondary Planning Guide	\$ 14,642.80
TOTAL	\$ 45,693.80

- P. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
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|------------------------|---------------|
| June | |
| Checks No. 6437 - 6487 | \$ 299,979.25 |
| July | |
| Checks No. 6488 – 6510 | \$ 29,680.36 |

- Q. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:
- General Fund
- Money Market – June/July 2006
 - PSDLAF – June/July 2006
 - PSDMAX – June/July 2006
 - Checking Account – June/July 2006
 - PLGIT Account – June/July 2006
 - Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – June/July 2006
 - Payroll Account – June/July 2006
 - Tax Account – June/July 2006

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – June/July 2006
- 7th Grade Activity – June/July 2006
- 8th Grade Activity – June/July 2006
- High School Activity – June/July 2006
- Athletic Account – June/July 2006

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – June/July 2006
- Note Of 2004 – June/July 2006

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – June/July 2006
- Debt Service Fund – June/July 2006
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – June/July 2006

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – June/July 2006
- Cafeteria Checking Account – June/July 2006
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – June/July 2006
- Investment Account – June/July 2006

- R. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2006 – 2007 school year:

Limerick Township	No. 1
Royersford Borough	No. 1 – 11
Spring City Borough	No. 1 – 5
Upper Providence Township	No. 1 – 23

Mrs. Williams noted that the wording in Item S has been amended. The last line now ends with the words “as attached”. The amended item was at each board member’s seat and was made available to the public. Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item S with the amended wording and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- S. The Board approved a confidential settlement and release agreement with the parents of a special education student and the authorization of payment **#2006-001** in full satisfaction of claims, attorneys’ fees and costs, as attached.

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Ciresi asked that Item A and B be separated. Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon E, Design Development, which had been reviewed and appear to meet the requirements of the school laws of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This PlanCon E is for the Spring-Ford Area School District Administration Office. (Attachment).

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 7-2 with Mr. Pettit and Mr. Ciresi voting no.

- B. The Board approved EI Associates to conduct a District-wide Feasibility Study to assess the physical conditions of district facilities and evaluate the educational and program requirements. This study is not to exceed \$20,000.00.

VIII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved the 2006-2007 Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant in the amount of fifteen thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$15,533.00). This grant will be used for Student Assistance Program Activities, Counseling Programs, Student Assistance Program Staff Training, Student and Parent Activities, and Counseling Services provided by Spring-Ford Counseling Services.

IX. PSBA REPORT **Ray Rocchio, Jr.**

Mr. Rocchio reported that PSBA presented testimony on several issues one of which is House Bill 2564 which would allow school districts to collect impact fees on new residential developments. There was also testimony given in support of House Bill 2616 that would provide separate requirements for cyber schools and require funding to come directly from the Department of Education rather than school district budgets. PSBA presented testimony to the House Labor Relations Committee on HB 2635 which would replace Act 88 of 1992, the current law on collective bargaining, with provisions to prohibit school strikes and mandate binding arbitration. The texts of the testimonies are posted on the PSBA website at www.psba.org. The PSBA Platform Committee met to review all proposals to be considered for the 2007 legislative platform.

X. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items A-P and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Timothy Anspach**, Business Manager, and **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, to attend *“PSBA PA Property Tax Relief Seminar”* at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA on Thursday, September 14, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$248.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

- B. **Timothy Anspach**, Business Manager, to attend “*2005 Business Manager’s Fall Retreat*” at the Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony, PA from Wednesday, September 27 through Friday, September 29, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$505.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- C. **Judy Kuhns**, Technology Integration Specialist, to attend “*Building Online Communities with Will Richardson*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, November 30, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$83.91 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

- D. **Nancy Michewicz and Mary Palladino**, Teachers, to attend “*NCTM Regional Conference and Exposition Preview*” in Atlantic City, NJ from Thursday, October 19 through Saturday, October 21, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$1644.00 - \$1244.00 from 2006-2007 Title II Funds and \$400.00 from the substitute account.
- E. **Charles Mulvany**, Technology Department Chairperson, to attend “*Lab-Volt Training*” at the Holiday Inn in Tinton Falls, New Jersey from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$1707.00 from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Summer Hours Budget. No substitute is needed.
- F. **Diane Connors**, Secretary, to attend “*The Indispensable Assistant*” at the Scanticon Hotel and Conference Center in King of Prussia, PA on Thursday, October 26, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$169.68 from the 2006-2007 Support Staff 580 account. No substitute is needed.

9TH GRADE CENTER

- G. **Valarie Blischok**, Math Support Teacher, to attend “*SAP Add-on Training*” at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA on October 10, 11, 17 and 18, 2006. The total cost of this training is \$893.97 - \$493.97 from the 2006-2007 Safe and Drug Free Fund and \$400.00 from the substitute account.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- H. **Marla Falcone**, Emotional Support Teacher, to attend “*Social Thinking Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders*” at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on Thursday, September 28 and Friday, September 29, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$488.95 - \$288.95 from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and \$200.00 from the substitute account.

5 /6 GRADE CENTER

- I. **Julie Deutermann**, Home and School Visitor, to attend *“Family Involvement Conference”* in Mt. Pocono, PA from Monday, October 23 through Wednesday, October 25, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$582.50 from the 2006-2007 Assistant Superintendent 580 Account. No substitute is needed.
- J. **Mary Pat Long**, Title I Math Support Teacher, to attend *“Math Coaching Academy”* at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on September 21 and November 13, 2006, January 17 and March 8, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$745.00 – \$295.00 split between the 580 accounts from the 5/6 Center, Royersford Elementary, Spring City Elementary and \$450.00 from the substitute account.

BROOKE

- K. **Dr. Edward Mackel**, Principal, to attend *“Pennsylvania Association of Elementary & Secondary School Principals Conference”* in Pittsburgh, PA from Saturday, October 28 through Tuesday, October 31, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$977.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

LIMERICK

- L. **Susan Hess, Matt Bornais, and Janice Straubel**, Teachers, to attend *“PSSA Science and Math Day Camp”* at the Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel/Conference Center in King of Prussia, PA on Thursday, October 12, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$960.00 - \$660.00 from the 2006-2007 Elementary Science Fund and \$300.00 from the substitute account.

SPRING CITY

- M. **Connie Henry**, Administrative Assistant, to attend *“Pennsylvania Conference for Women”* in King of Prussia, PA on Monday, August 7, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$164.00 from the 2006-2007 Support Staff 580 Account. No substitute is needed.

New Conference/Workshop Recommendation

- N. **Donna Williams, John Grispon**, Board Members, and **Dr. Marsha R. Hurda**, Superintendent, to attend *“PSBA Pennsylvania Property Tax Relief Seminar”* at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. The total cost for this seminar is \$357.00 from the 580 account.

Dr. Hurda commented on Item O saying one of the things the board talked about last year was to try and get someone from our guidance department to attend a national conference to understand what colleges are looking for. Since we were lucky that the national conference this year is taking place in Pittsburgh, PA we

signed Ms. Trout up for this conference. Dr. Hurda said this will enable us to continue moving forward with our guidance restructuring, a high priority for the district.

- O. **Maren Trout**, College Career Coordinator, to attend "*National Association for College Admission Counseling Conference*" in Pittsburgh, PA from Thursday, October 5 through Saturday, October 7, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$904.10 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- P. **Louise Plush**, Teacher, to attend "*Lessons that Change Writers*" at the Hilton in Philadelphia, PA on Friday, November 3, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$322.48 - \$222.48 from the 580 account and \$100.00 from the substitute account.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The following policies are submitted as a first reading:
 - 1. Policy #202 – PUPILS: Eligibility of Nonresident Students
 - 2. Policy #804 – OPERATIONS: School Day

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Grispon seconded it. Mr. Pettit asked about Resolution #2006-16 and wondered where we are with the High School of the 21st Century and how this resolution will affect our moving forward. Dr. Hurda said in June the board asked the administration to proceed with establishing Occupational Advisory Committees. These committees met this past week and as a result we have completed the final step and are ready to move forward with PlanCon A&B. Dr. Hurda asked Dr. Donahue to talk about the meeting from this past week. Dr. Donahue reported that over thirty-one community members met this past week and gathered input regarding courses of study, job skills and facility equipment. Dr. Donahue said we are presently waiting on a new set of blueprints from Architecture Furst so that we can continue the process for preparing the paperwork for reimbursement. Mr. Pettit asked if we have a timeframe for the submission of PlanCon A&B and Dr. Hurda said it will take a few weeks before we can submit the documentation to PDE. Dr. Hurda reported that our enrollment at WCTS has dropped again and as of today our total number of students is 89 which is a great deal of concern to us. Mr. Masciandaro clarified that he is in support of moving forward with the High School of the 21st Century but we need to be able to provide vocational technical education for our students next year and sending our students to the Western Center for Vocational Studies is the only way we can accomplish this so that is why this rescinding of a previous motion is necessary. Mr. Ciresi said the high school expansion for vocational studies included nine additional classrooms and he wondered how long the current high school building will serve our enrollment needs. Dr. Hurda said last week she provided the board with a classroom utilization chart which showed we have no available classroom space; we presently have some teachers float and that will get us by for a short time period. Today, with the opening of school we had an additional 75 students enter the 10-12 building and this impacts our ability to house all the students. Dr. Hurda said there are two issues and one is what is our obligation to provide a state of the art

career and technical education and the second is how do we accommodate the growing number of students who are now entering the secondary level. Dr. Hurda said we also have Act 1 looming over us and the implications of that on our addition to the high school just for classroom space as well as the vocational studies addition. Dr. Hurda said our next step is to understand Act 1 and how it will affect our ability to borrow. Mr. Grispon urged the board members to attend the Act 1 Seminar being offered on September 19 to better understand how we will be restricted on borrowing in the future. Mr. Petrowski spoke about the budget challenges that the district will face due to Act 1. Mrs. Sheehan said PDE did release the index which is 3.4% so that is the maximum amount districts can increase their tax rate by. Mrs. Williams clarified that next year, regardless of what our responsibilities are, we cannot raise the tax rate beyond 3.4% or we will have to go to a referendum vote by the voters and Mrs. Sheehan said that was correct. Mr. Ciresi said no matter which direction we go whether we continue to stay and build at the Western Center or build our own technical school we will still have to go to referendum to borrow the money. Mr. Masciandaro said our job is clear and that is to do what is best for the students in the district and if that means building our own vocational center and going to the voters of the district for approval then that is fine. Mr. Masciandaro said we believe the voters understand what education is all about and it becomes incumbent upon us to make sure we educate the public to what is going on. Mr. Pettit said he agrees with Mr. Masciandaro and he thinks we may be underestimating the public as he feels the voters will understand the need for our own vocational center which will allow all high school students to have access to vocational classes but it is up to the board to educate the public on the need for this. Mrs. Williams said she agrees that our best option is to educate the public and she is confident that at the end of the day we can explain to the public what our needs are and they will be caring about the education of our children. The motion passed 9-0.

- B. The Board approved **Resolution #2006-16**, which rescinds the Spring-Ford Area School District's previous motion, approved March 29, 2005, to withdraw from the Western Center for Technical Studies effective June 30, 2007.

New Other Business

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item C and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Weber asked if Item C should not say that it is sponsored by the Spring-Ford Rotary Club and Dr. Hurda clarified that it is universally sponsored by Rotary International but locally sponsored by the Spring-Ford Rotary Chapter. Mr. Weber asked to have the motion amended to reflect the correct wording. Mr. Grispon and Mr. Pettit withdrew their motion and second. The amended motion appears below. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item C and Mr. Weber seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- C. The Board approved of the admission of Ana Salas Bautista, a foreign exchange student, for the 2006-2007 school year. Ana is from Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador and is sponsored by the Rotary International Youth Exchange through the Spring-Ford Rotary Chapter. Rotary International has a long-standing relationship with the Spring-Ford School District, placing students annually.

Mr. Rocchio asked if the board could have some type of formalized discussions on the approved district goals on a monthly basis. He would like to see some type of rotating schedule for discussion of the goals. He also spoke about the sound system at the 7th Grade Center as he attended a meeting there this week and the parents in the back of the auditorium could not hear the speaker. He said we possibly may need additional speakers installed in the rear of the auditorium. Mr. Morgan suggested that this is something the Property Committee could put on their agenda for discussion. Mr. Ciresi congratulated Dr. Hurda, the administration and staff on the opening day ceremony. Mr. Ciresi also thanked the administration at Brooke Elementary as well as the custodial staff and Dr. Hurda for going way above and beyond to prepare the building for the first day of classes. Mr. Petrowski said he understood opening day went very well and despite the fact that a number of parents registered their students late. He acknowledged the transportation staff for the work they did providing transportation for all of the students. Dr. Hurda said it was an interesting transition this year with setting up central registration and she commended Mary Chrisman for all her work in getting the families registered this summer. Dr. Hurda said since July 1 we have registered about 270 families of which 251 were completed registrations and the rest are in limbo right now as we are waiting on completed immunizations and documentation. Dr. Hurda said she was very surprised by the fact that 1/3 of our families waited until the last week to register with 25 families coming on Thursday and Friday alone and these families wanted their students to have transportation for the first day of school. Dr. Hurda said that she is happy to report that every student was provided with a registration number and bus transportation. Dr. Hurda reported that the enrollment number as of today only is 7,284 and that number will probably change over the next few days due to additional registrations. She said last year on the first day of school we had 7,093. Dr. Hurda said our October numbers will be a more accurate total to use in terms of projections. Our greatest areas of growth have been at the 5/6, 7, 8, and High School buildings. Dr. Hurda said we are in very good shape and she heard from every principal today and one principal commented that it was the smoothest opening day ever. Dr. Hurda asked parents to exercise some patience and indulgence when it comes to transportation as it is very difficult when you have 60 or 70 students enroll in the last two weeks after bus runs have already been made, there is going to be some overcrowding but your calls will be answered in a timely manner.

XII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Sheehan asked Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fern to remain to sign the bond paperwork.

XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Linda Cartwright, Limerick Township, has two sons who attend Brooke Elementary School. Her one son has Down Syndrome and she wanted to make the board aware of an event that is run in October to support a center set up by Children's Hospital for children with Down Syndrome. The event is called Buddy Walk which is a two mile fun walk as well as a carnival. Mrs. Cartwright said it is a nice family day and about 4,000 people attend. She said this is the 5th year for the walk. The event is Sunday, October 1, 2006 at Villanova University Stadium

from 10am to 1pm. This event directly benefits children in our district who have Down Syndrome.

Mrs. Williams asked if any board member would like to make a quick closing comment and Mr. Morgan said it was nice to see that for the first time in a long time every seat at the board table is filled. Mrs. Williams said it this board has only been together for 7 or 8 months and she is still amazed at the number of unanimous votes. Mr. Pettit said he thinks the board will agree that it is due to the leadership of Mrs. Williams that the board is working so well together.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weber made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

APPROVED DISTRICT GOALS

1. Formulate a plan to provide a quality in-house alternative education program for students within the Spring-Ford School District.
2. Provide a quality career and technical education for students in grades 10-12 focusing on what is both educationally and economically feasible.
3. Develop a long range comprehensive secondary school facilities plan.
4. Develop and implement a transition plan for students and parents as children move through grades 4-8.
5. Track and monitor key measures for student success: graduation rates, drop out rates, scholarships, college acceptance rates and the feedback from past graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary