

On December 6, 2010 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:45 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Edward T. Dressler, Jr., Bernard F. Pettit and David R. Shafer

Region II: Clara M. Gudolonis, Julie A. Mullin and Donna L. Williams

Region III: Mark P. Dehnert and Thomas J. DiBello

Presiding Officer: Joseph P. Ciresi

Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda

Business Manager: Timothy Anspach

Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.

Student Rep.:

Board President, Mr. Ciresi, called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ciresi announced that parents, students, community members, and staff are invited to take an online survey to list the top 10 qualities they think the next Spring-Ford superintendent should have. The survey is available at www.spring-ford.net, just click on the link that is on the right-hand side of the district home page. The survey will be available until December 17th. In addition, district stakeholders are invited to participate in a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th. At this meeting Ray and Associates consultant Dr. Jon Rednak will ask questions, explain the superintendent search process, and gather input from our community about the type of person we would like to see as our next superintendent. Mr. Ciresi reminded parents and residents to check individual school websites for the dates and times of each building's winter concert. Finally, parents and students were reminded that the district will be closed for winter break from December 24 through December 31, 2010.

The Spring-Ford High School Band played the National Anthem.

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-32** in recognition of John E. Eckstine, Jr. and the Spring-Ford High School Golden Ram Marching Band for successfully placing first at both the 2010 Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Championship and the 2010 Cavalcade of Bands Association "Yankee Class" Open and State Championship.

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve Item B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- B. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-33** commending the Spring-Ford High School Boys' Soccer Team and their coaches Douglas Landis, Nicholas Tier, and Brent Kissel for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Championship.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item C and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- C. The Board approved of **Resolution #2010-34** commending the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Softball Team and their coaches Timothy Hughes, Shawn Corropolese, and, Daniel Miscavage for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Championship.

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve Item D and Mr. Shafer seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- D. The Board approved **Resolution #2010-35** commending Madison Gilmartin, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team, for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Girls' Individual Championship.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Senator Dinniman thanked Dr. Hurda for the many years of service to the district and to the education of young people in this Commonwealth. Senator Dinniman said he is here tonight to thank those students from Spring-Ford High School who participated in a clean-up of the Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge. Senator Dinniman stated that Freedom's Grove in Valley Forge Park is a national historic treasure and consists of 52 acres and on each of the acres is a monument with the names of all who have received the Medal of Honor from each of the states. Senator Dinniman said this grove had become overwrought with weeds and some of the monuments were beginning to fall apart. Over 1,000 volunteers including a group from Spring-Ford High School joined Senator Dinniman for three days in October to put it back together again and tonight the students will be recognized for volunteering their time. Senator Dinniman presented a citation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Mr. Ciresi on behalf of the district recognizing all who participated including the students of this school district. Senator Dinniman next presented each student who volunteered their time with a citation and a medal in recognition of their community service.

- A. **State Senator Andrew Dinniman** to present certificates of recognition to student-athletes for their community service in October during the Medal of Honor Grove Cleanup Days.

Mr. Ciresi presented Mr. Eckstine on behalf of the Spring-Ford High School Marching Band with Resolution #2010-32 and a citation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing them for their accomplishments. Mr. Ciresi thanked the Band and congratulated them saying how proud the district is for what they have done. Mr. Ciresi thanked the parents for their commitment to the students.

- B. Presentation of **Resolution #2010-32** to John Eckstine, Jr. and the Spring-Ford High School Golden Ram Marching Band for successfully placing first at both the 2010 Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Championship and the 2010 Cavalcade of Bands Association "Yankee Class" Open and State Championship.

Mr. Ciresi presented Doug Landis, Nicholas Tier, and Brent Kissel on behalf of the High School Boys Soccer Team with Resolution #2010-33 and a citation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing them for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship. Mr. Ciresi thanked the Boys' Soccer Team and congratulated them saying he understands the countless hours the team puts in to stay fit and keep their grades up and also the commitment from the parents who cart the students around to all the activities.

- C. Presentation of **Resolution #2010-33** to Douglas Landis, Nicholas Tier, Brent Kissel and the Spring-Ford High School Boys' Soccer Team for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Championship.

Mr. Ciresi presented Timothy Hughes, Shawn Corropelese and Daniel Miscavage on behalf of the High School Girls' Softball Team with Resolution #2010-34 and a citation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing them for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship. Mr. Ciresi thanked the Girls' Softball Team and congratulated them saying how proud the district is for what they have done.

- D. Presentation of **Resolution #2010-34** to Timothy Hughes, Shawn Corropelese, Daniel Miscavage and the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Softball Team for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Championship.

Mr. Ciresi presented Madison Gilmartin a member of the High School Girls' Golf Team with Resolution #2010-35 and a citation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing her for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Individual Championship. Mr. Ciresi said he knows how difficult the game of golf is and this is a great achievement.

- E. Presentation of **Resolution #2010-35** commending Madison Gilmartin, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team, for winning the 2010 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Girls' Individual Championship.

Mr. Ciresi asked Mr. McDaniel to come forward and stated that we see a lot of the kids come up from the various sports organizations but we do not often get a chance to thank our administrators for what they do. Mr. Ciresi said between what Mr. McDaniel does and what Mr. Eckstine does it is not only what we see our kids do on the field but it is the attitude that our they have in community as well as all the countless hours they put in. Mr. Ciresi stated that he sees Mickey at the SNAP Post Prom Party and he is there through the night. Mr. Ciresi stated that it is a great tribute to the both Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Eckstine as we stand here tonight to honor the students who go through this program.

IV. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Mullin made a motion to approve Items A-G and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. Resignations:

1. **E. Zachary Stewart**, 8/9th Grade; Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective November 18, 2010.

B. Leaves of Absence:

1. **Khrystin Herb**, High School; Special Education Teacher, for an *extended* Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year.
2. **Susan Ibach**, Evans Elementary School; Elementary Teacher, for an *extended* Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year.
3. **Nancy Walfish**, 8th Grade Center; Instructional Assistant, for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective October 11, 2010 for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks.

C. Long Term Substitutes:

1. **Noelle Giampietro**, Evans Elementary School; LTS Elementary Teacher, extension of current assignment replacing Susan Ibach who will be on a Leave of Absence for the remainder of the school year. Compensation will be set at \$55,000 MS+30, Step 3, prorated, with benefits, effective for the 2nd semester of the 2010/2011 school year.
2. **Joy Needles**, High School; LTS Special Education Teacher, extension of current assignment replacing Khrystin Herb who will be on Leave of Absence for the remainder of the school year. Compensation will be set at \$49,300, MS, Step 5, prorated, with benefits, effective for the 2nd semester of the 2010/2011 school year.

D. Support Staff:

1. **Tracy L. Bogucki**, Intermediate School; Food Service Manager, replacing Doreen Keim who retired. Compensation will be set at \$20.04 per hour with benefits as per the Food Service Plan, pending updated clearances, effective December 22, 2010.

E. Supplemental Contracts: High School

1. **Rachel Custer**, Head Winter Cheerleading Coach, 9th Grade, \$1,875
2. **Carol Jefferson**, Assistant Track Coach Boys & Girls, Winter, \$5,189
3. **E. Zachary Stewart**, Head Wrestling Coach, 8/9th Grade, \$4,526
4. **Bob Swier**, Assistant Wrestling Coach, 8/9th Grade, \$4,234

- 2. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Consultative Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for eighteen (18) hours at a rate of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per hour. Funding will be paid from the 2010-2011 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed one thousand seven hundred ten dollars (\$1,710.00).
- 3. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide four (4) assemblies entitled “Winter Secrets” for kindergarten students at Brooke Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the 2010-2011 Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed four hundred forty dollars (\$440.00).

D. The Board approved the following **exonerations** from the per capita tax for the 2010-2011 school year:

Spring City Borough	No. 32 - 36
Upper Providence Township	No. 126 - 130

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

Permits No. 3415 - 3433

VI. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

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

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Deborah A. Smith**, Child Accounting Administrative Assistant, to attend “*The Spring Child Accounting Conference*” in Hershey, PA from March 9, 2011 through March 11, 2011. The total cost of this conference is \$789.00 from the 580 account. No substitute is needed.

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- B. **Margaret D. Wright**, Teacher, to attend “*RtII & Organizational Change in Schools: Promoting Sustainability and Shared Leadership*” at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on January 26, 2011. The only cost to the district for this conference is \$150.00 from the substitute account. The employee is paying all other costs associated with attending this conference.

EVANS

- C. **Jacqueline Havrilla**, Principal, to attend “*Standards Aligned System Institute*” in Hershey, PA from December 5, 2010 through December 7, 2010. There is no cost to the district for this conference and no substitute is needed.

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis extended his best wishes to everyone for the holidays and stated this is the end of a very tough year but wished a good holiday season and a healthy and happy new year to all. Mr. Ciresi thanked Mr. Davis and wished him the same in return.

VIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern
Board Secretary.