

On September 25, 2006, the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:37 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 to discuss a litigation matter. The first Superintendent's/Parents' Advisory Council of 2006/2007 will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria Annex. Mrs. Williams reported that the life-size ram sculpture that was recently placed outside the high school main entrance was created by Seth Miller, a Perkiomenville artist, who spent more than a year on this project. There will be an unveiling and dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. More information on the ceremony is available by calling Robyn Burckhardt at 610-705-6001. Mrs. Williams announced that one of the previously appointed Tax Study Commission Members could not serve so Mr. Wayne Motsek will be joining the Commission. The Tax Study Commission will hold their public meetings on October, 3, 17, November 7 and 21, 2006. The Commission will make their recommendation to the school board on Monday, December 4, 2006.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Williams presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the accomplishments of the district over the past year.

- A. Donna Williams, Board President, to present an update on the District's Accomplishments.

2. **Amy Parsia**, 5/6th Grade Center, Spanish Club Advisor, effective September 8, 2006.
3. **Maryann Brown**, Flex School, Part-time 3-hour Food Service Employee, effective September 17, 2006.
4. **Chester Cushman**, Brooke Elementary School, Custodian, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 5, 2006.

New Resignation:

5. **David J. Niemirovich**, High School, Custodian, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2006.
6. **Yvonne R. O'Dea**, 7th/8th Grade Choral Director.

B. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Jenna Conroy**, Limerick Elementary School, 3rd Grade Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively December 22, 2006.
2. **Dana Day Claffey**, 5/6th Grade Center, Learning Support Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective November 1, 2006 for the 2nd marking period.
3. **Carrie Kehl**, Royersford Elementary School, 1st Grade Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively December 8, 2006.
4. **Heather Kiser**, Oaks Elementary School, Music Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively October 11, 2006.
5. **Michele L. Konnick**, High School, English Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively November 27, 2006.
6. **Vicki Maumus**, 7th Grade Center, School Psychologist, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively November 18, 2006.
7. **Amy Parsia**, 5/6th Grade Center, Learning Support Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively November 22, 2006 until the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
8. **Davelba Sanchez-Duska**, 8th Grade Center, Spanish Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 28, 2006.

9. **Hollie C. Strohl**, High School, Mathematics Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively January 7, 2007.
10. **Nancy Keely**, High School, Part-Time Food Service Employee, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Food Service Plan, effective September 19, 2006.
11. **Michael J. Siggins**, 8th Grade Center, Assistant Principal, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective November 14, 2006.

New Leave of Absence:

12. **Faith Walton**, 5/6th Grade Center, Instructional Assistant, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective November 1, 2006.

C. Temporary Professional Employee:

1. **Jill Cáceres**, 8th Grade Center, Spanish Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,500, BS + 18, Step 1 with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective retroactive September 7, 2006.

New Temporary Professional Employees:

2. **Catherine Cabrera**, District, Speech Therapist, compensation will be set at \$56,500, MS, Step 9, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective October 2, 2006.
3. **Adam H. Swavelly**, High School, 9th Grade Center, Biology Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, effective retroactive August 22, 2006.

D. Long Term Substitute Employee:

1. **Dana Starkey**, 5/6th Grade Center, Learning Support Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective retroactive August 23, 2006.

E. Support Staff Employees:

1. **Kimberly Day**, Part-time, 3-hour Food Service Employee, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective September 26, 2006.
2. **William H. Rowe, Jr.**, Brooke Elementary School, Custodian, compensation will be set at \$14.46 per hour with benefits as per the Custodial Plan, effective retroactive September 11, 2006.

F. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

1. **Dr. Keith Cetera**, Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, \$2,786, Code F
2. **Kori McDaniel**, Assistant Field Hockey Coach, \$2,786, Code F
3. **Aimee Cantello**, Theatre Business Manager, \$1,632, Code I
4. **Valarie Blischok**, 9th Grade Center Class Advisor, \$1,282, Code J
5. **Nicole Flocco**, 9th Grade Center Class Advisor, \$1,282, Code J

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

6. **Kristi Schellinger**, 10th Grade Class Advisor, \$1,632, Code I
7. **Daniel Leppold**, Computer Club Advisor, \$350, Code M

G. Extra-Curricular Contracts: 7th/8th Grade Centers

1. **Jackie Cody**, Science Olympiad, \$481, Code K1/2
2. **Ryan Rendick**, Science Olympiad, \$481, Code K1/2

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: 7th/8th Grade Centers

3. **Valarie Blischok**, 8/9th Grade Asst. Cheerleading Coach, \$816, Code I 1/2
4. **Nicholas Lemuell**, 7/8th Grade Asst. Soccer Girls' Coach, \$1632, Code I

H. Extra-Curricular Contracts: 5/6th Grade Center

1. **Stephanie Hahn**, Drama Advisor, \$1,282, Code J
2. **Adam Greger**, 5th Grade Chorus Coordinator, \$1,282, Code J
3. **Cathy Campbell**, Magazine Drive Advisor, \$350, Code M
4. **Erin Elton**, Math Club Advisor, \$350, Code M

New Extra-Curricular Contracts: 5/6th Grade Center

5. **Stephanie Hahn**, Drama Advisor – Fall Play, \$1,282, Code J
6. **Bev Reimund**, Kiwanis Builders Club Advisor, \$962, Code K
7. **Shayne Tobin**, Track Intramural Advisor, \$350, Code LC

I. Professional Staff Substitutes:

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| 1. Stefanie Babiak | Elementary |
| 2. Gail Carr | Elementary |
| 3. Paulette Cercega | Elementary |
| 4. Noelle Giampietro | Elementary |
| 5. Anne Gross | Elementary |
| 6. Steven Grunwald | Elementary |
| 7. Brittany Lewis | Social Studies |
| 8. Keith Koitzsch | Elementary |
| 9. Michael Kennedy | Social Studies |
| 10. Rachel Kumpf | Elementary |
| 11. Courtney McKenna | Elementary |

12. Jennifer McLeod	Elementary
13. Molly Marnella	Elementary
14. Brian Reimers	Social Studies
15. Corine Sheng	Elementary
16. Kathy Swahn	Science
17. Terri Tyler	Elementary
18. Christina Wayman	Elementary/English/ Math
19. Yvonne Lockbaum	Elementary/Special Education

J. Support Staff Substitutes:

1. Mary Ann Brown	Food Service
2. Gary Collins	Custodian
3. Tina Natalie	Custodian
4. Constance Dolente	School Nurse

New Support Staff Substitute:

5. Michael Heimbach	Custodian
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K. Personnel Information Items

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

1. Julie Deuterma	Home & School Visitor
2. Delores J. McCarter	Secondary School Counselor
3. Tina Romano	Elementary & Early Childhood

L. The Board approved the following attached Job Description:

1. **Administrative Assistant for Transportation** (attached)

M. The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Jacqueline Clarke-Havrilla as the principal of Evans Elementary School, effective on or about January 22, 2007. Mrs. Havrilla will work from Limerick Elementary School until Evans Elementary School is ready for occupancy.

Dr. Hurda introduced Jacqueline Clarke-Havrilla as the new principal of Evans Elementary School. Dr. Hurda said that Mrs. Havrilla has done a fabulous job at Limerick Elementary School and as a credit to her character she came forward and indicated her willingness to take on the opening of the new elementary school. Dr. Hurda thanked Mrs. Havrilla and wished her luck in the upcoming months.

VI. FINANCE

Mr. Grispon asked that Item E3 be separated. Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

1. **EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse Gen. Fund-Benefits	\$	281.81
	TOTAL	\$	281.81

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

1. **EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	80.00
PECO	Electricity	\$	194.40
Jay R. Reynolds, Inc.	Applic. #8- Plumbing Contractor	\$	172,400.50
U.S. Laboratories Inc.	Soils Testing & Inspection	\$	11,360.94
Worth & Company	Applic. #8- HVAC Contractor	\$	312,857.62
*ABJ Sprinkler Co.	Applic. #1- Fire Protection	\$	49,365.00
*DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	4,239.56
*MBR Construction	Applic. #9- Electrical Contractor	\$	33,524.00
*PECO	Electricity	\$	32.68
*Jay R. Reynolds	Applic. #9- Plumbing Contractor	\$	11,740.86
*SMJ Contracting Inc	Applic. #11- General Contractor	\$	605,815.94
*Worth & Company	Applic. #9- HVAC Contractor	\$	600,791.99
	TOTAL		\$1,802,403.49

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

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	466.04
	TOTAL	\$	466.04

3. **9TH GRADE CENTER**

*Adams Bickel Assoc	Applic. #16- General Contractor	\$	15,500.00
	TOTAL	\$	15,500.00

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

1. **Sukonik/Greenstein Condemnation**

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	184.00
*Simone Collins	Professional Services	\$	451.35
	TOTAL	\$	635.35

2. **Greenstein Property Repairs**

John DiBattista	Frame Laundry Closet/Kitchen	\$	1,905.00
	Maintain/check all Interior Doors		
	Build Front Porch Roof 5'X8'		
	clean up & pile scrap @ job site		
Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$	571.54
	TOTAL	\$	2,476.54

3. <u>Brooke Elementary School-Re-Roofing Project</u>			
Silas Bolef Company	Applic. #2- Electrical Contractor	\$	37,305.00
*SMJ Contracting Inc	Applic. #5- General Contractor	\$	477,142.02
*Worth & Company	Applic. #3- HVAC Contractor	\$	271,363.50
	TOTAL	\$	785,810.52
4. <u>Phase II – Design Athletic Fields</u>			
Cowan Associates	Professional Services	\$	953.50
	TOTAL	\$	953.50
5. <u>Scoreboard –Senior High</u>			
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	4,246.40
	TOTAL	\$	4,246.40
6. <u>Senior High School</u>			
Berkshire Systems	Full evaluation of S-F H.S. Auditorium Sound System	\$	1,850.00
	TOTAL	\$	1,850.00
7. <u>Intermediate/Middle School</u>			
Charlestown Paving	Excavating & Paving- all work performed as indicated in bid documents	\$	47,400.00
	TOTAL	\$	47,400.00
8. <u>New District Office</u>			
Foreman Architects	Professional Services Inv. #8	\$	15,699.00
	TOTAL	\$	15,699.00

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.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items E1, 2, 4 and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item E3 and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 8-0 with Mr. Grispon abstaining under Section 1111 of the school code.

E. Checks:

1. <u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>			
<u>August</u>			
Check No. 111673-111732		\$	345,928.92
<u>September</u>			
Check No. 111733-111874		\$	650,676.53
2. <u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>			
Check No. 111875-111929		\$	187,964.78

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| 3. | <u>Board Checks held for approval</u>
Check No. 111930-112251 | \$ 975,038.55 |
| 4. | <u>Athletic Fund -August</u>
Check No. 298456-298525 | \$ 30,373.38 |

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Items F-J and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

1. **Laurie Morris Betts, M.D. - Royersford, PA.** Continue to coordinate grant-related Healthy Choices activities. Compensation will be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour for a maximum of 360 hours. Funding is through the 2006-2007 Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Grant and shall not exceed eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00).
2. **Wilson Language Training – Oxford, MA.** Provide Level 1 Intensive Course Certification for ten teachers in the Wilson Reading System. This includes a start-up seminar, course work, a student practicum and live observations of work with students. Funding is through the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00). *This agenda item reflects a corrected amount for a contract that was previously approved at the August 28, 2006 Board Meeting.*
3. **Academic Entertainment, Inc. – Snohomish, WA.** Provide three (3) assemblies at Upper Providence Elementary School focusing on character building and excellence on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Funding is provided by the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).
4. **Academic Entertainment, Inc. – Snohomish, WA.** Provide two assemblies at Upper Providence Elementary School focusing on building positive relationships on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Funding is provided by the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,195.00).
5. **Linda Hall – Douglasville, PA.** Design and create a quilted canvas at Upper Providence Elementary School with the help of the students to be unveiled and put on display at an in-house assembly as part of the Artist in Residence Program. Funding will be provided through the 2006-2007 Artist in Residence Program at Upper Providence Elementary School and shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

6. **Earth Rhythms – Reading, PA.** Provide two interactive music assemblies at Upper Providence Elementary School on Tuesday, October 31, 2006. Funding will be provided by the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
7. **The Magic of Joe Romano – Alexandria, VA.** Provide three assemblies at Upper Providence Elementary School on Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Funding will be provided by the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand ninety-five dollars (\$1,095.00).
8. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide an assembly at Limerick Elementary School in connection with Outreach Programs Great Valley Nature Center (“Who Lives Here?” “Fur, Feathers & Fins,” “Sensational Senses”). Funding will be provided by the 2006-2007 Limerick Home and School League and shall not exceed three hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$368.70).
9. **Networks for Training and Development – Valley Forge, PA.** Provide training and development of communication support services for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for forty (40) weeks of ten (10) hours per week at a rate of fifty-four dollars and thirty-four cents (\$54.34) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed twenty-one thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars (\$21,736.00).
10. **Vanguard School – Paoli, 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 two hundred one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$201.25) per day. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed thirty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$36,225.00).

NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTS

11. **Philstar Entertainment – Stowe, PA.** Provide entertainment for the school wide picnic on Friday, October 27, 2006. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Upper Providence Home and School Association and shall not exceed one thousand two hundred ninety dollars (\$1,290.00).
12. **Martin Moore – Pottstown, PA.** Assistant Athletic Director to help with the development and coordination of athletic programs and facilities from August 15, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Extracurricular Budget and shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred seventeen dollars and twelve cents (\$7,517.12).

NEW FINANCE

G. The Board approved the following Treasurers' Reports:
General Fund

- Money Market – August 2006
- PSDLAF – August 2006
- PSDMAX – August 2006
- Checking Account – August 2006
- PLGIT Account – August 2006
- Investment Accounts & Investment Schedule – August 2006
- Payroll Account – August 2006
- Tax Account – August 2006

Activity Accounts

- Elementary Activity – August 2006
- 7th Grade Activity – August 2006
- 8th Grade Activity – August 2006
- High School Activity – August 2006
- Athletic Account – August 2006

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – August 2006
- Note of 2004 – August 2006

Other Funds

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

Cafeteria Fund

- Cafeteria Money Market – August 2006
- Cafeteria Checking Account – August 2006
- Cafeteria PSDLAF Account – August 2006
- Investment Account – August 2006

H. The Board approved the **Cafeteria Listing** of Bills:
August

Checks No. 6513 - 6573 \$ 138,621.23

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

Limerick Township	No. 2 - 12
Royersford Borough	No. 12 - 26
Spring City Borough	No. 6 - 8
Upper Providence Township	No. 24 - 40

J. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits** for the 2006-2007 school year:

Permit No. 1607– 1639

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Masciandaro asked that Item D be separated. Mr. Morgan asked that Item F be separated.

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

- A. Evans Elementary School – Worth & Company, Inc. – MC-001
The Board approved of Deduct Change Order MC-001 in the amount of – (\$15,999.90) for the credit for Geothermal Well Field value engineering.
- B. The Board approved rejecting all bids received for the purchase and installation of the new scoreboard at the High School Football Stadium.
- C. The Board approved the addition of a walk-way in the back of Upper Providence Elementary School as per the agreement with Upper Providence Township. This walk-way will be tied into one coming from the Faraway Farm West Development. The total cost shall not exceed \$4,800.00 with funding coming from the 2006-2007 Maintenance Budget.

Mr. Pettit made motion to approve Item D and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. Mr. Masciandaro said last week he asked if this item could be funded from a building fund rather than the Capital Reserve Fund and he wondered if this could be done. Mr. Grispon said this is listed in the budget book that it should come out of the Capital Reserve Fund. Discussion took place regarding bond funds and whether they can be used for this purpose as opposed to using the Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion that Item D be amended to read funding will come from a building fund instead of the Capital Reserve and Mr. Ciresi seconded the motion. Mr. Grispon said the budget book shows this item coming from the Capital Reserve and wondered who would remember that this item was changed next year when the budget process take place. Mr. Petrowski said the budget book does allow for some leeway. Mr. Anspach said the budget book does show the items that will be paid from the Capital Reserve Account and this item is one of them but if the board wants this changed it can be changed. Mr. Anspach said he thinks this should go back to the Finance Committee for discussion. Mrs. Williams asked if it would hurt the program if this was put off for another month and Mr. Morgan said it will affect the concerts at Christmas time. . Mr. Grispon asked if it could come out of the Capital Reserve now and then take it back to the Finance Committee to decide what we are going to do as far as the funding. Mr. Masciandaro withdrew his motion to amend Item D with the understanding that this will be discussed further at the Finance Committee meeting. The original motion passed 9-0.

- D. The Board approved Berkshire Sound System to enhance the sound system and install new wireless microphones at the High School Auditorium. The total cost of this state contract is \$32,347.00 with funding coming from the Capital Reserve Account.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items E & G and Mr. Morgan seconded it. Dr. Hurda pointed out that the motion for Item G had changed. The total amount changed as the installation had not been included in the original motion. Mr. Masciandaro asked about the recent problems the district has experienced with refrigeration units and Mr. Cooper said the units were old units and no one knows how long the units will last past their warranty. The motion passed 9-0.

- E. The Board approved the purchase a John Deere 4520 tractor to be used with other school district field equipment requiring Power Take Off (PTO) Horsepower. The total cost of this tractor purchased through state contract is \$20,441.75. Funding is from the 2006-2007 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item F and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Rocchio said he feels the district is over fenced and he feels the money could be spent on something more important. Mr. Masciandaro said he agrees but feels fences around elementary kindergarten areas do serve a purpose. Mr. Morgan said this is something that came out of the Property Committee due to a request by Mrs. Havrilla. Mrs. Havrilla commented that the kindergarten portion of the playground is part of the whole playground and there is an area of fencing that is open to the street; so for the safety of the younger children it was suggested that this area be fenced in. The motion passed 9-0.

- F. The Board approved having a fence installed at the Limerick Elementary School Kindergarten Playground. Total costs shall not exceed \$5,000.00 with funding coming from the 2006-2007 Maintenance Budget.
- G. The Board approved the replacement of the existing walk-in freezer box at Limerick Elementary School by Bally Refrigeration Equipment for a state contract price not-to-exceed **\$14,701.89. Cost for installation is \$6,767.00. The total cost for the project is \$21,468.89.** Funding will come from the Cafeteria Fund.

NEW PROPERTY

Mr. Morgan asked that Item J be separated. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items H, I, K and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- H. The Board approved C & C Landscaping to do the snow plowing district-wide on an as needed basis. The cost is \$58.00 per hour per truck. Funding will come from the General Fund, Maintenance Budget.
- I. The Board approved purchasing Sodium Chloride (bulk – rock salt) through the PA Department of General Services Costars purchasing program at a rate of forty-two dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$42.97) per ton from American Rock Salt. Funding will come from the General Fund, Maintenance Budget.

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Item J and Mr. Morgan seconded it. Mr. Morgan asked if Item J is passed that it be brought back before the Property Committee to discuss the scope, options and alternates. He said his concerns are for future installations and wiring. Mr. Rocchio commented that he missed

the meeting last week and asked if this item could be tabled because the Extra-curricular Committee had not discussed this much and although the present scoreboard is in rough shape, the season is almost over. Mr. Rocchio said he would like to see this tabled in order to get more input on what we actually want to do with this project. Mr. Rocchio made a motion to table Item J and Mr. Grispon seconded it. The motion passed 6-3 with Mr. Masciandro, Mr. Ciresi and Mr. Pettit voting no. Mr. Rocchio suggested that the board meet and discuss projects at the board level and then assign them to the Committees so that we do not have one Committee going in one direction and another going in a different direction. Mrs. Williams said this project involves Community Relations, Extra-curricular and Property, she feels that the chairpersons of all three committees can sit down and discuss this, look at all the issues and come back to the board with a recommendation.

- J. The Board tabled receiving bids to purchase a new scoreboard for the High School Football Stadium that is the same size as the current scoreboard. The location of this scoreboard will be at the same site as the existing one and installation will be completed by the Spring-Ford Maintenance Department.
- K. The Board approved settling the Lowe's assessment appeal for an assessment in the amount of \$7,750,000.00 for the tax years 2006 and 2007.

Danny Suraci thanked the Property Committee and the Board for approving Item D on behalf of all the theatrical and musical performers in the high school.

VIII. PSBA REPORT Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.

Mr. Rocchio reported that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved SB 1209 which creates the Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools Act. This bill authorizes grants to school districts to initiate programs for kindergarten students at emphasize agriculture and nutrition education within the curriculum. SB 592 which allows the Public School Employees' Retirement System to keep certain investment information confidential. This week the State Board of Education voted final approval of its draft regulations for voluntary prekindergarten programs in public schools. Mr. Rocchio also reported that by the 2009-10 school year, teacher aides must meet the same criteria as the paraprofessionals in Title I classrooms.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-M and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Ciresi commented on Item A saying that he, Mr. Grispon, and Mr. Morgan attended this seminar which was pretty extensive and good. He asked if there were some way this presentation could be presented via the internet and television to the taxpayers to help them understand Act 1. The motion passed 9-0. Dr. Hurda said at the first meeting of the Tax Study Commission there will be a presentation on Act 1 for the Tax Commission members as well as the public. Dr. Hurda said all meetings will also be taped and televised for the public.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Joseph P. Ciresi, and Ammon G. Morgan, Jr.**, School Board Members, 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 \$238.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **Dr. Marsha R. Hurda**, Superintendent, to attend "*PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference 2006*" in Hershey, PA on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 and Thursday, October 12, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$396.00 from the 580 account.
- C. **Carol Frankel and Joseph Krueger**, Supervisors of Special Education, to attend "*Eastern PA Special Education Administrator's Conference*" in Hershey, PA from Wednesday, October 18 through Friday, October 20, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$1075.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- D. **Brian Aikens, Laura Camp, Ann Dieter, Gretchen Lavigne, Arlene Major, Jessica Meclarey-Joshi, Marylu Onorato, John Raber, Megan Seip, and Rachel Shore**, Teachers, to attend "*Wilson Reading Intervention Workshop*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA from Tuesday, October 31 through Thursday, November 2, 2006. The total cost of this workshop is \$6973.20 - \$3973.20 from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and \$3000.00 from the substitute account.
- E. **Leah Leneweaver, Nick Lemuell, Rose Ward**, Teachers, and **Jacquelyn Raco**, Nurse, to attend "*Student Assistance Training*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on November 9, 10, 14 and 15, 2006. The total cost of this training is \$3340.00 - \$1740.00 from the 2006-2007 Safe and Drug Free Grant and \$1600.00 from the substitute account.

8TH GRADE CENTER

- F. **Maria Kardick**, Librarian, to attend "*Berks Access PA Librarians Regional Group Meeting*" at the Berks County Intermediate Unit on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. There is no cost other than \$125.00 from the substitute account as Mrs. Kardick has been invited to be a guest speaker and all other expenses will be covered.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- G. **Joan Staples**, Speech Therapist, to attend “*Assessment and Treatment Fluency Disorders*” at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$137.00 - \$12.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

5/6 GRADE CENTER

- H. **Jenifer Smith**, Speech Clinician, to attend “*An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders*” at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Friday, October 6, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$25.00 from the Special Education Budget. No substitute is needed.

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- I. **Elizabeth A. Smith**, Nurse, to attend “*PANA September Update*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.

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- J. **Bridget Mullins**, Certified School Nurse, to attend “*New School Nurse Orientation*” at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA on Thursday, October 26, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$151.00 - \$26.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

NEW CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

- K. **Shannon K. Dallahan**, Guidance Counselor, to attend “*Montgomery County Counseling Association: Share Best Practices*” at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology in Willow Grove, PA on Thursday, October 12, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$36.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- L. **Amanda Burr**, Teacher, to attend “*Reading Comprehension: Effective Instruction*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, October 19, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- M. **Jessica Meclarey**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend “*Boardmaker 2000 and Boardmaker Companion Programs*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grispon asked that Item B be separated. Mr. Pettit made a motion for Items A & C, Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Weber questioned the size of the picnic

tables for Item C and Mrs. Williams said she believes they are standard size and Mr. Anspach said the tables are steel and powder coated. Mrs. Williams said she would like to see the board send a personal thank you to the home and school leagues for their generosity. Mr. Ciresi said last year we honored the Home and School Leagues and we need to make sure we do this again. The motion passed 9-0.

A. The following policies were approved:

1. Policy #202 – PUPILS: Eligibility of Nonresident Students
2. Policy #804 – OPERATIONS: School Day

Mr. Grispon made a motion for Item B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Grispon asked if we are going to require a minimum amount of students for participation and Mrs. Williams said this should be discussed in policy. The motion passed 9-0.

B. The following field trip was approved by the Board:

1. Danielle Blackledge, Rebecca Barnett and Melanie Volpe, Senior Class Advisors, to take the Class of 2007 on a five (5) day trip to Orlando, Florida and Clearwater Beach, Florida from Friday, May 25, 2007 – Tuesday, May 29, 2007. The cost of the trip will be approximately eight hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$899.00) per student, less any senior class fundraising supplements. This trip will be conducted in accordance with Board Policy #121, which outlines the specific requirements for Overnight Field Trips.

NEW OTHER BUSINESS

C. The Board accepted the donation of four picnic tables by the Limerick Home and School League. The total cost of the picnic tables is \$3,072.00 (including shipping). These tables will be purchased from Recreation Resource, under a state contract.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis request that the Board meet in an executive session prior to the October meeting regarding the Greenstein Property condemnation.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Julie Mullin, Upper Providence, wanted to alert the Board that there is talk taking place at school bus stops regarding the Healthy Choice Initiatives. She said if kids are being told what they can or cannot have then you are not giving them healthy choices. She feels that the message is getting lost in translation down the line as what she may think is healthy may not be what another person feels is healthy. Mrs. Mullin said her daughter has come home without eating her snack at school as she was told it was not healthy. Mrs. Mullin wanted Dr. Hurda to be aware that this is something that will probably come up at the Superintendent's/ Parents' Advisory Council Meeting this week.

Eileen Gutshall, Oaks, commented that last year the Curriculum Committee talked about the changes in the grading system and she wondered if there were any plans on the weighting of honors classes this year. She asked if there was a policy of not hiring teachers part time when it comes to a major subject. Mrs. Gutshall said she has a concern with the AP Physics classes this year, she thought that they were supposed to meet for 7 periods during a six day cycle and she was disappointed that this did not happen due to not having enough teachers. Mrs. Williams thanked Mrs. Gutshall for voicing her concerns and said Dr. Hurda will check into it and get back to the board and her.

Mr. Ciresi commented that at the Property Committee discussion took place about expanding the sidewalk at Royersford Elementary and he feels that a motion should be made regarding this as the cold weather is coming upon us and cement work needs to be done in the warmer weather. Mrs. Williams said this item was being sent back to the Property Committee for further investigation and clarification.

Mr. Morgan said that October is National Fire Prevention Month and he would like to see a resolution drafted to thank the fire departments for the many hours they give to the school district and community.

Mr. Rocchio commented that at the Curriculum Committee Meeting they re-discussed the weighted grades issue. Mr. Nugent had surveyed surrounding districts, and asked for teacher and student feedback. The Administration is looking to put something formally together on the website, the conclusion was to raise the current weighting from three and five percent to five and seven percent. The Committee is still looking for feedback from the community over the next thirty days.

Mrs. Williams said the board had requested time in the meetings to discuss the district's goals and she would like to discuss a few of the goals that she knows the board is working towards. She addressed goal number 3 and said board is moving forward with looking at a long range comprehensive secondary school facilities plan with the feasibility study that will take place within the next month. Mrs. Williams said the board is also working towards goal number 2; providing a quality career and technical education program for students. Mr. Grispon asked if Dr. Hurda could just pick out a goal for next month so that the board can be prepared for the discussion. Mrs. Williams said that although the goals may not be discussed at every meeting Dr. Hurda and her staff have been working towards these goals.

Dr. Hurda asked for the board's permission to nominate our comprehensive guidance program for a Magna Award which is offered through the American School Board Association. She said this is a perfect opportunity for the district to gain some national attention. The board was in agreement with moving forward with this nomination.

Mr. Pettit asked Dr. Hurda for an update on the High School of the 21st Century. Dr. Hurda said in August the Occupational Advisory Committees met for the purpose of completing the PlanCon A&B process. Dr. Donahue has completed all the reports from the Occupational Advisory Committee and submitted them to

PDE. PDE today notified us that the reports have been accepted and they are ready to move forward with approval of PlanCon A&B.

Mr. Masciandaro said it has been about two years since our enrollment projections have been updated and maybe we should look into this to see where are with this because these numbers change over time. Dr. Hurda said Gary Bannon will be meeting with the board to discuss the feasibility study and talk about the level of accuracy of the numbers we have and what he feels is needed in terms of moving forward.

Mr. Ciresi asked if it would be possible to get a report on the number of kids who actually try out for the different activities and if we are offering enough in terms of intramurals for those students who may not make the team. Dr. Hurda said one thing that was looked at this year was at the Intermediate School, two theatrical productions were added as opposed to one so that more kids could have the chance to participate. There was also an increase in some other extra-curricular activities.

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.

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary