

On September 27, 2004, the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:50 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I:

Region II: Ammon Morgan, Jr., Janet A. Stokes,  
and Donna L. Williams

Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi, Richard Schroeder,  
and Ed Cummins

Presiding Officer: Bernard F. Pettit

Solicitor: Marc B. Davis, Esq.

Mr. Pettit announced that Michael Masciandro and Raymond Rocchio, Jr. were absent from the meeting and were away on business.

**I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Alan Dovberg, Limerick, said leave(s) of absence in the agenda is wrong and to remove the parenthesis when not plural.

Thea Block, Limerick, urged the board to consider tabling the motion on withdrawing from the WCTS and to follow up with the productive talks held on Saturday with the other sending districts.

Travis Phipps, Upper Providence, expressed concern for the quality of academic instruction that his son was receiving at the WCTS. Also questioned why his son was not receiving instruction in gym and health since both are requirements at the high school.

Anne Wellington, said she is an employer of four students who graduated from WCTS and described herself as a supporter of WCTS. Urged the board to table the motion to withdraw from the WCTS. Felt that the last joint committee was productive and asked that the board give it another shot before taking the big step of withdrawing.

Bruce Bailey, Upper Providence, said that the motion regarding the WCTS read like a statement of intent to withdraw rather than an action that could be withdrawn from in some future date. Dr. Coale said the motion can be negated up until June 30, 2006.

Thea Block said that the problems at the WCTS were long-standing and not created by the teaching staff, Dr. Coale, the current superintendent of record or members of the joint committee who were recently elected. Said that members who recently departed from their school boards still voted against hiring a teacher that the solicitor said would be a criminal act to vote against. Said it is time for residents of Pottsgrove and Upper Perk to contact their school boards and show support for the WCTS.

Alan Dovberg said that he was led to believe that his questions on the costs related to the WCTS would be provided at this meeting. Mr. Dovberg said that all information regarding the bottom line should be made public.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved the June 21, 2004 board meeting minutes.
- B. The board approved the August 16, 2004 board work session minutes.
- C. The board approved the August 23, 2004 board meeting minutes.

## NEW OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pettit agreed to discuss the bonfire item since the student representative expressed concern about it. Mr. Ciresi asked whether there were other costs beside insurance. Mr. Anspach said that there would be enough staff members and personnel from local fire departments to eliminate the need for additional security and insurance. Item A was approved 7-0.

- A. **HomeComing/50<sup>th</sup> Jointure Bonfire** – The board approved conducting a “bonfire” in collaboration of Homecoming and the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Jointure on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mr. Pettit decided to address the second item as well. Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the motion. Mr. Cummins seconded it. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to allow Linda Crane to raise funds through high school activities for a proposed sculpture. Mr. Ciresi seconded the amendment. Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the amended motion. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The board approved the amendment 7-0.

- B. **Large Scale Ram Sculpture** – Linda Crane, art teacher at the Spring-Ford Senior High School, was approved by the board to raise funds through high school activities for a proposed sculpture of a Large Scale Ram in stone and steel by local artist, Seth Miller. The sculpture would be located in the front circle of the High School. The estimated cost \$20,000.

## IV. PERSONNEL

Mr. Cummins made a motion to approve Items A-N. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of the following **resignations**:

1. **Audrey L. Bowes**, Instructional Assistant at the High School, effective August 30, 2004.
  2. **Cynthia M. Deabler**, Instructional Assistant at the High School, effective with the last day worked, September 17, 2004.
  3. **Misty Gormly**, English Teacher at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Yearbook Advisor, Volleyball Intramural, Volleyball Club, Book Club Advisor, effective August 26, 2004.
  4. **Tanya Hesh George**, Instructional Asst. at Oaks Elementary School, effective September 14, 2004.
  5. **Susan Nunn**, School Nurse at Limerick Elementary School, effective with the last day worked September 28, 2004.
  6. **Sandy Smoyer**, Secretary at the District Office, Business Department, effective with the last day worked January 3, 2005 for the purpose of retirement.
  8. **Elizabeth A. Hayes**, Part-time Food Service person at the Flex Schools, September 17, 2004.
- B. The board approved the *Revision/Correction* for **Maria Talone** for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period 2004/2005 school year. Previously, Ms. Talone was approved on the August Agenda for a Leave of Absence for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2004/2005 school year.
- C. The board approved of the leave(s) of absence:
1. **Kathryn Kruemmling**, Learning Support Teacher at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively December 23, 2004 until the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period.
  2. **Laura McQuaid**, Instructional Assistant at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective August 24, 2004.
  3. **Heather M. Steinmetz**, Guidance Counselor at the High School, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively December 13, 2004 through the remainder of the 2004/2005 school year.
- D. The board approved of the following **Professional Staff**:
1. **Amy LeForge**, Schwenksville, PA, as Temporary Professional Employee, for the new Reading/Math Support Teacher position at Upper Providence Elementary School. Ms. LeForge is a graduate of Penn State University with certification in Elementary Education.

Compensation will be set at \$36,750, BS + 18, Step 1, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective September 1, 2004.

2. **Maureen C. McGovern**, Phoenixville, PA, as a Temporary Professional Employee, for the English position at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center replacing Misty Gormly who resigned. Ms. McGovern is a graduate of West Chester University with certification in English. Ms. McGovern was a per diem substitute for the district. Compensation will be set at \$36,250, BS, Step 2, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 31, 2004.
3. **Douglas Weidner**, Laureldale, PA, as a Temporary Professional Employee, for the Mathematics position at the High School replacing Peter Ebert who resigned. Ms. Weidner is a graduate of Ursinus College with certification in Mathematics. Compensation will be set at \$35,750, BS, Step 1, with benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 25, 2004.

E. The board approved of the following **Support Staff**:

1. **Diane Gracie**, Phoenixville, PA, for the Library Assistant position at Spring City Elementary School replacing Nancy Gambino who accepted a Secretarial position at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Compensation will be set at \$12.10 an hour with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective September 28, 2004.
2. **Sarah T. Hett**, Pottstown, PA, for the Support Technician position at the Flex School replacing Marge Stackhouse who accepted a professional teaching position at the High School. Compensation will be set at \$15.17 an hour with benefits, effective September 28, 2004.
3. **Kathleen Lochocki**, Colledgeville, PA, for the new Instructional Asst. position at Royersford Elementary School replacing Lisa Ward who transferred into another instructional assistant position within the same building. Ms. Lochocki is currently a per diem substitute with the District. Compensation will be set at \$12.10 an hour, plus \$.50 an hour for degree, for a total of \$12.60 an hour with benefits as per the Instructional Assistant Plan, effective date upon receipt of hiring documentation.
4. **Linda D. Scheib**, Phoenixville, PA, for the new (LPN) Licensed Practical Nurse position at the High School. Compensation will be set at \$16.50 an hour with benefits as per the Licensed Practical/Nurses' Plan, effective September 28, 2004.
5. **Julie L. Walters**, Royersford, PA, for the Instructional Assistant position at the High School replacing Terri McGinness who transferred to another position in the District. Compensation will be set at \$12.10 an hour, plus \$.50 an hour for degree, for a total of \$12.60 an hour

with benefits as per the Assistants' Plan, effective September 28, 2004.

- F. The board approved **Debra Mohr-Kehs**, Instructional Assistant at Upper Providence Elementary School, to receive an increase of \$.50 an hour over base rate due to the receipt of her college transcript in accordance with the plan for assistants, effective August 30, 2004.
- G. The board approved **Scott D. Freiler**, Instructional Assistant at the 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, to receive an increase of \$.50 an hour over base rate due to the receipt of his college transcript in accordance with the plan for assistants, effective August 30, 2004.
- H. The board approved the following **Supplemental Contracts for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**:
1. **Kris Jennings**, Instrumental Director, \$4,430, Code C
  2. **Kris Jennings**, Jazz Ensemble Director, 3,814, Code D
  3. **Ian Fickert**, Detention Duty, \$2,921, Code E
  4. **Annette Burns**, Art Consultant, \$754, Code I ½
  5. **Olivia Wagner**, Yearbook Advisor, \$1,186, Code J
  6. **Todd Reagan**, Student Council Advisor, \$1,186, Code J
  7. **Susan Spence**, Newspaper Advisor, \$1,186, Code J
  8. **Laurie Exeter**, Newspaper Advisor, \$593, Code J ½
  9. **William Racich**, Wrestling Intramural, \$547, Code L-B
  10. **Melinda Klunk**, Girls' Basketball Intramural Advisor, \$324, Code L-C
  11. **Melinda Klunk**, Volleyball Intramural Advisor, \$324, Code L-C
  12. **Jim Fitzmier**, Volleyball Club, \$324, Code M,
  13. **Alyssa Kutz**, Arboretum Club Advisor, \$324, Code M
  14. **Kristin Rouyer**, French Club Advisor, \$324, Code M
  15. **Brandy Miller**, Writing Club Advisor, \$324, Code M
  16. **Melinda Klunk**, Magazine Drive Advisor, \$162, Code M ½
  17. **Rachel Custer**, Magazine Drive Advisor, \$162, Code M ½
- I. The board approved the following **Supplemental Contracts for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**:
1. **Jane Ehnot**, Director of Intramurals, \$1,784, Code H
  2. **Krystin Dickey**, 8/9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Cheerleading Coach–Winter, \$892, Code H ½
  3. **Krystin Dickey**, 8/9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Cheerleading Coach–Fall, \$892, Code H ½
  4. **Yvonne O'Dea**, 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Chorus - \$1,508, Code I
  5. **Alicia Forgione**, 8/9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Asst. Cheerleading Coach-Fall, \$754, Code I ½
  6. **Julie Walters**, 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Asst. Soccer Coach Girls', \$754, Code I ½
  7. **Jason Kerkusz**, Art Consultant, \$754, Code I ½
  8. **Maria Kardick**, School Newspaper Advisor Club, \$593, Code J ½
  9. **Jane Piersol**, School Newspaper Advisor Club, \$593, Code J ½
  10. **Jeannie Taddeo**, Magazine Drive, \$162, Code M ½
  11. **Beth Comport**, Magazine Drive, \$162, Code M ½

- J. The board approved the following **Supplemental Contracts for the High School:**
1. **Andrea Rees**, Asst. Soccer Coach Girls', \$2,576, Code F
  2. **Joelle Bieber**, Asst. Field Hockey Coach, \$2,576, Code F
  3. **B. Casey Murphy**, Asst. Boys' Soccer Coach, \$2,576, Code F
  4. **Karen D'Orazio**, Head Cheerleading Coach-Fall, \$2,205, Code G
  5. **Melanie Volpe**, Community Service Club Advisor, \$324, Code M
  6. **Margaret Stackhouse**, FBLA Club Advisor, \$324, Code M
  7. **Shayne Tobin**, 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Asst. Soccer Coach Girls', \$754, Code I ½
- K. The board approved the following **Job Descriptions:**
1. Certified Athletic Trainer- (attached)
  2. Assistant Athletic Director- (attached)
  3. Licensed Practical Nurse (attached)
- L. The board approved the following **professional substitute(s):**
1. **Jacqueline Kern Beyer**, Colleagueville, PA, Early Childhood N-3, Gwynedd-Mercy College
  2. **Sandra McGregor**, Reading, PA, Elementary Education, Penn State University/Main
  3. **Allyson Willauer**, Royersford, PA, Early Childhood N-3, Cabrini College
- M. The board approved the following **support staff substitute(s):**
1. **Peggy Anderson**, Limerick, PA, Custodian
  2. **Barbara M. Bearde**, Royersford, PA, Food Service
  3. **Michael Francis**, Spring City, PA, Custodian
  4. **Catherine Franklin**, Royersford, PA, Food Service, Instructional/Clerical Asst., Playground/Lunchroom Asst., and Office/Clerical
  5. **Diane Gracie**, Phoenixville, PA, Library Asst.
  6. **Sherry Grove**, Birdsboro, PA, Food Service, Instructional/Clerical Asst., Playground/Lunchroom Asst., and Office/Clerical
  7. **Colleen Hampton**, Pottstown, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst., and Playground Asst.
  8. **Sarah T. Hett**, Pottstown, PA, Support Technician
  9. **Laura Mohn**, Spring City, PA, Food Service, Custodian
  10. **Becke Quintrell**, Pottstown, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst, and Playground Asst.
  11. **Linda D. Scheib**, Phoenixville, PA, School Nurse
  12. **Karl Shoemaker**, Phoenixville, PA, Custodian
  13. **Julie Walters**, Royersford, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst.
  14. **Michele Benek**, Limerick, PA, Food Service, instructional/clerical asst. and playground asst
  15. **Elizabeth A. Hayes**, Gilbertsville, PA Food Service

- N. The board approved a new math support position at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. This position would be funded for the 2004-2005 school year with recently allocated Accountability Grant Funds of twenty-three thousand one hundred sixty (\$23,160.00) dollars and the remaining balance of thirty-seven thousand eight hundred (\$37,800.00) dollars from the Improvement of Education Grant. The primary focus of this position would be to address the needs of those students that are not Proficient in math at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. In order to provide support for both regular and special education students, this position would require an individual with both a secondary math certificate as well as a K-12 special education certificate.

**V. FINANCE**

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-J. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved of payment for the following invoices for the month of **SEPTEMBER**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2002:**

**1. WINNIES PROJECT**

Bursich Assoc., Inc.	Professional Services	\$	1,837.76
DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	221.00
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$	1,480.00
Limerick Township	Escrow	\$	4,933.50
Limerick Township	Municipal Authority Escrow	\$	2,000.00
*Limerick Township	Additional EDUs	\$	<u>77,400.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	87,872.26

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

Brodart Company	Media Center-General Supplies	\$	411.69
Edwards Bus. Sys.	Facsimilie/Maintenance Agrmnt.	\$	1,385.00
Edwards Bus. Sys.	Destroy-It 4103 Shredder	\$	2,955.00
Follett Software Co.	Scanner/Follett PHD+ Media Ctr	\$	2,863.36
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services	\$	3,268.44
Grainger, Inc.	Locking Cabinet	\$	334.80
Krueger International	300 -18" Stools Art/Science Rms	\$	8,979.00
Kurtz Brothers	60 Husky Tables-Art Classroom	\$	6,627.60
Medtronics	2 Ex. Defibrillators/Wall Cabinets	\$	3,246.00
Office Basics	Brother Electric Typewriter	\$	206.56
Nicholas Pipino Ass.	27 Wilson A/V Carts-Media Ctr	\$	1,569.78
Officenter, Inc.	Office Furniture Rm. 177 & 179	\$	3,597.50
Star Audio/Visual	27 Overhead Projectors-Media	\$	6,177.87
Wenger	2 Conductors Sys., 2 Percussion Cabinets, 5 Guitar Cabinets	\$	13,063.00
*Spectrum Industries	240 Computer Classroom Chairs	\$	<u>13,661.76</u>
	TOTAL	\$	68,347.36

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

**3. UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	5,273.70
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services	\$	2,178.96
Star Audio/Visual	8 Overhead Projectors-Media	\$	1,830.48
*N.P. Pipino Assoc.	8 Wilson A/V Carts-Media Ctr.	\$	465.12
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>9,748.26</b>

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT**

DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	7,794.01
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services	\$	955.00
Perkins/T.P. Trailers	6 Storage Container Rental	\$	450.00
*Adams-Bickel Assoc	Applic. #1- Renovations	\$	877,885.20
*Alt-Chem Environ.	Applic. #4- Asbestos Abatement	\$	101,967.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>989,051.21</b>

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

**Intermediate School-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**

Acton Mobile Ind.	Tear Down/Return Freight- Portables	\$	5,260.00
Charlestown Paving	Increase Parking Area 200 S.Y.	\$	3,160.00
Charlestown Paving	Asphalt/Hole Repairs	\$	3,250.00
Chem Seal	Line Striping/Handicap Symbols	\$	275.00
Mario D’Orsaneo	Install/Fabricate 110’ Racks/FB Equip, Cover Stairway/Equip Rm\$	\$	2,835.00
Independent Cont. Floor.	Carpet Removal, Floor Prep & Vinyl Base	\$	2,157.00
Independent Cont. Floor.	Ramp-Remove VCT/Install Rubber Tile	\$	3,550.00
J & L Building Supplies	Entrance Door near Art Room	\$	559.64
Lehigh Concrete Pla. Inc	Pump Concrete – Supplied By Rahns Construction Materials	\$	922.00
Don Mace Signs	Signage	\$	3,009.00
Madsen Inc.	HVAC-Fume Hood Exhaust Duct Connection	\$	1,986.00
Madsen, Inc.	Service Univents	\$	4,488.00
Pottstown Burial Vault	4 Yards Metered Concrete	\$	430.00
Rahns Const. Material	Concrete/Exterior of Building	\$	2,042.36
Rahns Const. Material	Storm Cover w/Frame 30”dia	\$	295.00
Valley Contractors, Inc.	Pour/Place Concrete/Main Ent.	\$	3,800.00
Zimmerman	72 Waste Receptacles	\$	3,758.40
*Boyertown Supply Inc.	Misc. Plumbing Supplies	\$	510.13
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>42,287.53</b>

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Potential Land Purchase</u>		
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 1,829.68
Simone Jaffe Collins	Professional Services	\$ 18.82
	TOTAL	\$ 1,848.50

<u>Brooke Elementary School Re-Roofing</u>		
*Arthur Altemose Arch.	Architectural Services	\$ 14,940.00
	TOTAL	\$ 14,940.00

<u>New District Office</u>		
Arthur Altemose Arch.	Architectural Services	\$ 9,486.50
	TOTAL	\$ 9,486.50

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. August	Check 99195-99263	\$264,744.28
2. September	Check #99264-99540	\$1,731,899.08
3. Board	Check #99541-99806	\$376,322.36
4. Athletic	Check #296255-296286	\$20,072.67

F. The board approved the following **independent contract(s)**:

1. **Quiver Farm Projects, Inc.**, 3096 Wild Run Rd., Pennsburg, PA 18073 to present a Chick Hatching Project at the Limerick Elementary on April 4, 2005. The costs of the program will not exceed \$140.00. Funding will be from the Science Program Account # 11-1100-610-000-180-00-19-02.
2. **Quiver Farm Projects, Inc.**, 3096 Wild Run Rd., Pennsburg, PA 18073 to present a Pilgrim Program. The Pilgrim and Turkey visit the classroom at Limerick Elementary to present program. 2 classes AM & PM Nov. 5, 2004. Set services cost will not exceed \$325.00 for Pilgrim Program. Funding will be from the Account #11-1100-329-00-00-00-19-02.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

3. **American Red Cross**, Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, 23<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19103, to provide Initial Training & Recertification of Staff in CPR and First Aid. Approximate number of staff to be trained is one hundred fifty (150) @ sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars per person. This training will take place on the October 12, 2004 In-Service Day. Total cost of the training not to exceed nine thousand seven hundred fifty (\$9,750.00) dollars. Funding for this training will be paid from 2004-2005 PA Medical ACCESS Funds.
4. **Lenore Raynock**, 2036 Memorial Highway, Oley, PA 19547, to provide five and one half (5.5) hours per week in-home Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost of the program is six thousand fifty (\$6,050.00) dollars for the 2004-2005 school year. Funding will be from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
5. **Diane Spragale**, 104 Valley View Circle, Phoenixville, PA 19460, to provide Speech Therapy for up to thirty (30) hours per week at the 5/6 Flex Building (three [3] days per week) and Brooke Elementary School (one [1] day per week). The total cost of the contract is sixty (\$60.00) dollars per hour not to exceed sixty-one thousand two hundred (\$61,200.00) dollars. This contract was necessitated due to the resignation of one of the District's Speech Therapists. The cost of the contract will be paid from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
6. **Spring-Ford Family Practice**, Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468, to provide services for reviewing PA ACCESS IEP's and complete necessary paperwork in connection with the files. This contract is to be in effect from July 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Payments are on the basis of ten (\$10.00) dollars per IEP. Total cost of the contract not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. Funding for this contract will be paid from 2004-2005 PA Medical ACCESS Program.
7. **Jacklynn Weiss**, 841 Highland Avenue, Building #7, Apt. #118, Jenkintown, PA 19046, to provide four and one-half (4.5) hours per week in-home Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for a special needs student as per the IEP. The total cost of the program is four thousand one hundred fifty-eight (\$4,158.00) dollars for the 2004-2005 school year. Funding will be from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.

G. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved by the board:

- Alumni Association – August 31, 2004
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Acct – August 31, 2004
- Note of 2003 – August 31, 2004
- Note of 2002 – August 31, 2004
- Debt Service Fund Acct – August 31, 2004
- Capital Reserve Fund – August 31, 2004
- Athletic Fund – August 31, 2004
- Tax Account – August 31, 2004
- Elementary Activity – August 31, 2004
- Middle School Account – August 31, 2004
- High School Activity Account – August 31, 2004
- Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Acct – August 31, 2004
- PLGIT – August 31, 2004
- PSDMAX General Fund – August 31, 2004
- PSDLAF – August 31, 2004
- Flex CD – August 31, 2004
- Money Market – August 31, 2004
- General Fund – Checking – August 31, 2004
- Payroll Acct – August 31, 2004
- Flex CD – August 31, 2004
- Flex CD – Sovereign Bank – August 31, 2004
- Capital Reserve – August 31, 2004
- Investment Schedule – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria Checking – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria M/M Account – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria Checking Acct – August 31, 2004

H. The following reports were approved by the board:

- Cafeteria Savings Acct – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria Investment Schedule – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria Participation Report Cafeteria Savings Acct – August 31, 2004
- Cafeteria Investment Schedule – August 31, 2004

I. BIDS - The board approved the following bid awards for the 2004-2005 school year for Band Equipment:

<u>Band Equipment- District Wide</u>	
Brook Mays Music Company	\$28,657.00
National Educational Music Company	\$9,526.00
Peripole-Bergerault, Inc.	\$3,710.90
Washington Music Company	\$24,220.20
West Manor Music Company	<u>\$4,012.00</u>
TOTAL	\$74,385.10

- J. The Upper Providence Home and School will reimburse the district for out of pocket expenses for adding a bay of swings for the playground. The estimate cost for site preparation is \$2,533 plus \$3,363.20 for cost of equipment (total estimate cost \$5,896.20). The board approved acceptance of the donation.

**VI. PROPERTY**

Regarding Item B, Mrs. Williams asked how much the alternative school would save. Dr. Coale said the district is spending \$600,000 plus \$300,000 for transportation and expects the program to hold 100 students. The district hopes costs will be lower than the present arrangement and is embarking on the feasibility study to find out. Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Items A-F. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved having **Arthur Altemose, Architects** to prepare the bid documents and go out to bid for the **Brooke Elementary School** new low sloped metal roof and to retrofit a new air conditioning system. The project will begin the summer of 2005 with construction costs to be approximately \$2,200,000. Funds will come from the **Capital Reserve Fund**.
- B. The board approved having **Arthur Altemose Architects** to work with PDE with a concept to change the Bechtel Dairy into an alternative school building. Funding will come from the **Capital Reserve Fund**.
- C. The board approved amending the scope of the contract with **Arthur Altemose Architects** for the feasibility study on the Bechtel Dairy to include converting the building to an alternative school.
- D. The board approved going out to bid at both **Brooke and Royersford Elementary School's** to replace worn and damaged **carpet** with **VCT** in classrooms as per the 2004-2005 budget. Funds will come from the **General Fund**.
- E. The board approved going out to bid to have the **playground area repaved** at the **Spring City Elementary School** as per the 2004-2005 budget. Funds will come from the **General Fund**.
- F. The board approved the materials for **PlanCon Part I**, Interim Reporting for the new 5-7 school, which has been reviewed and approved by the Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Pennsylvania Department of Education. (Attachment)

PSBA REPORT.....Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.

There was no report

**VII. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items A-Y. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

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

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

- A. **Ray Rocchio, Jr.**, Board Member, to attend a PSBA Seminar on "Building Community Support – Telling and Selling Don't Work Anymore" at the Sheraton Park Ridge in King of Prussia on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$80.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **Joseph Ciresi and Ammon Morgan, Jr.**, Board Members and **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend a PSBA Seminar on "Building Community Support – Telling and Selling Don't Work Anymore" at the Sheraton in Reading on Thursday, November 18, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$249.00 from the 580 account.
- C. **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, **Richard Cechak**, President of the Spring-Ford Education Association and a **Parent from the Home & School Association** to attend "TOPS Leadership Dinner" at the Radisson Valley Forge in King of Prussia on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The total cost of the dinner is \$180.00 from the 580 account.
- D. **Dr. Marsha R. Hurda**, Assistant Superintendent, to attend the "National Association of Pupil Services Administrators 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference" in Biloxi, Mississippi from Sunday, October 24, 2004 through Wednesday, October 27, 2004. This conference will address such areas as classroom performance systems, action planning for special needs students-taking state assessments as well as a workshop on navigating student discipline and section 504. The total cost of the conference is \$763.00 from the 580 account.
- E. **Tim Anspach**, Business Manager and **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, to attend "Property Tax Relief" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Monday, October 11, 2004. This conference will address what the new law requires and the implications it will have on school budgets and operations. The total cost of the conference is \$170.00 from the 580 conference.
- F. **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, to attend "Current Issues in Accounting" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Friday, October 22, 2004. This conference will assist in staying current with general accounting principles as well as the end-of-year transactions caused by GASB. The total cost of the conference is \$130.00 from the 580 account.

- G. **Dolores Furlan** and **Carol Frankel**, Supervisors of Special Education, to attend "Assistive Technology Core Team Update" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 and Thursday, April 7, 2004. These workshops will assist in ascertaining what devices are beneficial to students and begin planning for the 2005-2006 school year. The total cost of these workshops is \$78.00 from the 580 account.
- H. **Dolores Furlan**, **Joseph Krueger** and **Carol Frankel**, Supervisors of Special Education, to attend the "Eastern PA Special Education Administrators' Conference" at Pocono Manor from Wednesday, October 20, 2004 through Friday, October 22, 2004. This conference will provide the latest research and legal issues in special education. The total cost of the conference is \$517.00 from the 580 account.
- I. **Judy Kuhns**, Technology Integration Specialist, to attend "Copyright Issues for Educators" in State College Saturday, November 13, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$293.00 from the 580 account.
- J. **Crystal Daywalt**, Administrative Assistant at the District Office, Business Office, to attend "Elements of Purchasing" at the Holiday Inn, Lehigh Valley, PA, on September 22, 2004. The total cost of the workshop is \$125 from the 580 account.
- K. **Pat Dillon**, Board Secretary, to attend "*PSBA Board Secretaries' Conference*" at the Best Western Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA on Thursday, November 4, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$262.00 from the 580 account.
- L. **MaryAnn Lorenzo**, Executive Secretary at the District Office, Business Office, to attend "Elements of Purchasing" at the Holiday Inn, Lehigh Valley, PA, on September 22, 2004. The total cost of the workshop is \$175 from the 580 account.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- M. **Michael McDaniel**, Director of Athletics, to attend PSBS seminar on "How to Fund PA School Sports" at the Holiday Inn in Allentown on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. This seminar will address the use of foundations and corporate sponsorships for school sports and what the legal implications are. The total cost of this seminar is \$278.00 from the 580 account.
- N. **Orathia Bradley**, Assistant Principal, to attend "SAP Training" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, Thursday, November 4, 2004, Tuesday, November 9, 2004 and Wednesday, November 10, 2004. This is mandatory training to participate on the SAP Team. Total cost of the workshop is \$350.000 from the 580 account.

- O. **Orathia Bradley**, Assistant Principal, to attend the “*MCPSA Annual Fall Conference*” at the William Penn Inn on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$115.75 from the 580 account.

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CENTER

- P. **Carol Frankel**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend “Assistive Technology New Core Team Training” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, Thursday, October 28, 2004 and Tuesday, November 30, 2004. This training will provide information needed on assistive technology when required per a student’s IEP. The total cost of the training sessions is \$15.00 from the 580 account.
- Q. **Delores McCarter**, Guidance Counselor, to attend “*Student Assistance Program Training*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, November 3, Thursday, November 4, Tuesday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 10, 2004. This Pennsylvania Department of Education training is mandated for any teacher wishing to serve on the SAP Team and has been written into our school’s Safe & Drug Free Initiative Grant. The total cost of this conference is \$430.00 from the Safe & Drug Free Initiative Grant. No substitute is needed.

#### 5/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE CENTER

- R. **Dr. Dennis Booher**, Assistant Principal, to attend the “*MCPSA Annual Fall Conference*” at the William Penn Inn on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$123.00 from the 580 account.

#### BROOKE

- S. **Dr. Ed Mackel**, Principal of Brooke Elementary, to attend “Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary Principals Conference” in Pittsburgh, PA from Saturday, October 23, 2004 through Tuesday, October 26, 2004. This conference will address provide workshops on NCLB, and PSSA and Differentiating Instruction. The total cost of this conference is \$920.00 from the 580 account.
- T. **JoAnn Messer**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend “*Assistive Technology New Core Team Member Training*” at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, September 28, Thursday, October 28, and Tuesday, Tuesday, November 30, 2004. This is mandated training. The total cost of this conference is \$318.00 - \$18.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$300.00 from the substitute account.

#### LIMERICK

- U. **Lellus Blazic, Barbara Paige, Nancy Saul**, Speech Therapists, to attend “*Assistive Technology Core Team Update Training*” at The Montgomery

County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 and Thursday, April 7, 2005. This is mandated training for updating members of the Assistive Technology Core Team. The total cost of this conference is \$709.92 - \$109.92 from the Special Education Budget and \$600.00 from the substitute account.

#### OAKS

- V. **Francine Caputo**, Psychologist, to attend "*Penn State School Psychology Conference*" at The Penn State Conference Center in State College, PA on Tuesday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 27, 2004. This conference will help Francine develop skills with CBM Norms and High Stakes Testing in Reading and Math in PA, Structural Equation Modeling, and DIBELS measures of early literacy. The total cost of this conference is \$613.35 from the Psychologist's Budget. No substitute is needed.
- W. **Elise Reiter, Gina Lasky**, Speech Therapists, to attend "*Assistive Technology Core Team Update Training*" at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. This is mandated training for updating members of the Assistive Technology Core Team. The total cost of this conference is \$235.43 - \$35.43 from the Special Education Budget and \$200.00 from the substitute account.

#### UPPER PROVIDENCE

- X. **Wendy Pflugler**, Librarian, to attend "*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kutztown University Children's Literature Conference*" at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA on Friday, April 22, 2005. This is a half day conference will showcase new books as well as information from authors and illustrators concerning the publishing, writing process and inspirations for the creation of children's books. The total cost of this conference is \$141.75 - \$69.25 from the 580 account and \$72.50 from the substitute account.
- Y. **Reesa Wurtz**, Psychologist, to attend "*Ensuring Appropriate Assessment for All Students with Special Needs*" at PATTAN in King of Prussia on Thursday, September 29, 2004. This conference will present Reesa with strategies for assessing difficult-to-assess children who need alternative assessments. There is not cost to the district for this conference.

#### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cummins made a motion to approve Items B-D. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- B. The board approved the realignment of grades 9-12 into grades 10-12 in the Spring-Ford Senior High School located at 350 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA effective the 2005-06 school year.

- C. The board approved the conversion of the 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school located at 400 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA to the Spring-Ford Area School District 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center as part of the Spring-Ford Area Senior High School effective the 2005-06 school year.
- D. The board approved the following annual reports of income and expenses as required by Policy #229 – Student Fund Raising.
  - 1. Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association
  - 2. Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
  - 3. Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association
  - 4. Spring-Ford Intermediate Home and School Association
  - 5. Spring-Ford Athletic Booster Club

Mrs. Williams asked for specifics on the date to withdraw. Mrs. Stokes said the motion allowed the administration to explore options and to send a message to the other sending districts that Spring-Ford is not willing to pay 67% of the renovation bill. Mr. Schroeder said a deadline should be included, such as June 30, 2005, but it is not set in stone. Mr. Schroeder said that historically Spring-Ford was in the minority in its support of financial expenditures at WCTS. Mentioned that it had taken some time to get a fulltime guidance counselor hired. Independent report recommended having a 10<sup>th</sup> grade program. Graduates of the program could earn wages that could support families as opposed to simply an entry level wage. Mrs. Williams requested that the board withdraw the motion on the WCTS since it clearly shows intent. She asked the board to give it one more month since it appeared that Spring-Ford was making progress in negotiations. Mr. Ciresi said that moving forward with the resolution would show that Spring-Ford is serious and that the motion would allow the district to postpone sending the letter for months. Mr. Cummins expressed dissatisfaction with the present arrangement where Spring-Ford had minority control but was paying a majority of the cost. He added that the articles of agreement must change. Mr. Morgan expressed concern about how the project would be financed. Mr. Schroeder mentioned the present bond and added that a not-to-exceed amount could be added. The board discussed the financing options. Dr. Coale said that the board needed to understand the fiscal ramifications and that the board may want to amend the motion. Mr. Cummins withdrew his motion and Mr. Schroeder withdrew the second.

**MOTION: Mr. Cummins proposed a motion: Motion of intent to withdraw from WCTS on June 30, 2005.** Mrs. Williams asked whether the motion was necessary and whether a motion to move forward with an audit would suffice. Dr. Coale said that Pennsylvania Department of Education said that the district needed to complete curriculum for a proposed vo-tech. The district did not need to inform Pennsylvania Department of Education of its withdrawal from WCTS – that was WCTS's responsibility. Mr. Ciresi said it would be cheaper for Spring-Ford to send its students to WCTS as a non-participating district and Dr. Coale confirmed that Mr. Tucker, the solicitor, said so at the special meeting. She urged completion of an appraisal of the WCTS to get bottom line costs. Mrs. Stokes expressed support for the motion on the agenda. Mr. Schroeder also expressed support.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Thea Block expressed agreement with Mrs. Williams and said that the board should authorize the administration to provide a report by a set deadline to the board. She said that the other sending district boards already know that Spring-Ford is serious but that the motion on the agenda indicates that Spring-Ford won't negotiate. She suggested tabling the motion and voting yes on a motion to explore costs and fiscal options.

Alan Dovberg expressed agreement with Mrs. Block and Mrs. Williams and urged the board not to draw a line in the sand. He mentioned offering a 40 30 30 option. Mr. Ciresi said the Spring-Ford representatives already made that offer in a letter. Mr. Dovberg asked if the public was notified about the letter. Mr. Schroeder read from an August 24<sup>th</sup> letter sent to the other districts recommending a funding commitment to 40% of the project costs. Mr. Dovberg maintained that the public should have been notified.

Gale Wellington suggested that a deadline limited the possibility of compromise and suggested saying if talk doesn't work to say Spring-Ford is withdrawing. Mr. Pettit said that he liked the idea. He asked board members to withdraw the previous motion and to make another motion. Mr. Cummins withdrew his motion and Mr. Schroeder withdrew his second.

**Motion 2: Motion of intent to withdraw from WCTS on June 30, 2005 provided no compromise can be reached on the funding of the project and conceptual plan of project in accordance with letter of August 24<sup>th</sup> (version of 2.5).**

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Thea Block cautioned the board from making a motion that can't be revisited later and not to rub the other districts' noses into it. Added that when she, Mr. Dovberg, and Mrs. Williams agree that it ought to tell you something. Suggested putting together a task force with citizens as members. Added that the solicitor present had a three-way conflict of interest.

Bruce Bailey asked about the rationale of percent contribution to the WCTS. Dr. Coale said it was based on assessed value, which had Spring-Ford paying 67% toward capital improvement.

Gordon Whitlock, president of the WCTS joint committee and school board member from Pottsgrove said that the joint committee will move forward. Agreed that funding of the school had gone backwards. Asked Spring-Ford to reconsider if the other two boards don't agree to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade stipulation. Said that drawing a line in the sand would make negotiation difficult.

Mr. Schroeder said Mr. Whitlock had been an ardent supporter of WCTS and said the board should first take care of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade program first then see about 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the future. Mr. Ciresi said Mr. Whitlock may be supportive of negotiation but he was not sure of the others. Mr. Ciresi said residents of

Spring-Ford should attend board meetings of Pottsgrove and Upper Perk and voice their opinion.

Mr. Pettit proposed having the board table the motion for 30 days pending movement by other school districts. **Mrs. Williams made a motion to withdraw** the amended motion. Mr. Morgan seconded it. The board voted 2-5 against tabling with Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan favoring tabling.

**MOTION TO TABLE:** Mrs. Stokes made a motion to table the motion. Mr. Morgan seconded it. The board voted 5-2 to table with Mr. Cummins and Mr. Schroeder voting no.

- A. Motion was **TABLED** to withdraw from the WCTS at a date to be determined in the future.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Stokes made a motion to direct the administration to explore bringing back the vocational program to the home district and to explore other avenues possible. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The board approved it 7-0.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items A-H. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

#### **NEW PERSONNEL**

- A. The board approved the Resolution to terminate employee No. 574, effective October 11, 2004.
- B. The board approved **William Franz** for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective September 29, 2004.
- C. The board approved **Nancy Michewicz**, for the PSSA Remedial Math position at the High School. Ms. Michewicz is currently a Math Teacher at the High School. Compensation will be set at \$30.00 an hour.
- D. The board approved the Supplemental Contracts for the Middle School, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center:
  - 1. **Laurie Exeter**, Computer Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period, \$324, Code M
  - 2. **Laurie Exeter**, Computer Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period, \$324, Code M
  - 3. **Laurie Exeter**, Computer Club, 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period, \$324, Code M

- E. The board approved the Supplemental Contracts for the Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center:
1. **David Frankel**, Detention Duty, \$1,460.50, Code E ½
  2. **Brandon Ruppel**, Detention Duty, \$1,460.50, Code E ½
- F. The board approved the Professional Substitute(s):
1. **Sara A. Kudrich**, Royersford, PA, Shippensburg University, Elementary Education and Early Childhood
- G. The board approved of the Support Staff Substitute(s):
1. **Michele A. Benek**, Limerick, PA, Food Service
  2. **Judy Keenan**, Limerick, PA, Instructional/Clerical Asst. Office/Clerical, and Playground/Lunchroom Asst.
  3. **Sandra Mull**, Royersford, PA, School Nurse
  4. **Rosanne J. Reichert**, Colledgeville, PA, Food Service
- H. The board approved the following independent contracts:
1. **Jeannette Hellauer**, 308 Mulberry Drive, Limerick, PA 19468, to provide instructional and consultative services for a student as per the IEP. This was originally approved in January 2001. Effective dates of services will be August 30, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Compensation will be at thirty (\$30.00) dollars per hour for ten (10) hours of instruction per week not to exceed thirteen thousand two hundred (\$13,200.00) dollars. Funding will be from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget for contracted services.
  2. **Community Service Foundation**, P.O. Box 283, Pipersville, PA 18947, to provide special education student instruction per IEP at an Approved Private Placement for the 2004-2005 school year. Term of the contract is for one hundred eighty days at ninety-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$99.67) per day per one (1) student = seventeen thousand nine hundred forty dollars and sixty cents (\$17,940.00). Total cost shall not exceed four (4) students or seventy-one thousand seven hundred sixty-two dollars and forty cents (\$71,762.40). Funding shall be provided through the 2004-2005 Alternative Education Fund.
  3. **Lapreziosa Occupational Therapist Services**, 965 Malvern Drive, Pottstown, PA 19465, for the provision of occupational therapy for the 2004-2005 school year. The contract addresses direct intervention, consultation, indirect services (i.e., meetings, in-service, paperwork), evaluations, and home visits for students who receive occupational therapy services. The contract is effective 8/15/04 through 6/30/05. The total cost of the contract shall not exceed three hundred thirty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-one (\$333,751.00) dollars. Funding will be from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.

- 4. **Networks for Training and Development, Inc.**, 1220 Valley Forge Road, P.O. Box 987, Unit #17, Valley Forge, PA 19482, to provide training concerning communication support services for a special education student. Services will be provided during school hours for thirty-two (32) weeks, twenty (20) hours per week at fifty-four dollars and thirty-four cents (\$54.34) and hour. The total cost shall not exceed thirty-four thousand seven hundred fifty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$34,777.60). Funding will be from the 2004-2005 Special Education Budget.
- 5. **David Jack The Entertainment Company**, PO Box 71, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 to provide certain service in connection with Veteran’s Day Assemblies. His Spirit of American program is designed to enhance the school environment with common experiences and musical activities that will create a positive school climate and national spirit. Two (2) 50-minute assemblies – 9:30 a.m. and 2: 00 p.m. effective September 22, 2004. Compensation will not exceed \$750.00. Funding will be from the Upper Providence Home and School – Assemblies.
- 6. **Duane DeWire**, 427 Jefferson Street, Northumberland, PA 17857-9799, to 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 2004-2005 school year. Set service will not exceed \$4,430.00 - payments on the basis of twenty-five days (25) for the 2004-2005 school year at \$177.20 per day.
- 7. **Martin Moore**, 1301 Dimity Court, Pottstown, PA 19465 to perform services in connection with the Athletic Department. This agreement is from September 28 through June 30, 2005 and will continue in force as mutually agreed by the parties, unless terminated earlier by either party upon at least ninety (90) days written notice to the other party of their intention to terminate. Payment on the basis of not to exceed \$7,000.00 for a period of 205 days.

**NEW FINANCE**

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve A-B. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The board approved authorization to seek bids for “String Instruments” for the Strings Program for the 2004/2005 school year.
- B. The board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for 2004-2005:

Limerick Township	No. 9-14
Royersford Borough	No. 6-11
Spring City Borough	No. 1-11
Upper Providence Township	No. 17-27

Mr. Schroeder amended the motion as follows. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mr. Pettit called for questions from the public. Thea Block asked what Spring-Ford would be entitled to if it were to withdraw. Dr. Coale said the legal opinion would come into play. The board voted 7-0 to approve.

- C. The board approved having the business office to seek requests for proposals to complete an independent audit of WCTS to fix values as set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Articles of Agreement for continuation and operation of the Western Montgomery County Area Vocational Technical School setting forth the proportion of ownership. (Once the proportion of ownership value is established, appraisals will determine the values of interest to the withdrawing school district.) The auditors will research into the title to personal property and real property acquired. Their research will help identify the proportion which the contribution of each bears to the total cost of acquisition, construction and improvements. The auditors will be reviewing board minutes, audit reports, bond issues, etc., to determine contribution of each participating school district at time of acquisition.

#### **NEW PROPERTY**

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 5-2 with Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan voting no.

- A. The board approved **Bursich Associates** to complete a school flashing light permit plan and submit to PennDot. They will complete construction and bid documents that will be included in the overall bid packet for the **Winnies E S Project**. Total cost not-to-exceed **\$4,000** with funding from the bond fund.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Items B and C with the elimination of the word voluntary from the resolution. There was some discussion with the solicitor. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 6-1 with Mr. Cummins voting no.

- B. The board approved **Limerick Township Resolution 03-26(F)**, which permits the development of property located on Sunset Road for an elementary school in accordance with the township ordinances and the plans subject to the payment on a \$89,000 traffic impact fee and a \$5,300 fee-in-lieu of the dedication of open space. (Attachment)
- C. The board approved Spring-Ford Area School District to move forward for an appraisal from Indian Valley Appraisal in the amount of \$5,200 for the Western Center for Technical Studies (WCTS) land and buildings. The report will be received 40 days from the receipt of district authorization.

**NEW CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Items A-C. Mr. Cummins seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

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

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

**DISTRICT OFFICE**

- A. **Dr. Leticia M. Rodriguez**, Director of Human Resources, to attend "*Bargaining 2005: Challenges and Strategies for Schools*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on Friday, November 12, 2004. This workshop will review the legal foundations and preparation for bargaining and discuss strategies for controlling costs. The total cost of this workshop is \$160.00 from the 580 account.

**BROOKE**

- B. **Amanda Berg**, Speech Therapist, to attend "*Assistive Technology Core Team Update Training*" at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. This is mandated training for updating members of the Assistive Technology Core Team. The total cost of this conference is \$110.00 - \$10.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$100.00 from the substitute account.

**LIMERICK**

- C. **Patricia Stroop and Christina Berkheiser**, Special Education Teachers, to attend "*Assistive Technology New Core Team Member Training*" at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, September 28, Thursday, October 28, and Tuesday, November 30, 2004. This is mandated training for all new members of the Assistive Technology Core Team. The total cost of this conference is \$743.25 - \$143.25 from the Special Education Budget and \$600.00 from the substitute account.

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve Item D. Mr. Ciresi seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- D. **David Willauer**, Principal of Royersford Elementary, to attend the "*MCPSA Annual Fall Conference*" at the William Penn Inn on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The total cost of the conference is \$114.00 from the 580 account.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the easement resolution as modified by the district solicitor's recommendation. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davis said the district applied for a waiver, which the township refused and which it is not obligated to give. Mrs. Stokes asked for a deadline to be added.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Diane Dodson, Spring City, said that she had expressed her concerns about the band practicing in the dark and now the lights are on. She thanked the board. Wanted to remind the board that the strategic planning committee, which she was a member, decided that the students' interest should come before being fiscally responsible.

Thea Block asked who is doing the 40-day timeline and the solicitor replied. Mr. Pettit said that this is the first time the firm had dragged its feet and the deadline was designed to quicken the pace.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Stokes made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Williams seconded it.

Mr. Schroeder asked that a hand-held microphone be used for the audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dillon  
Board Secretary