

On September 23, 2013 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Edward T. Dressler, Jr., Bernard F. Pettit and Willard D. Cromley  
Region II: Clara M. Gudolonis and Dawn R. Heine  
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert  
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello  
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin  
Business Manager: Timothy Anspach  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Rep.: Taylor M. Auman

The following Board Members were absent: **Julie A. Mullin and Joseph P. Ciresi**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. DiBello announced that the district will be part of a statewide survey hosted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The survey will be open between now until the end of November. He stated that in 2013, the Pennsylvania Youth Survey will be offered to all public, private, and charter schools in the state, at no cost, due to the sponsorship of the state agency partners. The survey will question students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades about the students' attitudes, knowledge and behaviors toward alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence and other problem behaviors. Student participation will be anonymous and confidential. Mr. DiBello announced that more information about the survey can be found on the district homepage at [www.spring-ford.net](http://www.spring-ford.net)

#### **I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

A. The Board approved the August 19, 2013 Work Session minutes.

B. The Board approved the August 26, 2013 Board Meeting minutes.

### III. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **Superintendent's Report Dr. David R. Goodin**

Dr. Goodin recognized the Target School Fundraising Program saying he was notified that the High School received a check in the amount of \$2,827.22 for their participation in this program. Dr. Goodin stated that to date the high school's participation in this program has netted \$15,655.98. Dr. Goodin commented that the district appreciates Target Stores and their fundraising program which is available for all of our schools. Dr. Goodin next recognized two new sponsors of the district; Zoey's Yogurt Bar and Timothy Off Heating and Air Conditioning. Dr. Goodin announced that NBC Channel 10 has a game of the week where people can go on and vote for the game they would like to see televised. Dr. Goodin stated that currently the Pottsgrove – Spring-Ford game is ranking around 50% and people can help in the voting by visiting the Spring-Ford Facebook page which has a link to the voting site. Dr. Goodin recognized and congratulated Ms. Allison Kratz, a 2012 Graduate from Spring-Ford, for recently being crowned the 2013 Miss American Teen Pennsylvania and stated that she will now represent Pennsylvania at the 2013 Miss American Teen Pageant. Dr. Goodin commented the Business Office and the School Board for the recent audit of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010 as it reported no findings or observations.

Mr. DiBello spoke about the football game on Friday night saying it is also youth night so it would be a great showing for Spring-Ford to be televised as the game of the week. Mr. DiBello encouraged the students present at the meeting to vote for this game to be named the game of the week and televised. Mr. DiBello reported that this past weekend was an amazing one for everyone overall beginning with Spring-Ford winning the football game on Friday night, events all day Saturday at Coach McNelly Stadium and all day Sunday. Mr. DiBello reported that there were fundraiser events taking place in memory of Julia Grace Eveland with the proceeds going towards the battle against cancer. Mr. DiBello added that on Sunday he participated in a memorial motorcycle ride where at least 500+ plus motorcyclists rode in her memory. Mr. DiBello reported that the family was very touched by the support they received from the community. He added that the Rams High School Football Team hosted their formerly known as the "Taste of Spring-Ford" and now known as the "Ram County Fair". Mr. DiBello stated that at least 2,000 attended and he spoke about some of the events taking place that day. Mr. DiBello commented that it was nice to see how strong Spring-Ford as a community has become.

### IV. PERSONNEL

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

#### **A. Resignations:**

1. **Cindy Astheimer**, Food Service – 5 hours/day; Brooke Elementary School. Effective: August 29, 2013.
2. **Matthew Cappelletti**, Lacrosse Coach-Boys; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: September 12, 2013.
3. **Tonia Leonard**, Food Service – Part-time 3 hours/day; 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 29, 2013.

4. **MarySue Murphy**, Food Service – Part-time 3.5 hours/day; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 27, 2013.
5. **Todd Reagan**, Boys Basketball Coach; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: September 12, 2013.
6. **Michael Siuchta**, Assistant Basketball Coach-Boys'-HS and Basketball-Boys Intramurals. Effective: August 20, 2013.
7. **Robert A. Swier, III**, Assistant Varsity Football Coach; Senior High School. Effective: September 11, 2013.
8. **Katie Uhas**, Softball Coach; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 28, 2013.

**New Resignation:**

9. **Corey Moore**, Marching Band Program Planner; Senior High School. Effective: September 16, 2013.

**B. Professional Employee:**

1. **Christopher Talley**, Special Education Teacher; Upper Providence Elementary. Compensation will be set at B+18 Step 1, \$43,500.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: TBD.

**C. Support Staff Employee:**

1. **Christian Stamm**, School Resource Officer replacing Stephen Randolph who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$25.00 per hour. Effective: September 23, 2013.

**New Support Staff Employee:**

2. **Kevin Killion**, Instructional Assistant; Senior High School – 10-12 Grade Center, replacing Indira Pothukuchi who had a change of status. Compensation will be set at \$17.36 per hour (degree rate) after 6 months with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan. Effective: TBD.

**D. Substitute Professional Employee:**

1. **Laura Tollefson** English 7-12 PA Certification

- E. The Board approved the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2013-2014 school year.

**New Personnel**

**F. Leaves of Absence:**

1. **Valarie Dubbs**, Mathematics Teacher; Senior High School – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, for an extension of child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement through January 23, 2014.

- 2. **Brittany Dunbar**, Social Studies Teacher; Senior High School – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, for child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: December 21, 2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

**G. Temporary Professional Employee:**

- 1. **Emily Belisario**, Special Education Teacher; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Angela Bramowski who resigned. Compensation will be set at B Step 1, \$43,200.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: September 23, 2013.

**H. Long Term Substitute Employee:**

- 1. **Brian Johnson**, Math Teacher, Senior High School – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Valarie Dubbs who will be on a Leave of Absence. Compensation will be set at B Step 1, \$43,200.00 prorated with benefits. Effective: September 16, 2013 through January 23, 2014.

**I. Support Staff Substitute:**

- 1. **Rita Brownholz**                                      Food Service

**V. FINANCE**

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

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-N and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. **OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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| *Capital Projects Checks held for Board approval |  |              |
| *Check No. 32812 – 32826                         |  | \$ 96,014.46 |

- B. The Board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **SEPTEMBER**, in connection with the **\*CAPITAL \*RESERVE ACCOUNT – Fund 32:**

|               |   |                    |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| *AG Mauro Co. | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grd Ctr - Main Entrance |                    |
|               | Security Doors & Openings               | \$ 1,910.87        |
|               | <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$ 1,910.87</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. Weekly Checks prior to Work SessionAugust

Check No. 150876 – 150935 \$ 276,997.29

ACH 131400061 – 131400063 \$ 200.20

September

Check No. 150936 – 151088 \$ 994,407.28

ACH 131400064 – 131400073 \$ 1,623.08

2. Athletic FundAugust

Check No. 305990 – 306030 \$ 26,338.99

3. \*Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting\*September

\*Check No. 151089 – 151145 \$ 297,914.54

4. \*Board Checks held for approval

\*Check No. 151146 – 151205 \$ 179,740.86

\*ACH 131400074 – 131400098 \$ 14,937.11

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

1. **New Story School – Wyomissing, PA.** Provide educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$105,300.00.
2. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis direct and consultative services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Direct services will be provided up to 8 hours per week at a rate of \$30.00 per hour and consultative services will be provided for up to 2 hours per week at a rate of \$95.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$16,770.00.
3. **Lisa Kowalski – Norristown, PA.** Provide instructional reading and math services for a special needs student as part of the student's transition plan and IEP. Services will be provided for a total of 84 hours at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$4,200.00.
4. **Susan V. Burghart-Orr – Pottstown, PA.** Provide specialized reading instruction to a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 80 sessions at a rate of \$140.00 per session. In addition, consultation is included for 12 hours at a rate of \$125.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$12,700.00.
5. **Dr. Karen Kelly – Wayne, PA.** Provide a neuropsychological evaluation for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$3,800.00.

6. **Gateway Employment Resources, Inc. – Limerick, PA.** Provide Community Based Transition Work Assessment/Job Coaching services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 114.5 hours at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$6,297.50.
7. **Spring-Ford Counseling Services – Royersford, PA.** Provide prevention services to students based on the Student Assistance Program (SAP) referrals and student support groups for the 2013-2014 school year. Funding shall be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$15,000.00.

**New Independent Contracts:**

8. **Montgomery County District Attorney's Office – Norristown, PA.** Provide four assemblies, one per grade, for all high school students entitled "Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, Sexting and Internet Safety". These assemblies will address with students the complex elements associated with preventing, responding to and ultimately eliminating bullying and cyber-bullying from our schools. There is no charge to the district for these assemblies.
  9. **Pediatric Therapy Services (PTS) – Conshohocken, PA.** Provide psychological services to assist the district with staying in compliance with state regulations for special education evaluations. Services will be provided for a total of 185 hours at a rate of \$68.50 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$12,672.50.
  10. **Dr. Curt Hinson, Playfit Education, Inc. – Hockessin, DE.** Provide one full day of K-6 professional development training in connection with "Trouble Free" Playground Workshops. Funding will be paid from the 2013-2014 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Grant and shall not exceed \$995.00.
  11. **Benmore Enterprises – Bushkill, PA.** Provide an assembly and two fossil digs for second grade students at Upper Providence Elementary entitled "Dino Dig". Funding will be provided by the Upper Providence Assembly Account and shall not exceed \$525.00.
- F. The Board approved listing the old band uniforms for sale, as required by School Code. If there is not an interested buyer, with a reasonable purchase offer, the band uniforms will be available to the Music Association to use for fundraisers, souvenirs, awards, etc.

**New Finance**

- G. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:
- General Fund
- Money Market – August 2013
  - PSDLAF – August 2013
  - PSDMAX – August 2013
  - Checking Account – August 2013
  - PLGIT Account – August 2013

- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule - August 2013
- Payroll Account – August 2013
- Tax Account – August 2013

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – August 2013
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity – August 2013
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity – August 2013
- High School Activity – August 2013
- Athletic Account – August 2013

Bond Funds

- Note of 2007A – August 2013

Other Funds

- Capital Reserve Fund & Investment Schedule – August 2013
- Debt Service Fund – August 2013
- Reservation of Funds (Natatorium, Insurance, Retirement) – August 2013

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – August 2013
- Cafeteria Checking Account – August 2013
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – August 2013
- Investment Account – August 2013

H. The Board approved the “**Proposed New Fees**” as shown on the attached chart.

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

**AUGUST**

Check No. 11428- 11455 \$ 134,553.55

J. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits**:

Permits No. 4556 – 4629

K. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2013-2014 school year:

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Royersford Borough Exonerations  | No. 031 – 084 |
| Spring City Borough Exonerations | No. 007 – 011 |

L. The Board approved a Sponsorship Agreement between **Timothy Off Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.**, 835 Lincoln Avenue, A1, West Chester, PA and the Spring-Ford Area School District for the 2013-2014 school year. The total amount of the sponsorship shall be \$850.00 for an advertisement banner to be hung in the High School 10-12 Gymnasium.

M. The Board approved closing the Newspaper Account from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Student Activity Accounts.

N. The Board approved closing the National Junior Honor Society Account from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Student Activity Accounts.

**VI. ADDENDUM : PROPERTY**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Cromley seconded it.

Mr. Dehnert commented that he would prefer that we have a comprehensive plan for all of the cameras and all of the security in the district before we go and buy piece meal systems. He stated that one of the problems we have today is that we have a piece meal system that did not work. Mr. Dehnert stated that he thinks we should understand what our objectives are for the level of security we want and come up with a plan that we can look at for all of the schools that is comprehensive and meets those objectives.

Mr. DiBello stated that he does not disagree with Mr. Dehnert but the one thing he will say is that the system at the high school is not piece meal, it just has not performed at the levels it should be and that is why we need to add the additional equipment in to cover the high school. Mr. DiBello said he has said the same thing that we should have a strategic plan and figure out what we are going to do over the next couple of years within the buildings.

Mrs. Heine asked if we were still talking about two different things here; the surveillance and the security because they are two different issues as discussed last week. Mrs. Heine stated that last week they talked about replacing an existing surveillance and that is what is on the agenda tonight. Mrs. Heine stated that it is her understanding based on the presentation last week that exactly what Dr. Goodin and his team did was put the phased in plan in place and Phase I and II are before them tonight on the agenda. Mrs. Heine commented that the security aspect is completely separate and she agrees that this needs to be looked at and reviewed but not as a portion of the surveillance which is what is being approved this evening.

Mr. Dehnert commented that to him they are the same thing as surveillance is part of security, not separate, and they should be looked at as one overall approach at how we do security in the district which includes surveillance. Mr. Dehnert stated that he does not want to see us put something in to find out that there is something better after we come up with our comprehensive plan and wasted a couple hundred thousand dollars and not get the most out of the money by not having that plan first.

There was a roll call vote. Mr. Dressler, Ms. Gudolonis, Mr. Cromley, Mr. Pettit and Mrs. Heine voted yes. Mr. Dehnert and Mr. DiBello voted no. The motion passed 5-2.

- A. The Board approved moving forward with Phase I and Phase II of the District Video Surveillance System Upgrade as outlined in the September 16, 2013 Presentation. The total cost for this upgrade will be \$75,967.00 for Phase I and \$130,522.00 for Phase II. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve Fund and shall not exceed \$206,489.00.

**VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Cromley seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved bringing back the following extra-curricular clubs/contracts at the 5/6 Grade Center:



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| 1. Art Club – IMS (3 contracts)             | \$1,206.00 (\$402.00 per contract)   |
| 2. Chess Club – IMS                         | \$402.00                             |
| 3. Computer Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> MP – IMS | \$402.00                             |
| 4. Computer Club – 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP – IMS | \$402.00                             |
| 5. Computer Club – 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP – IMS | \$402.00                             |
| 6. Computer Club – 4 <sup>th</sup> MP – IMS | \$402.00                             |
| 7. Kiwanis Builders’ Club - IMS             | \$1,104.00                           |
| 8. Yearbook – IS (2 contracts)              | \$2,942.00 (\$1,471.00 per contract) |

B. The Board approved adding the following extra-curricular clubs/contracts at 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Level:

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. Indoor Winter Color Guard 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> |            |
| a. Coach  | \$1,471.00 |
| b. Assistant Instructor                                       | \$1,104.00 |

**VIII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Dehnert asked that Item H which is on the addendum be separated.

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

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

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

**DISTRICT OFFICE**

- A. **Deborah Smith**, Administrative Assistant Child Accounting, to attend *“The Fall Child Accounting Conference”* in Hershey, PA from October 31 through November 1, 2013. There is no cost for Mrs. Smith to attend this conference as all expenses are paid by ACAPA since she serves as the organization’s Vice President. No substitute is needed.

**DISTRICT-WIDE**

- B. **Joseph Nugent**, Maintenance, and **Denise Whitmore**, Lead Custodian, to attend *“Johnson Controls, Inc., Training, Operations/Troubleshooting”* in Baltimore, Maryland from December 17 through December 19, 2013. This training is necessary in order to maintain their certifications. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$3,582.60 for registration, lodging and meals. No substitutes are needed.

**New Conference and Workshop Recommendations:**

- C. **Kimberly Bast**, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to attend *“The Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) Conference”* in McVeytown, PA on November 4, 2013. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$105.00 for registration. No substitute is needed.

- D. **Daniel Currie**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend "*Eastern PA Special Education Administrator's Conference (EPASEAC)*" in Hershey, PA from October 30 through November 1, 2013. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$454.00 for lodging. No substitute is needed.
- E. **Julie Caterson**, Home and School Visitor, to attend "*Meeting the Challenge: Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness*" in Harrisburg, PA from October 7 through October 8, 2013. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$89.95 for mileage. No substitute is needed.
- F. **Vicki Ellis** and **Patricia Stroop**, Teachers, to attend "*Supporting Students with High Functioning Autism in the General Education Setting*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on October 30, 2013. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$329.38 (\$29.38 for mileage and \$300.00 for substitutes).
- G. **Christine Raber**, Supervisor of Special Education, **Rebecca Barnett**, **Ann Ricci**, and **Deanne Snelling**, Gifted Support Teachers, to attend "*Gifted Boot Camp*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on November 5, 2013 and December 5, 2013. Funding will be paid from the 580 account and shall not exceed \$1,210.00 (\$760.00 for registration and \$450.00 for substitutes).

#### **ADDENDUM**

Mrs. Heine made a motion for Item H and Mr. Pettit seconded it.

Mr. Dehnert commented that if you are invited to a conference he feels that the conference should give you a complimentary registration fee and he wondered if that was the case with this conference. Dr. Floyd replied that it is at a discounted rate but it is not complimentary. Mr. Dehnert stated that he gets invited to conference where not only is it complimentary but he is also paid a stipend for his expenses. Mr. Dehnert questioned that if the MCIU wants Dr. Floyd to go then why are they not paying for the trip? Mr. Dehnert stated that he is not quite sure how Spring-Ford benefits from Dr. Floyd going, speaking and educating other people. Dr. Floyd stated that as part of a partner with the Hybrid Learning Project at Spring City Elementary, it is an opportunity for the district along with the MCIU to showcase what we have done with the project. Dr. Floyd added that one of the things that is sought after is how the project is going and we have received a lot of recognition on the East Coast and now looking at a national stage the questions are starting to arise being that we were the fifth elementary school in the country and the first public school to convert. Dr. Floyd stated that people have started to express interest and this was an opportunity that arose that the IU asked us to be a part of.

Mr. Pettit commented that this is a reflection of how well regarded Dr. Floyd is and the Hybrid Learning Program. He stated that he believes this is a magnificent opportunity for Dr. Floyd to speak on a national stage concerning the Hybrid Learning Center which is one of our proudest achievements and partially brought on by this Board. Mr. Pettit stated that he is very proud of what our Spring City School has become and it will hopefully lead to the rest of the district becoming hybrid as well. Mr. Pettit said he thinks this is a great honor and Dr. Floyd should be commended for being invited to attend and address this august body.

Mr. DiBello agreed that this is an opportunity for Spring-Ford to be recognized and our goal was to be recognized beyond the borders of Spring-Ford and we started and moved outside of the county to be recognized at the state levels and now we have the opportunity to be

recognized at the national level. Mr. DiBello stated that this is a great opportunity to go out and demonstrate the leadership we have shown with taking an initiative like Hybrid Learning and working with the IU to make it real.

Mr. Cromley asked if it would be possible to have a follow-up report back to the Board after he returns from the conference and Dr. Floyd replied that he would be glad to.

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

- H. **Dr. Keith Floyd**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to attend "*The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*" in San Antonio, Texas from Tuesday, December 3 through Saturday, December 8, 2013. Dr. Floyd on behalf of Spring-Ford was asked to attend this national conference along with a representative of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to present on the Hybrid Learning Program at Spring City Elementary. The total cost for Dr. Floyd to attend this conference will be \$2,200.00 for registration, travel expenses, lodging and meals. No substitute is needed.

#### **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion for A-B and Mr. Cromley seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved for Kris Jennings (Band Director), Alex Cifelli (Choral Director) and Kristen Katzianer (Orchestra Director) to take the Spring-Ford Middle School Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, 7th/8th Grade Chorus and Gold N Blues to perform at the 2014 Music in the Parks Festival in Hershey, PA from Friday, May 9, 2014 through Saturday, May 10, 2014. The Middle School Music Department will be traveling by chartered bus and staying at a hotel to be determined near Hersheypark Amusement Park. The cost of the trip shall not exceed three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association will conduct fundraising events to help defray the costs. Students will miss a half-day of school and will be responsible for any missed work. The total cost to the district will be \$75.00 for a half-day substitute for Friday, May 9, 2014 for Mr. Cifelli.
- B. The following policy was approved:
  - 1. Policy #916: COMMUNITY: Community Volunteers

The Board Members each cast their vote as to who their choice of candidate was for Items C-F.

The vote on Item C was Ms. Gudolonis, Mr. Cromley and Mr. Dehnert for William S. LaCoff and Mr. Dressler, Mrs. Heine, Mr. Pettit and Mr. DiBello for Mark B. Miller. The vote was 4-3 in favor of Mark B. Miller.

- C. A Board majority vote is needed to select one candidate for the office of PSBA President-elect. The two candidates running for this office are **William S. LaCoff** and **Mark B. Miller**. The Board chose Mark B. Miller by a vote of 4-3.

The vote on Item D was Mr. Cromley, Mr. Dehnert and Mr. DiBello for Larry B. Breech and Mr. Dressler, Ms. Gudolonis, Mrs. Heine and Mr. Pettit for Charles H. Ballard. The vote was 4-3 in favor of Charles H. Ballard.

- D. A Board majority vote is needed to select one candidate for the office of PSBA Vice President. The two candidates running for this office are **Larry B. Breech** and **Charles H. Ballard**. The Board chose Charles H. Ballard by a vote of 4-3.

The vote on Item E was Ms. Gudolonis, Mr. Cromley and Mrs. Heine for Norman G. Hasbrouck and Mr. Dressler, Mr. Dehnert, Mr. Pettit and Mr. DiBello for Otto W. Voit, III. The vote was 4-3 in favor of Otto W. Voit, III.

- E. A Board majority vote is needed to select one candidate for the office of PSBA Treasurer. The two candidates running for this office are **Norman G. Hasbrouck** and **Otto W. Voit, III**. The Board chose Otto W. Voit, III by a vote of 4-3.

The vote on Item F was unanimous as Mr. Dressler, Ms. Gudolonis, Mr. Cromley, Mr. Dehnert, Mrs. Heine, Mr. Pettit and Mr. DiBello all voted for Maura Buri. The vote was 7-0 in favor of Maura Buri. No votes were cast for Robert M. Schwartz.

- F. A Board majority vote is needed to select one candidate for the office of the PSBA At-Large Representative (East) Representing Regions 7, 8, 10, 11, and 15. The two candidates running for this office are **Maura Buri** and **Robert M. Schwartz**. The Board chose Maura Buri by a vote of 7-0.

#### **X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that on Friday they received a phone call from a developer who may be interested in purchasing some of the 120 acre parcel up on Swamp Pike. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that it would be a fraction of the 120 acres and be used to develop for senior living housing. Mr. Fitzgerald commented that he passed the information along to Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin this afternoon. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there was no time-line given as part of the inquiry but that this may be something in the next 30 days or so that the Board may want to think about and determine what course of action you wish to take.

Mr. DiBello stated that first we need to make a determination if the property is for sale and then if it is decide if it is the whole property or a portion of the property and then figure out what the next steps are.

Mr. Fitzgerald replied that there are quite a few steps and one of the other issues would be that if you do sell off a component of it would you still have enough to possibly build a high school under PDE's regulations. Mr. Fitzgerald said these are the various things that would have to be explored as part of due diligence.

Mr. DiBello stated that he wants it to be clear and his understanding is that this was just a developer reaching out and we have not actively advertised the property. Mr. DiBello said there was some brief conversation at the Property Committee wondering if there was something we could do with that property as of now.

Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed that this was a cold call on Friday.

Mr. DiBello suggested that possibly this discussion start at the Property Committee meeting and have them make a recommendation on what if anything we want to move forward with as far as doing something with the property. Dr. Goodin stated that this is actually on the next Property Committee meeting agenda. Mr. Anspach stated that it may also be helpful to have one of the diagrams that was presented by the one of architects at that time to show the schematics of two buildings that could be built on that property, an elementary school and a secondary building, and the impact of allowing a portion of the grounds to be purchased.

Mr. Dehnert asked the last time we had projections for the long term growth of the district from a student perspective and Dr. Goodin replied that the district's feasibility study has expired and we have asked that we embark upon a new one.

Mr. DiBello questioned if this was not one of the topics just touched on at the last Property Committee meeting as an upcoming discussion item and Dr. Goodin confirmed this was correct.

Mr. Dehnert stated that before we do anything with the property we really need to take a look at that to see what the long term forecast is. Mr. Anspach reported that the last study was 6 years old. Mr. DiBello stated that the previous study was way off and it was a good thing we did not listen to that or we would be sitting with two empty schools.

Mr. Dressler asked if there was any idea of the value of the property and Mr. DiBello stated that he is not sure we want to talk about that.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he will report back to the developer that we need to look through a whole bunch of documentation in order to do our due diligence before we can even respond.

**XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Mr. DiBello reminded the students that were present to go home and vote for Spring-Ford to be the game of the week.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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