

The December 2, 2002 reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

- Region I: Michael V. Masciandaro, Bernard F. Pettit
- Region II: Martha Magee Block, Janet A. Stokes
- Region III: Ed Cummins, John S. Grispon, and Richard J. Schroeder
- Administrators: Dr. Genevieve D. Coale, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marsha R. Hurda, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Timothy C. Anspach, Business Manager, and Bruce Cooper, Director of Planning, Operations, and Facilities
- Clerk: Pat Dillon

REORGANIZATION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY BOARD SECRETARY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

I. REORGANIZATION

A. Notice of Organization Meeting – Read by Board Secretary

Mrs. Block made a motion to waive reading of the notice since each board member had received a copy from the solicitor. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

B. Nomination and Election of Temporary President Conducted by Board Secretary. Temporary President is then Seated

Mr. Masciandro nominated **Mrs. Block as temporary president**. Mr. Cummins seconded it. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Pettit seconded it. The board voted to close nominations 7-0. The board voted Mrs. Block as temporary president 7-0.

C. Nominations and Election for the Office of President Conducted By Temporary President. President is now Seated.

Mrs. Block announced that Mr. Weber, president, had asked her and Mr. Masciandaro to act as a nominating committee. Mr. Masciandaro reported that the committee entered Mr. Pettit's name as president. (Mrs. Block announced that there was no need for a second on the nominations.) Mrs. Block nominated Mr. Schroeder. Mr. Pettit nominated Mr. Weber. Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Pettit seconded it. The board voted to close nominations 7-0. The board elected **Mr. Pettit as board president** 5-2 with Mr. Grispon and Mr. Cummins voting no. Mrs. Block invited Mr. Pettit to assume the office. Mr. Pettit thanked the members of board for voting for him and assured those not voting for him that the board would be cognizant of representing the entire district and asked for the board's support.

D. Nominations and Election for the Office of Vice President Conducted by Newly Elected President

Mrs. Block said the nominating committee had no recommendation for board vice president. Mrs. Block, as an individual, nominated Mr. Schroeder. Mrs. Stokes nominated Mr. Masciandaro. Mrs. Block made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted to close nominations 7-0. The board voted 3-4 against Mr. Schroeder as board vice president with Mr. Grispon, Mr. Cummins, Mrs. Stokes, and Mr. Pettit voting no. The board elected **Mr. Masciandaro as board vice president** 6-1 with Mr. Cummins voting no. Mrs. Block offered her congratulations to both Mr. Pettit and Mr. Masciandaro.

E. Nominations and Election to Any Office Vacated by the Election of a President or Vice President

Mrs. Block noted that Mr. Masciandaro's election to vice president created a vacancy for the position of treasurer. Mr. Grispon nominated Mr. Schroeder as treasurer. Mrs. Stokes nominated Mr. Rocchio. The solicitor said that the winner of this election will finish Mr. Masciandaro's current term until May 2003. Mrs. Block made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Cummins seconded it. The board elected **Mr. Schroeder as board treasurer** 5-2 with Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Cummins voting no. Mr. Pettit offered his congratulations to Mr. Schroeder.

- F. Motion for Authorization to Use Present Signature Stamp until a New One is Prepared (if needed)

Mr. Anspach announced that there was no need for a new signature stamp since the signature is now in Mr. Anspach's name.

- G. Members of the Joint Committee for the Area Vocational-Technical School serve three-year terms. One term expires each year to assure continuity in the operation of the joint program. The current representatives and the date of expiration for their terms is as follows:

Martha Magee Block	2002
Richard J. Schroeder	2004
Robert A. Weber	2003

Action is required to elect or re-elect members to the vacancies which occur this year – Mrs. Block's position was open

Mr. Masciandaro nominated Mrs. Block to continue to serve on the WCTS committee. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to close nominations. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board re-elected Mrs. Block to serve on the WCTS joint committee 6-1 with Mr. Cummins voting no. Mr. Pettit offered his congratulations to Mrs. Block.

- H. The President designated a member to serve on the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee. This committee is sponsored by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors to provide a forum in which local directors can learn about legislative issues, which can affect education in Montgomery County. Mr. Grispon presently serves in this capacity.

Mr. Pettit asked Mr. Grispon whether he was willing to continue to serve in this capacity and he indicated that he was willing to do so. Mr. Pettit designated **Mr. Grispon as a member of the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee.**

- I. The Board also appointed a PSBA Legislative Chairperson to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mr. Grispon currently serves in this capacity.

Mr. Pettit asked Mr. Grispon whether he was willing to continue to serve in this capacity and he indicated that he was willing to do so. Mr. Pettit designated **Mr. Grispon as PSBA Legislative Chairperson** to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Mr. Grispon's appointment. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. The board approved Mr. Grispon's appointment 7-0.

- J. The board amended and then approved the Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2003 (ATTACHMENT)

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to designate the first Tuesday or Thursday of February and March for committee of the whole regarding finance and budgetary review. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. Mr. Cummins stated his opposition to committee of the whole. Mr. Grispon said this item was not on the agenda and was out of order. He suggested putting the item on the committee of the whole next week. Mr. Schroeder and Mrs. Stokes withdrew their motion/second.

Mrs. Block made a motion to make an amendment to the calendar to provide that whenever the board meeting or work session falls on a holiday when staff and students are not at work or school (January 20; February 17; and April 21) to hold the board meeting on the following night, Tuesday. Mr. Grispon seconded it. The board voted 5-2 on the amendment with Mr. Cummins and Mrs. Stokes voting no. Then the board voted 7-0 to approve the calendar as amended.

- K. Adjournment

Mr. Grispon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. The board voted 7-0 to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Magee Block
Board Secretary

Pat Dillon
Recording Clerk

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2002

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

There was none.

- III. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Schroeder asked how many students were participating in swimming in Item H. Mr. McDaniel said four students at Ursinus. Mrs. Stokes made a motion to approve A-I. Mrs. Block seconded it. It was approved 7-0.

- A. The individual(s) listed below have completed three years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employee(s) and are, therefore, entitled to tenure status. The **Public School Code** requires that a record of this accomplishment be incorporated in the Minutes of this Board of School Directors. Board officers authorized the execution and presenting of a **professional employee** contract to:

Bradley Murlless

Guidance Counselor

- B. The board approved the **resignation** of **Kirsten Ferry**, with regret, for the **Cultural Awareness Club**, effective December 31, 2002.
- C. The board approved of **Gretchen Colombo** for an extension of her **childrearing leave of absence** for the second semester of the 2002/2003 school year.
- D. The board approved of **Laurie Exeter** for a **maternity/childrearing leave of absence** effective tentatively December 22, 2002 for the remainder of the 2002/2003 school year.
- E. The board approved of **Sherry Stockmal**, Learning Support Teacher at the Intermediate School for a **maternity leave of absence**, effective tentatively April 11, 2003 for the remainder of the 2002/2003 school year.
- F. The board approved of **Cheryl Wasserman**, for an extension of her **childrearing leave of absence** for the second semester of the 2002/2003 school year.
- G. The board approved of the following **independent contract** for **Jerry Pallotta**, Needham, MA to present an assembly discussing his occupation as a children’s author and how to begin writing stories. The assembly will be presented to the Brooke, Oaks, and Limerick Elementary Schools. The total cost of the program will not exceed \$2,025 and will be in effect from December 10 until December 12, 2002. Funding will be provided by the Oaks Elementary School PTA, Brooke Elementary School-Artist in Residence Fund and Limerick Elementary School Home and School Author in Residence account.
- H. The board approved of the following **extra-curricular/ supplemental contract(s)**:

Laura Detwiler-Craft	SH Head Boys’ Tennis Coach	\$3527 D
Jeremy Daross	SH Marching Band Battery Percussion Leader	\$1649 H
Darrin Dietrich	SH Winter Track Club Advisor	\$1096 J
Richard Cechak	IMS-Boys’ Basketball Fall	\$ 300 LC
Jeff Moyer	IMS-Boys’ Basketball Fall	\$ 300 LC
Mary Ann Christy	SH Volunteer Swimming Coach	\$ 1 –code 1

I. The board approved of the following **support staff substitutes**:

Joan Claycomb Collegetown, PA	Instructional/Clerical Asst. Playground Asst., Lunchroom Asst. Cafeteria Office Clerical/Secretary
Carol M. Crossman Limerick, PA	Instructional/Clerical Asst. Playground Asst.

IV. **FINANCE**

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A and C. Mr. Schroeder seconded it. The board voted to approve the motion 7-0.

A. 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, for the months of December and January.

C. The board approved payment for the following invoices for the month of **DECEMBER**, in connection with the **SERIES A 2001 G.O.B.:**

1. <u>INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT</u>	
Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Professional Services	\$ 90.00
TOTAL	\$ 90.00
2. <u>UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>	
Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Professional Services (2 Inv.)	\$ 341.28
TOTAL	\$ 341.28

V. **PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM**

Mrs. Block thanked Dr. Marsha Hurda, Dr. Lucille Candeloro, and Joyce Ness of MCIU for their service on the committee. Mr. Schroeder thanked the administration and staff and said the committee was well represented with 45 to 55 members. The student representative said it was very productive for students. Mrs. Stokes expressed appreciation to the committee and asked whether the board is obligated as a board to accomplish all the goals in the plan. Dr. Coale said no. However, this plan is different because mandated items are covered by the plan, including covering how students will achieve proficiency by 2013 as stipulated by No Child Left Behind. The committee is obligated to review progress

annually and the board has the opportunity to approve or disapprove specific actions. The public also has 30 days to comment. Mrs. Stokes also asked about the mission statement. It is new said Dr. Coale. The committee wanted to change the mission statement added Mrs. Block. Mr. Grispon added that in the coming years, Spring-Ford will receive less state money and may be limited in raising taxes. Mr. Masciandaro thanked the committee as well and said the meeting schedule was rigorous. He said the mission statement was 10 years old and needed to be updated. Mr. Pettit added his congratulations to the Strategic Plan Committee.

-Mr. Weber arrived at 8:25 p.m.-

Mr. Grispon made a motion to approve Item A. Mr. Masciandaro seconded it. It was approved 8-0.

- A. The board approved of the Spring-Ford Area School District six-year **Strategic Plan**, "A Blueprint for Student Success," so that the plan can be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

Mr. Masciandaro asked if the computers the district has today are adequate. Dr. Hurda said that Linda Crane, teacher, said that the graphic design course could be taught with the present computers rather than incur the expense of building a new lab with new computers. Mrs. Crane said PC versus Mac format is a matter of personal training and familiarity and that there was no difference with the program, Adobe. Mr. Grispon asked what Adobe recommended. Mr. Spohn said that he didn't know whether Adobe had a recommendation but that the website seemed to be slanted toward PC while it would continue to support Apple. Mrs. Stokes asked that the motion delete number 3 listing Macintosh computer costs. The board voted 7-1 to approve the amendment with Mr. Grispon voting no. Mr. Grispon said public education was doing it on the cheap. The board voted 7-1 to approve Course #1 with Mr. Grispon voting no.

- B. The board **approved** the following **new course** to be implemented in the 2003-2004 school year. Board approval was requested so that administration may begin the processes of planning for curriculum development, budgeting, and inclusion of courses in the students' course guide.

ART DEPARTMENT

COURSE #1 -- Graphic Design (minor)

1. **Rationale:** Merging traditional drawing and design with the computer as a tool is now a foundation skill for artists. Graphic design teaches students to solve creative problems using current technology. Knowledge and skill in computer drawing, painting, photography, and image manipulation are required for all visual art training at the college or professional level.
2. **Cost:**
 - a. Initial Curriculum Development (12 hours) \$ 264
 - b. Initial Materials (art supplies) \$2,000
 - c. Initial Equipment (software programs) \$2,000

Mr. Weber made a motion to approve Course #2. Mr. Masciandro seconded it. Mr. Schroeder said it was in excess of \$200,000 to start up the course and that it should be in the budget process. Mrs. Block made a motion to table the course. Mr. Grispon seconded it. The board voted 5-3 to table the course with Mr. Weber, Masciandro, and Mr. Cummins to voting no.

The board **TABLED** the following **new course** to be implemented in the 2003-2004 school year. Board approval was requested so that administration may begin the processes of planning for curriculum development, budgeting, and inclusion of courses in the students' course guide.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

COURSE #2 -- Automation and Manufacturing (major)

-WAS TABLED-

1. **Rationale:** Automation and manufacturing is an intro course in which students analyze the technical systems of various types of manufacturing. Students will experience a variety of manufacturing processes. They will participate in the various aspects of research, development, and problem solving as they identify, design and produce products in a manufacturing technology laboratory.
1. **Cost:**
 - a. Cost of equipment to set up the program through Advanced Training System \$182,000.00
(Cost of equipment to set up the program through Southern Educational System = \$191,610.00)

- b. Cost
 - 1. 13 x \$1,100 = \$14,300
 - 2. Wireless Network \$3,000
 - 3. Printers \$3,000
 - 4. Tables \$3,500
- TOTAL COST \$23,800**

VI. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Block made a motion to approve Items A-L. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. It was approved 8-0.

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

CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, Registration, Food, and Accommodations

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Dr. Genevieve D. Coale**, Superintendent of Schools, to attend 2003 Superintendents' Conference in St. Michaels, MD from April 29, 2003 through May 1, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$635.00 from the 580 account.
- B. **Bruce W. Cooper**, Director of Planning, Operations and Facilities, and **Barry Ziegler**, Supervisor of Operations and Facilities, to attend the "PASBO Conference" in Seven Springs, PA from March 18, 2003 through March 20, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$1,344.00 from the 580 account.
- C. **Dolores Furlan**, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend "Asperger's Disorder and Autism", in Philadelphia, PA on January 29, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$174.00 from the 580 account.

HIGH SCHOOL

- D. **Michael McDaniel**, Director of Athletics, to attend "36th Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference" in Hershey, PA from March 18, 2003 through March 22, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$770.00 from the Athletic Fund.
- E. **Bruce Brobst**, 9th Grade Baseball Coach at the High School to attend "Be the Best You are Baseball Clinic" at the Hilton in Cherry Hill, NJ on Friday, January 17th, 2003. The total cost for the conference is \$347.00 - \$222.00 from the athletic budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- F. **Khrystin Dickey**, Learning Support Teacher and SAP Coordinator, to attend the *“Seventh World Congress on Stress, Trauma and Coping”* in Baltimore, MD from February 13, 2003 through February 16, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$635.00 from the 580 account and \$200.00 from the substitute account.

BROOKE

- G. **Marilyn Nepps**, Reading Specialist at Brooke Elementary to attend *“Previewing the Principalship/Getting the Job Done Right”* at the Radison Penn Harris in Camp Hill, PA on Friday, February 21st and Saturday, February 22nd, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$491.00 - \$366.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- H. **Reesa Wurtz**, Psychologist at Brooke Elementary to attend *“Curriculum Considerations Leading to Effective Programming for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders”* at PATTAN in King of Prussia on Friday, December 13, 2002. There is no cost for the conference.

LIMERICK

- I. **Kelly Kurtas**, Kindergarten teacher at Limerick Elementary to attend *“Susie Haas – Teaching Reading and Writing in Your Kindergarten Classroom”* at The Drexelbrook Center in Drexel Hill PA on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2003. The total cost for the conference is \$330.00 - \$205.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- J. **Melissa Podgurski**, Learning Support teacher at Limerick Elementary to attend *“SRA Corrective Reading Training”* at the Muhlenberg Elementary School in Laureldale, PA on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003. This is mandatory training as per student’s IEP. The total cost for the conference is \$171.50 - \$46.50 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

OAKS

- K. **Mark D. Moyer**, Principal at Oaks Elementary, to attend *“Excelling As A Highly Effective Team Leader”* in King of Prussia, PA on February 20, 2003 and February 21, 2003. The total cost of the conference is \$467.00 from the 580 account.

ROYERSFORD

- L. **Francine Caputo**, Psychologist at Royersford Elementary to attend "*Asperger's Disorder and Autism*" at the Holiday Inn in Philadelphia, PA on Wednesday, January 29th, 2003. The total cost for the conference is \$159.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

IX. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diana Dotson, PTA, Spring City Elementary
Thanked board members who attended the Strategic Planning Committee and said that she hoped that the board would focus on achieving the committee's goals rather than the cost.

Mr. Pettit announced a five minute recess at 8:47 p.m.

XI. **BOARD SEAT ALLOCATION**

1. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There was none.

2. MOTION

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to table the motion. Mr. Grispon seconded it. The board voted 6-2 to table the motion with Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Masciandaro voting no.

The board **TABLED** combining the voting district of Limerick IV with Region III (Royersford / Spring City).

MOTION: Mr. Schroeder made a motion to put the item on the committee of the whole agenda next week as an action item. Mrs. Stokes seconded it. Mr. Grispon said it was different from how the committee of the whole usually operated. The board voted 5-3 with Mr. Grispon, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Cummins voting no.

3. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There was none.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Magee Block
Board Secretary

Pat Dillon
Recording Clerk