

On October 23, 2006, the board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:39 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Bernard F. Pettit and Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.
Region II: Ammon G. Morgan, Jr. and Joseph M. Petrowski
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and John S. Grispon
Presiding Officer: Donna L. Williams
Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda
Business Manager: Tim Anspach
Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.
Student Rep.: Danny Suraci

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Williams announced that the board met in an executive session regarding personnel and litigation. Mrs. Williams shared some good news regarding the Western Center saying there was substantial progress made by our board at a meeting that was held on October 17, 2006. Mrs. Williams said there is a motion on the agenda tonight which would waive the sixty day notice for a Joint Operating Committee Convention thereby giving the district the flexibility to convene when it would be most appropriate instead of stalling the progress made thus far. Mrs. Williams said on Saturday morning an unveiling and dedication ceremony was held for the new ram sculpture that was created by local artist Seth Miller and installed in front of the high school.

Dr. Hurda presented an update on the rebalancing of the elementary schools with a video focusing on Oaks Elementary.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Williams presented the representatives of the local fire companies with a resolution thanking them for their commitment to the district.

- A. Presentation of **Resolution #2006-15** to all the Fire Departments located within the Spring-Ford Community in appreciation of their service and commitment to the Spring-Ford Area School District.

Mr. Barry Shafer spoke about Mr. John McWilliams and his history with the Spring-Ford School District. He said that Mr. McWilliams was a teacher in the district for forty-eight years and for forty-two years was the announcer at the football games. Mrs. Williams presented the resolution to Mr. McWilliams

recognizing him for his years of service to the district. Mr. Shafer announced that at the Thanksgiving Day Football Game the press box will be dedicated and named the John McWilliams Press Box.

- B. Presentation of **Resolution #2006-16** to John McWilliams in recognition of his forty-two years of service as the Voice of the Rams.

Mr. Murray gave an update on the refinancing of the General Obligation Bond of 1999 refinancing. Mr. Murray said these bonds would be classified as an advanced refunding and you are only allowed to do this once. Mr. Murray said the savings right now would be approximately \$821,000.00 but when he originally wrote to Mr. Anspach on October 12 the savings were around one million dollars so the savings have declined in a short period of time. Mr. Murray said his recommendation to the board would be for them to decide on a target for refunding in order for financing documents to be put together so that the necessary approvals can be obtained. He would recommend that the board be prepared to authorize a full resolution or parameters resolution in November. Mr. Rocchio asked if there was a limitation on when we can refund the bonds and Mr. Murray said no they can be refunded today, tomorrow or anytime up until 2009 as long as we only do one advanced refunding. Mr. Murray said after 2009 when the bonds become callable they can be refunded again at anytime but there is only one advance refund per bond issue. Mr. Petrowski thanked Mr. Murray for his work on the 1997 Series Bonds. Mr. Petrowski commented that we are still at a very good low interest rate right now and it appears that we have some wait time but not a lot because if the rates go up a couple basis points we could lose the savings rather quickly. Mr. Murray said he agrees that we have a short lead time and that is why he is asking the Board for authorization to start preparing the documents.

- C. Ed Murray, Boenning and Scattergood, to present an overview of the G.O.B. 1999 Bond refinancing.

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

There were no questions or comments.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- A. The Board approved the September 18, 2006 work session minutes.
- B. The Board approved the September 25, 2006 board meeting minutes.

IV. **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Student Representative Danny Suraci

Danny reported that homecoming festivities took place this past weekend including a pep rally, the crowning of the Homecoming King Dustin Poole, the dedication of the ram sculpture, a parade, the football game where the at halftime the Homecoming Queen Elizabeth Caggiano, was crowned. The football team also went on to win the game 19-0.

Extracurricular **Robert Weber** **2nd Tues. 2 p.m.**
No report.

MCIU-Legislative **John Grispon** **4th Weds. 7:45 p.m.**
Mr. Grispon will give a report next month.

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. William asked that Item A be separated. Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. Dr. Hurda introduced and welcomed Johnna Weller.

- A. The Board approved Johnna L.Weller for the position of Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Weller received both her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education as well as her Master's Degree in Education and Reading Specialist's Certification from Kutztown University. She received her Certification in the Wilson Reading Program from Endicott College and received her Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction and Principal's Certificate from St. Joseph's University. Compensation will be set at \$92,747.41 with benefits, effective date to be determined.

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

B. Resignations:

1. **Christine A. Detwiler**, High School, Instructional Assistant, effective with the last work day October 9, 2006.
2. **Janice Hill**, High School, Food Service part-time worker, effective with the last work day October 27, 2006.

C. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Catherine C. Bala**, Brooke Elementary School, 2nd Grade Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective January 23, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006/2007 school year.
2. **Sue Choi**, Upper Providence Elementary School, 3rd Grade Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective November 2, 2006 until the beginning of the second semester.
3. **Kelly German**, High School, Business Education Teacher, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective tentatively January 14, 2007.
4. **Dena Moser**, Upper Providence Elementary School, 1st Grade Teacher, for an extended Leave of Absence in accordance with

the Professional Agreement, effective January 23, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006/2007 school year.

New Leave of Absence:

5. **Diane Obenshine**, District Office, Secretary, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective October 12, 2006.

D. Support Staff Employees:

1. **Rosa Kappenstein**, Intermediate/Middle Schools, 3-hour Food Service position, compensation will be set at \$12.43 per hour without benefits as per the Food Service Plan, effective October 24, 2006.
2. **Carol L. Mays**, District Office, Secretary, compensation will be set at \$12.25 per hour with benefits as per the Secretarial Plan, effective October 24, 2006.

E. Extra-Curricular Contract: District Wide

1. **Krisnoel Jennings**, Music Department Chairperson, \$3,655, Tier 2

F. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

1. **Nicole Gerenyi**, Production/Lighting Director, \$1,282, Code J
2. **Ronald Hoinowski**, 9th Grade Arboretum Club Advisor, \$350, Code M
3. **Amy Culp**, 9th Grade Student Council Advisor, \$1,282, Code J

New Extra-Curricular Contract: High School

4. **Ronald Hoinowski**, 9th Grade Center, Science Coordinator, \$1,930, Code H

G. Extra-Curricular Contracts: Middle School

1. **Francis Ryan**, Percussion Coordinator, \$1,930, Code H
2. **Meredith Piersol**, 7/8th Grade Chorus, \$1,632, Code I
3. **Maria Kardick**, Writing Club Advisor, 8th Grade, \$350, Code M

New Extra-Curricular Contract: Middle School

4. **Alex Miscavage**, Assistant Football Coach, \$3,160, Code E

H. Extra-Curricular Contract: Intermediate School

1. **Carrie Buckwalter**, Fitness Club Advisor, \$350, Code M

I. **Professional Staff Substitutes:**

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| 1. Jeremy Basom | Elementary Education |
| 2. Kimberly Camilleri | Biology/Elementary Education |
| 3. Kimberly Cashman | Elementary Education |
| 4. Kristy DiVenanzio | Art |
| 5. Mary Rose Kerr | Elementary Education |
| 6. Bernadette Kucewicz | Ment/Physically Handicapped |
| 7. Nancy Ricci | Early Childhood |
| 8. Jennifer L. Weidman | Elementary Education |
| 9. Erika Himes | Health & Physical Education |
| 10. Jill DiPaolo | Elementary/Special Education |
| 11. Ellen Kita | Elementary Education |

J. **Support Staff Substitutes:**

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| 1. Jane Andrews | School Nurse |
| 2. Stacy Sowers | School Nurse |
| 3. Margaret Williams | Support |
| 4. Charlene Goetzl | School Nurse |

- K. The individual listed below has completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee and is, therefore, entitled to tenure status:

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| 1. Erin Elton | Elementary & Early Childhood |
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Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item L and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

New Long Term Substitute Employees:

- L.
1. **Yvonne Lockbaum**, High School, Special Education Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,000, BS, Step 1, with benefits, effective October 24, 2006 for the 2006/2007 school year.
 2. **Amanda L. Olson**, Upper Providence Elementary School, 3rd Grade Teacher, compensation will be set at \$38,520, BS, Step 2, with benefits, effective retroactive August 22, 2006 for the 1st semester.

Addendum:

Mr. Petrowski made a motion to approve Item M and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Grispon abstaining under Section 1111 of the school code.

- M. The Board approved the revision of the Memorandum of Understanding, dated November 30, 2005, between the Spring-Ford Area School Board of Directors and the Spring-Ford Area Educational Association.

VI. FINANCE

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

Mr. Rocchio asked that item B4 be separated. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

U.S. Laboratories Inc.	Soils Testing & Inspection	\$	6,740.63
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	64.00
*DLR Group	Professional Services	\$	4,239.56
*Limerick Twp. MA	Professional Services	\$	803.84
*PECO	Electricity	\$	180.43
*PECO	Natural Gas	\$	382.35
*Jay R. Reynolds	Applic #10- Plumbing Contractor	\$	31,638.55
*SMJ Contracting Inc.	Applic #12- General Contractor	\$	745,722.92
*Worth & Company	Applic #10- HVAC Contractor	\$	<u>170,210.08</u>
	TOTAL	\$	959,982.36

2. 9th GRADE CENTER

Carboni Taylor Inc.	Library Shelving Parts/7 Units	\$	2,035.94
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	192.00
*Follett Library Co.	Library Books	\$	<u>3,864.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$	6,092.24

3. Intermediate School/Middle School Project

Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	128.00
*Allsteel	Lateral Filing Cabinet-Guidance	\$	<u>698.40</u>
	TOTAL	\$	826.40

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Items B1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item B4 and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Rocchio abstaining under Section 1111 of the school code.

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

1. Sukonik/Greenstein Condemnation

Simone Collins	Professional Services	\$	443.30
Fox Rothschild	Professional Services (2 inv.)	\$	<u>726.20</u>
	TOTAL	\$	1169.50

2. Greenstein Property Repairs

John DiBattista	Remove/new gutters/downspout	\$	2,785.00
	Face/cap face boards w/white Aluminum, cap wood around windows		

Jaydor Company	Supply & Install Insulated Garage Door with Garage Door opener-2 Remotes	\$	950.00
Lowe's	Washer/Dryer, Elec. Range, Dishwasher, Refrigerator	\$	1,819.80
*MAB Paints	JNT Compound/SLNT	\$	11.18
*Peter Lumber	6 Sanding Belts	\$	20.94
*Sherwin Williams	Paint/Supplies	\$	48.11
*Spring-Ford A.S.D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$	<u>454.51</u>
	TOTAL	\$	6,089.54
3. <u>Brooke Elementary School-Re-Roofing Project</u>			
Gary Britcher Mason.	Labor/Brick Work	\$	2,160.00
Heavener Supply Inc	Bricks/Concrete Block/Wall Ties	\$	1,427.52
Silas Bolef Company	Applic. #3- Electrical Contractor	\$	4,302.00
Spring-Ford A. S. D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$	1,601.89
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	32.00
*Arthur Altemose AIA	Professional Services	\$	6,387.45
*Anchor Fire Protect.	Demo/Repipe Sprinkler Piping Cafeteria HVAC Room	\$	1,784.00
*SMJ Contracting Inc.	Applic. #6- General Contractor	\$	252,758.18
*Worth & Company	Applic. #4- HVAC Contractor	\$	<u>214,730.88</u>
	TOTAL	\$	485,183.92
4. * <u>Phase II – Design Athletic Fields</u>			
*Horst Excavating Co.	Applic.#14–Excavating Sitework	\$	10,369.26
*Horst Excavating Co.	Applic.#15–Excavating Sitework	\$	50,535.20
*Horst Excavating Co.	Applic.#16–Excavating Sitework	\$	<u>10,335.21</u>
	TOTAL	\$	111,439.67
5. <u>Scoreboard –Senior High</u>			
Arthur Altemose Arch	Professional Services	\$	2,769.16
Fox Rothschild LLP	Professional Services	\$	<u>787.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$	3,556.66
6. <u>Senior High-Traffic Impact Study</u>			
Bursich Assoc. Inc.	Professional Services	\$	315.00
McMahon	Professional Services	\$	<u>641.65</u>
	TOTAL	\$	956.65
7. <u>New District Office</u>			
Foreman Architects	Professional Services Inv. #9	\$	<u>15,699.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	15,699.00
8. <u>School of the 21st Century</u>			
Sweet Stevens LLP	Professional Services	\$	<u>1,155.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$	1,155.00

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Items C-Q and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

C. The Board approved next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, Federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.

D. Checks:

1.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Work Session</u>	
	<u>September</u>	
	Check No. 112252 - 112276	\$ 644,764.49
	<u>October</u>	
	Check No. 112277 - 112504	\$1,062,400.15
2.	<u>Weekly Checks prior to Board Meeting</u>	
	Check No. 112505 - 112581	\$ 234,582.28
3.	<u>Board Checks held for approval</u>	
	Check No. 112582 - 112854	\$ 629,301.93
4.	<u>Athletic Fund - September</u>	
	Check No. 298526 - 298713	\$ 41,897.33

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

1. **Bridgework Theater, Inc. – Goshen, IN.** Provide an assembly entitled "Night and Day" at the 5/6 Grade Center on March 30, 2007. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Curriculum and Instruction Budget and shall not exceed six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$666.00).
2. **Invo Health Care Associates, Inc. – Doylestown, PA.** Provide Occupational Therapy services for a special needs student as per the IEP. This contract is for twenty-five (25) hours of service at the rate of sixty-three dollars (\$63.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,575.00).
3. **Kathleen Jacobs – Forest Hill, MD.** Provide two assemblies entitled "Some Wise....Some Otherwise" on January 3, 2007 at Royersford Elementary School. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Royersford Elementary School Guidance Budget and shall not exceed seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$725.00).
4. **Paul Kuhn/Curio Theater Company – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide an assembly entitled "Anansi and the Spider" at Oaks Elementary School on October 31, 2006. Funding will be paid by the 2006-2007 Oaks Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

5. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide five (5) assemblies for kindergarten students entitled “Winter Secrets” from January 9 - 11, 2007 at Limerick Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the 2006-2007 Limerick Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$475.00).
 6. **Chris Dixon – Smithton, PA.** Provide two (2) anti-bullying assemblies one at Limerick Elementary School and one at Royersford Elementary School on October 25, 2006. Funding will be split between the Limerick and Royersford Elementary School’s Guidance Budget and shall not exceed one thousand one hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$1,137.00).
 7. **Russell Mattison – West Chester, PA.** Provide psycho-educational evaluations and re-evaluations for students between November 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007 not to exceed two hundred twenty-five (225) hours at the rate of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed nineteen thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$19,125.00).
 8. **Chris Dixon – Smithton, PA.** Provide an anti-bullying assembly at Oaks Elementary on September 29, 2006. Funding will be paid by the 2006-2007 Oaks Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00).
 9. **Bill Wellington – Staunton, VA.** Provide two (2) assemblies on and an evening family concert on accepting responsibility entitled “The One-Day Wonder” at Limerick Elementary on Wednesday, November 1, 2006. Funding will be paid by the 2006-2007 Limerick Home and School League and shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00).
- F. The Board approved the High School Activities account (listed on monthly bank statements) for 2006-2007. Each activity group has completed signature records and a listing of officers that are available in the business office for the State Auditors.
- G. The Board approved the 8th Grade Center Activities account (listed on monthly bank statements) for 2006-2007. Each activity group has completed signature records and a listing of officers that are available in the business office for the State Auditors.
- H. The Board approved the 7th Grade Center Activities account (listed on monthly bank statements) for 2006-2007. Each activity group has completed signature records and a listing of officers that are available in the business office for the State Auditors.
- I. The Board approved the establishment of the Class of 2010 in the High School Activity Account.

- J. The Board approved the establishment of the Minorities Coming Together Club (MCT) in the High School Activity Account.
- K. The Board approved the closure of the Class of 2006 in the High School Activity Account.
- L. The Board approved payment of the expenses of the Brooke Re-roof Project from the remaining Bond Funds and to reimburse the Capital Reserve Account for all funds expended to date for this project. The total estimated cost of this project is \$3,725,000.00.

NEW FINANCE

- M. The following Treasurers' Reports were approved:

General Fund

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

Activity Accounts

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

Bond Funds

- Note of 2003 – September 2006
- Note Of 2004 – September 2006

Other Funds

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

Cafeteria Fund

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

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

September

Checks No. 6574 - 6625

\$ 277,151.69

- O. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2006 – 2007 school year:
 - Limerick Township No. 13 - 18
 - Spring City Borough No. 9
 - Upper Providence Township No. 41 – 43

- P. The Board approved the following **Use of Facilities Permits** for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - Permit No. 1640– 1680

- Q. The Board approved of **Resolution #2006-18** with regard to settlement of the Spring-Ford/Sukonik Condemnation matter.

VII. PROPERTY

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved for the Alumni Association to dedicate the press box to Mr. John McWilliams for his forty-two years as of service as the voice of the Rams. This dedication will take place at the 2006 Thanksgiving Football Game.

- B. The Board approve the pursuing of bids for a storage facility (40 ft. x 80 ft.) replacing a storage facility known as the Gottshall Barn, which was destroyed by fire. The replacement structure will be a two story building with block on the first floor and frame and metal for the second floor. The cost of the new facility will be covered by the insurance reimbursement.

- C. The Board approved **Resolution #2006-19** which authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to file a mandate waiver program application with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the replacement of the Coach McNelly Stadium Scoreboard.

VIII. PSBA REPORT Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.

Mr. Rocchio reported that the Senate approved Bill 1332 which addresses several student health issues. This bill requires school districts to make information available to the parent/guardians informing them of the health screenings to be performed during the school year. Senate Bill 592 was amended to allow PSERS to keep certain investment information confidential. Senate Bill 642 was passed which authorizes school districts to acquire land or building in which a school director has an ownership interest and sets rules for such purchase. Senate Bill 647 was amended to require the Department of Education to establish a procedure for prospective school employees to submit a set of fingerprints to the FBI for a federal criminal history background check. Senate Bill 19 would revise provisions that extend property tax exemptions to disabled veterans. Senate Bill 1209 was passed which creates the Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools Act and authorizes grants to school districts to initiate programs for kindergarten students that emphasize agriculture and nutrition education within the curriculum. The PSBA Legislative Policy Council approved the association's 2007 Legislative Platform.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items A-T and Mr. Petrowski seconded it. The motion passed 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. Kenneth L. Donahue**, Assistant Superintendent, to attend *“PVAAS One-Day Training”* at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington, PA on Friday, October 13, 2006. The total cost for this training is \$45.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **Kathleen E. Parker**, Food Service Coordinator, to attend *“UDSDA Processing Food Show 2006”* in Harrisburg, PA on Tuesday, November 28, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$50.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- C. **Gary L. Spohn**, Director of Technology, to attend *“Skyward Steering Committee Meeting”* in Chambersburg, PA on Thursday, October 19, 2006. The total cost for this meeting is \$155.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- D. **Bruce W. Cooper**, Director of Planning and Facilities, to attend *“Annual Recertification for Asbestos Building Inspector”* in New Cumberland, PA on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. The total cost for this conference is \$199.60 from the 580 account. No substitute is necessary.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- E. **Francine Caputo, Elaine Sandilos, and Reesa Wurtz**, Psychologists, to attend *“Diagnosis and Treatment of Learning Disabilities, ADHD, and Related Neurologically Based Disorders”* at the Lancaster Host Hotel in Lancaster, PA on Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$1181.39 from the 2006-2007 Psychologist’s Budget. No substitutes are needed.
- F. **Dr. Leslie T. Morrill**, Supervisor of Staff Development, **Tara Chester**, and **Deborah Longwell**, ESL Teachers, to attend *“PDE Training on New 2006-2007 ELP Assessment”* at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Wednesday, November 8, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$315.00 – 65.00 from the 580 account and \$250.00 from the substitute account.

HIGH SCHOOL

- G. **Charles Mulvany**, Technology Education Department Chair, to attend a *"Technology Education Conference"* at the Penn Harris Center in Camp Hill, PA on Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$594.68 - \$344.68 from the 580 account and \$250.00 from the substitute account.
- H. **Patrick J. Nugent**, Principal, to attend *"NASSP 91st Annual Convention & Exposition"* in Las Vegas, Nevada from Wednesday, February 21 through Monday, February 26, 2007. The total cost of this conference is \$1,888.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

8TH GRADE CENTER

- I. **Amanda Burr**, Teacher, to attend *"Teaching Writing Across Inclusive Settings"* at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Thursday, December 7, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- J. **Darryl Perecko**, Guidance Counselor, and **Stephen Randolph**, School Resource Officer to attend *"Student Assistance Training"* at PaTTAN and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on November 9, 10, 14, and 15, 2006. The total cost for this training is \$756.00 from the 2006-2007 Safe and Drug Free Grant. No substitute is needed.
- K. **Sheila Egleston**, Math Support Teacher, to attend *"Monitoring Student Progress in Algebra"* at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Thursday, November 2, 2006, Tuesday, January 16, 2007 and Tuesday, May 15, 2007. The total cost for this training is \$447.00 - \$72.00 from the 580 account and \$375.00 from the substitute account.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- L. **Delores J. McCarter**, Guidance Counselor, to attend *"Mean Girls, A Conference on Relational Aggression"* in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Friday, December 1, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$367.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.
- M. **Kathryn Shortall**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend *"Local AIMS Web Manager Workshop"* at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14, 2006. The total cost of this workshop is \$559.00 - \$309.00 from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and \$250.00 from the substitute account.
- N. **Dr. Tina Weidenbaugh**, Principal, to attend *"Women's Caucus of Southeast Pennsylvania"* in King of Prussia, PA on Thursday, November 9, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$40.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

- O. **Frances Harmon**, Special Education Teacher, "*Helping Students to Develop Social Thinking Skills*" at the Williamson Conference Center in Horsham, PA on Friday, November 10, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$250.00 - \$125.00 from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

BROOKE

- P. **Judith Rickard**, Teacher, to attend "*Enhancing Early Literacy Skills Through the Use of Music*" in King of Prussia, PA on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$338.48 - \$213.48 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

SPRING CITY

- Q. **Bridget Mullins**, Nurse, to attend "*Emergency Care in the School Setting*" at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. The total cost for this conference is \$174.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

NEW CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

- R. **Kathleen D. Gebhard**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend "*Practical Strategies for Working with Students with Asperger's Syndrome & High Functioning Autism*" at the Hilton Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$223.00 from the 2006-2007 Special Education Budget.
- S. **Kristin Williams**, Teacher, to attend "*Assistive Technology Expo 2006*" at the Radisson Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, October 31, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$160.00 - \$35.00 from the 580 accounts and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- T. **Janet Gebhardt**, Reading/Math Support, to attend "*Keystone State Reading Association*" at Seven Springs in Champion, PA from Monday, October 23 through Wednesday, October 25, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$878.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Williams added Item E which is a resolution which will waive the sixty day notice requirement period for a convention.

Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve Items A-E and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. Mr. Ciresi commented on Item A and asked if it would be possible to also recognize the police force. Mrs. Williams suggested that this could take place during National Law Enforcement Week or Month. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. Administration recommends approval of **Resolution #2006-17** recognizing the Spring-Ford Area School District's Parent Organizations.

- B. Administration recommends approval of the following annual reports of income and expenses as required by Policy #229 – Student Fund Raising.
1. Brooke Elementary Home and School Association
 2. Limerick Elementary Home and School Association
 3. Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association
 4. Spring City Elementary Home and School Association
 5. Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association
 6. Spring-Ford Intermediate Home and School Association
 7. Spring-Ford Middle School Home and School Association
 8. Spring-Ford Booster Club
- C. The following policies are submitted as a first reading:
1. Policy #238 – PUPILS: Child Custody/Parental Rights
 2. Policy #702 – PROPERTY: Gifts, Grants, Donations
 3. Policy #814 – OPERATIONS: Copyright Material
- D. The following field trips are recommended for Board approval:
1. David Nicol, Director of Choirs, & John Eckstine, Director of Bands, to take the Spring-Ford Area High School Music Department (Chorus and Bands) on a **five-day trip to the Orlando, Florida Fiesta-Val Music Festival** from Wednesday afternoon, April 11, 2007 through Monday evening, April 16 2007. The music department would be flying out of Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia, PA, and staying in a hotel located in Orlando, Florida in close proximity to the site of all of the competitions. The music department will compete in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Concert, Freshman Concert Band, Jazz, and Parade Band competitions, as well as Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, Women's Ensemble, and Madrigals. In addition to the adjudications, the band will tour Universal Studios and Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom, located in Orlando, Florida. The cost of the trip shall not exceed \$965.00 per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association will provide several fundraisers throughout the school year for the students to earn money towards the expense of the trip. We are also requiring participation by at least 85% of the music students to be able to attend the festival. All costs incurred will be paid for by students attending the trip, there is no cost to the district.
 2. Kris Jennings, Yvonne O'Dea, and Kay Stokes, Directors of Middle School Music Groups, to take the Spring-Ford Middle School Music Department (Bands, Chorus and Orchestra) on a **two-day trip to the Music in the Parks Festival in Agawam, Massachusetts** from Friday, May 11 through Saturday, May 12, 2007. The music department will be traveling by chartered bus and staying in a hotel near Springfield, Massachusetts. The music department will compete in concert, marching and jazz ensembles, treble and show choir, and string orchestra. In addition to the adjudications, the group will travel to Six Flags New England. The cost of the trip shall not exceed

two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association will provide two fundraisers throughout the school year for the students to earn money towards the expenses of the trip.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that this is the time of year when assessment appeals start to come in and since we only have thirty days to take action the district may want to get an opinion of value from an appraiser so he will work along with Mr. Anspach on these appeals in order to expedite the process. Mr. Davis said he will keep the board informed.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Pam Caldwell, Upper Providence Township, asked the board to respond to an article that appeared in the Reporter this week regarding the development of land at the 422 interchange. Ms. Caldwell said there is currently a proposal to alter the current zoning from interchange office, retail, housing, and commercial to allow for a residential use group. Ms. Caldwell said the article refers to some input which is purports to be from the Spring-Ford School District and she wanted to understand whether or not it was a correct and accurate reflection of the input. Ms. Caldwell passed around a colored map showing the proposed project. Mrs. Williams said she did see the newspaper article and was surprised by the report and she said she can only speak for herself and no conversation took place between herself and Mr. Barker. Ms. Caldwell said this proposed zoning change was tabled at the township meeting and is on the agenda for the December 4 meeting and she thought maybe someone from the district may want to attend and represent themselves. Mrs. Williams thanked Ms. Caldwell for bringing it to the board's attention. Ms. Caldwell asked if the board would ever consider a tax abatement for a project like this and Mrs. Williams said this was brought before the board about a year ago and the board told them no. Ms. Caldwell thanked the board for their service to the district.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Mrs. Williams said the board is heading back into an executive session at the conclusion of this meeting.

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.

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4. Develop and implement a transition plan for students and parents as children move through grades 4-8.
5. Track and monitor key measures for student success: graduation rates, drop out rates, scholarships, college acceptance rates and the feedback from past graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary