

On December 5, 2005, the board 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,
and Raymond J. Rocchio, Jr.

Region II: Ammon G. Morgan, Jr., and Joseph M. Petrowski,

Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi, John S. Grispon,
and Robert A. Weber

Presiding Officer: Donna L. Williams

Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda

Business Manager: Tim Anspach

Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.

Student Rep.:

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Davis if we needed to have a new roll call and pledge of allegiance since we had started the reorganization meeting this evening with them. Mr. Davis said it was not necessary to do this again.

AGENDA

I. DISTRICT GOALS

There were no comments from the board.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments from the public.

Mr. Petrowski commented that a couple of weeks ago Mr. Ciresi asked if when having a presentation the public be supplied with copies of the information. Mr. Petrowski said he would like the public to have the right to comment on those presentations and any information that is given out before the board votes on those items. Mrs. Williams said she believes that this is something that is going to be looked at as part of the policy committee and this issue will be revisited again.

III. PRESENTATION

Mr. Davis said that since there was discussion that a special board meeting may be held later in the month and since it would be best for Boenning and Scattergood as well as Fox Rothschild both to be present for the meeting, the presentation will take place at this later meeting. Mr. Davis said his office will be available to answer any questions the newly sworn in board members may have. Mrs. Williams asked if we knew when the meeting might be scheduled. Dr. Hurda said Mr. Murray of Boenning and Scattergood will be getting in touch with

her to let her know whether this is something we need to act on in the month of December or if it can wait until January. Dr. Hurda said she will advise the board later on in the week.

Mr. Petrowski asked if there was a meeting on 12/19/06 could the meeting start at 8:00 instead of 7:00 due to a doctor's appointment that was previously scheduled. Mrs. Williams said if no board members object then the meeting could start at 8:00. There were no objections.

Mr. Pettit asked if there was a problem giving the timeframe and the unstable interest rates. Mr. Davis said there was no way to tell if this would present a problem as we do not know what the rates will do. Dr. Hurda said that Mr. Murray is trying to get the information together for a presentation to the board and once he gives her the okay we will try to set up the meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Davis commented that Mr. Pettit's point is a good one in that we want to get this meeting scheduled and a decision made as soon as possible. The board agreed that once Dr. Hurda can get a meeting organized with Mr. Murray she should go ahead and do so.

- A. Presentation / Questions and Answers by an attorney from Fox Rothschild, LLP on the refinancing of bonds.

IV. FINANCE

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to approve items A-D and Mr. Morgan seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. Administration recommends approval of payment for the following invoices for the month of **DECEMBER**, in connection with the **SERIES G.O.B. 2003:**

1. WINNIES PROJECT

DLR Group	Professional Services (3 Inv.)	\$	8,317.26
Zap Digital	Copies of Prints	\$	<u>523.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$	8,840.63

2. 9th GRADE CENTER

Boyertown Supply, Inc	Misc. Plumbing Supplies	\$	44.90
Calico Industries, Inc.	Small Kitchen Equipment	\$	98.43
Calico Industries, Inc.	Tilting Gas Kettle	\$	13,044.00
Colonial Electric Sup.	Misc. Electrical Supplies	\$	176.10
Ferguson Supply Co.	Misc. Plumbing Supplies-3 Inv	\$	231.55
Palinet	3M Tattle Tapes	\$	<u>6.20</u>
	TOTAL	\$	13,601.18

- B. Administration recommends approval of payment for the following invoices for the month of **DECEMBER**, in connection with the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT – Fund 22:**

<u>School of the 21st Century</u>		
Spring-Ford A. S. D.	Reimburse General Fund	\$ <u>3,347.62</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,347.62

- C. Administration recommends approval for 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. Administration recommends approval of the following **independent contracts**:
 - 1. **Cat's Pajamas** – Wynnewood, PA. Provide an assembly on May 22, 2006 in connection with the school wide reading incentive program. Costs will not exceed eight hundred thirty (\$830.00) dollars. Funding will be provided through the Limerick Home and School League (\$600.00) with the balance be paid from the building's budget (\$230.00).
 - 2. **Dana Walker** – Hatboro, PA. Provide 2 hours per week of math and reading tutoring for a student as per the IEP. Effective dates of services will be December 5, 2005 through June 16, 2006. Compensation will be set at thirty (\$30.00) dollars per hour for 2 hours of instruction per week not to exceed one thousand five hundred sixty (\$1,560.00) dollars. Compensation will be funded through the 2005-2006 Special Education Budget.

V. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Williams said that the addendum to the board agenda will be voted on separately. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve items A-H and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

Administration recommends approval of the following:

A. Resignations:

- 1. **Julie Walters**, High School; Instructional Assistant, effective December 30, 2005.
- 2. **Kimberly Watkins**, Limerick Elementary School; Instructional Assistant, effective with last day of work on December 2, 2005.

B. Leaves of Absence:

- 1. **Laurie J. Exeter**, 7th Grade Center, English Teacher, for a leave absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective tentatively March 8, 2006 until the end of the 2005/2006 school year.
- 2. **Jennifer Gillespie**, High School; Mathematics Teacher for an extended leave of absence in accordance with the Professional Agreement, effective January 2006 until the end of the 2005/2006 school year.

3. **Gloria Moyer**, District Office; Coordinator of Transportation for a leave of absence in accordance with Board Policy, effective October 26, 2005.

C. Long Term Substitutes:

1. **Leah Leneweaver**, 7th Grade Center; Spanish Teacher to continue as a Long Term Substitute for the 2nd semester of the 2005/2006 school year. Compensation will be set at \$36,000, BS, Step 1 with benefits.
2. **Tara L. O'Toole**, High School; Mathematics Teacher to continue as a Long Term Substitute for the 2nd semester of the 2005/2006 school year. Compensation will be set at \$36,000, BS, Step 1 with benefits.

D. Support Staff Employees:

1. **Melissa L. Tripp**, High School; Instructional Assistant- compensation will be set at \$12.53 per hour with benefits as per the Assistants' plan, effective December 6, 2005.
2. **Wendy Trump**, Limerick Elementary School; Instructional Assistant – compensation will be set at \$13.03 per hour (includes degree) with benefits as per the Assistants' plan, effective December 6, 2005.

E. Extra-Curricular Contracts: High School

1. **James Young**, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, \$3,967, Code D

F. Extra-Curricular Contracts: Middle School

1. **Matthew Hillegas**, 7/8th Grade Assistant Football Coach, \$3,038, Code E
2. **Alynn Purdy**, 8/9th Grade Cheerleading Coach –Winter, \$928, Code H1/2
3. **Brandon Ruppel**, French Club Grade 8, \$337, Code M
4. **Jasmine Ewing**, Spanish Club Grade 8, \$337, Code M

G. Professional Staff Substitutes:

1. **Wendy Trump** Social Studies
Secondary School Counselor
2. **Julie Walters** Elementary Education

H. Support Staff Substitutes:

1. **Justine Harpster** Custodian

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Rocchio made a motion to approve the personnel addendum item A3 and Mr. Cirese seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. **Resignations:**

3. **Anthony Kuklinski**, High School; School Police Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Kuklinski was scheduled to start on December 6, 2005.

VI. **CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve items A-O and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion was approved 9-0.

The following individuals are recommended for attendance at the following conferences/workshops:

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Dr. Marsha R. Hurda**, Superintendent, to attend the annual "*Suburban School Study Council Seminar*" being held in the Monroe County Public School System, in Monroe County, Florida from Thursday, January 12, 2006 through Monday, January 16, 2006. There is no additional cost to the district as participation is included in the yearly membership of the Suburban Study Schools Council.
- B. **Shirley Rhoads**, Assistant Business Manager, and **Debbie Smith**, Administrative Assistant, to attend "*A/CAPA Annual Conference*" in Hershey, PA from Wednesday, March 22 through Friday, March 24, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$1306.00 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

- C. **Jeffrey A. Kollar** and **William R. Shirk, Jr.**, Assistant Principals, to attend "*MCPSA Conference – Winter*" at the Blue Bell Inn on Thursday, December 1, 2005. The total cost of this conference is \$129.40 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.
- D. **Bruce Brobst**, Head Baseball Coach, to attend "*33rd Be the Best You Are Baseball Clinic*" in Cherry Hill, NJ from Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21, 2006. The total cost of this clinic is \$404.00 - \$279.00 from the Athletic Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- E. **Tim Hughes**, Softball Coach, to attend "*33rd Be the Best You Are Softball Clinic*" in Cherry Hill, NJ from Thursday, January 12 through Saturday, January 14, 2006. The total cost of the clinic is \$659.52 - \$409.52 from the Athletic Budget and \$250.00 from the substitute account.
- F. **Barbara O'Brien**, Librarian, to attend "*PA School Librarian's Association Conference- 2006*" in Hershey, PA on Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$705.00 - \$455.00 from the 580 account and \$250.00 from the substitute account.

- G. **Danielle Stauffer**, Track Coach, to attend "*USA Track and Field Coaching Education Level I School*" in Chicago, Illinois from Tuesday, December 27 through Thursday, December 29, 2005. Danielle is paying for her own transportation and is going to this conference over the winter break. The total cost of the conference is \$403.00 from the Athletic Budget. No substitute is needed.

8th GRADE CENTER

- H. **Kris Jennings**, Band Director, to attend "*International Jazz Educator's Conference*" in New York, NY from Wednesday, January 11 through Saturday, January 14, 2006. The total cost of the conference is \$1126.41 to be split between the 7th and 8th Grade 580 accounts. No substitute is needed.

7TH GRADE CENTER

- I. **Anne Marie Spohn**, Guidance Counselor, to attend "*Cyber-Bullying*" at the MCIU In Norristown, PA on Thursday, March 2, 2006. There is no cost for this conference and no substitute is needed.

5/6 GRADE CENTER

- J. **Khrystin Herb**, Learning Support Teacher, to attend "*PASAP Conference*" at Penn State from Sunday, March 12 through Wednesday, March 15, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$250.00 from the substitute account.
- K. **Jenifer Smith**, Speech Pathologist, to attend "*Advanced Verbal Behavior Principles & Approaches for Developing Language in Children with Autism*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Friday, December 9, 2005. The total cost of this conference is \$145.00 - \$20.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.
- L. **Laura Camp**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend "*Make and Take for the PASA*" at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. There is no cost for this conference other than \$125.00 from the substitute account.

BROOKE

- M. **Dr. Edward Mackel**, Principal, and **Susan Pronchik**, Guidance Counselor, to attend "*Discover 7 – Educator's Workshop*" in Bensalem, PA on Thursday, January 19, 2006. The total cost of the conference is \$71.20 from the 580 account. No substitutes are needed.

LIMERICK

- N. **Kathleen DiBenedetto**, Teacher, to attend "*Teaching Reading and Writing in Your Kindergarten Class*" at the Sheraton Suites in Philadelphia, PA on Thursday, January 26, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$304.00 - \$179.00 from the 580 account and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

- O. **Kathleen D. Gebhard**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend "*Functional Behavior Assessment and Intervention*" at PaTTAN in King of Prussia, PA on Tuesday, January 31, 2006. The total cost of this conference is \$153.00 - \$28.00 from the Special Education Budget and \$125.00 from the substitute account.

VII. INFORMATION ITEM

- A. Playground equipment is being donated by the Brooke Home and School Association to Brooke Elementary. The Spring-Ford School Board and the Administration greatly appreciate the efforts of the school parent associations in raising funds for equipment that will benefit Spring-Ford students.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve item A and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The motion was approved 8-0, with Mr. Petrowski abstaining.

- A. Administration recommends that student number 10506 be expelled from the Spring-Ford Area School District in accordance with the conditions presented by the Superintendent.

Mr. Morgan said he has a motion which he passed around to the board members. Mr. Morgan read his motion which said, board approval is needed to suspend consideration of the High School of the 21st Century until July 1, 2006. The Spring-Ford School Board is committed to finding an equitable solution to all the Western Center for Technical Studies issues in conjunction with the Pottsgrove School Board and the Upper Perkiomen School Board. Mr. Petrowski seconded the motion.

Mr. Masciandaro asked Mrs. Williams to open this up to the public for comments since it was not on the original agenda. Mrs. Williams said she would like to hear the board members comments first and then open it up to the public.

Mr. Pettit said he is totally opposed to delaying the High School of the 21st Century. Mr. Pettit said we have an opportunity for the kids of the district to not subject them to an education that is less than satisfactory. This opportunity would also allow tenth grade students as well as academic education students to partake in important courses which would enhance their education. Mr. Pettit feels this is an act in futility which will only further delay our moving forward.

Mr. Ciresi said that although he is not shocked by this motion, sitting on the board for two years and negotiating with the other two school districts in good faith, he is appalled by the way this was handled. Mr. Ciresi feels we should still move forward if we are committed to the education of our students. He feels that the High School of the 21st Century would make us one of the top high schools in Southeast Pennsylvania. He is not for this motion and does not like the way this was done. Mr. Ciresi feels the taxpayers should have a say in this matter before the board votes on it.

Mr. Petrowski said he feels that there is a lack of communication between our board and the other two school boards involved in the Western Center. He feels that not all the options have been discussed and that there has been little

discussion and much disdain for the other two members of the Western Center. Mr. Petrowski feels the best thing for taxpayers is for us to go back and look at this again, explore a three year program and delay for six months any expenditures in this area. Mr. Petrowski said we have an obligation to provide good education at the lowest possible dollar to our taxpayer and he supports this motion.

Mr. Masciandaro commented that the High School of the 21st Century has been considered very carefully over a large number of months, possibly even over a year or two. There have been hundreds of hours put into this project. Dr. Hurda and the business office have looked in this financially, Mr. Nugent presented a survey from the students, we listened to public comment and the idea was very well received on the night of the presentation. Mr. Masciandaro said this is a very good thing for Spring-Ford as it includes the opportunity to partner with local businesses like Wyeth which would help fund this project. Mr. Masciandaro said he would like to see this project continue and not be put aside and would like to hear public comment on this motion.

Mr. Rocchio said it all comes down to the quality of education for our children. Mr. Rocchio said the numbers presented to do this project were cheaper than the other alternatives proposed to us by the Western Center. He feels that it is unfortunate for our students if we do not continue working on this.

Gail Wellington, Limerick Township, said she has been at a lot of Joint Operating Committee Meetings and getting cooperation out of the other two districts is not easy when it comes to spending money. She said this is the reason the building is in such deplorable condition and there is not enough room for the current students and there would not be enough room with the proposed additions to include tenth grade students. She has seen no indication that the other two districts are interested in adding a tenth grade program as they do not want to spend the money and their boards will not spend the money. Mrs. Wellington feels the quality of education has been good because the teachers are good but wonders how you can maintain the quality of education for long if the building is falling apart. Mrs. Wellington stated that the bottom line is that we are going to spend this money one place or another and if we spend it there we have only three votes out of nine but if we spend the money here for our own program we will have full control. Mrs. Wellington feels that as a business person we should get to say how our \$5-\$10 million is spent and not just have little voice in the process, and that is the biggest reason for doing this project here.

Bruce Bailey, Upper Providence Township, said he is not surprised about this motion. He said he respects the administration and the amount of time that has gone into this. He is upset over the process and feels it is a sneak attack on the community the board has been elected to serve. There was no notice about this, no advance warning whatsoever, only a piece of paper that was circulated amongst the board members at the last minute as they were about to go out of the door. Mr. Bailey feels this reflects incredibly poorly on anyone who supports this motion tonight. He commented that on something this major, where a lot of work has gone into this by administration, and where public hearings have been held, that it is owed to the Western Center students and families an opportunity

to come in and give their feedback. Mr. Bailey said this motion needs to be tabled in order to give the public fair warning.

Janet Stokes, Limerick Township, feels this is highly unusual to have a motion pulled out of a back pocket especially a motion of this magnitude. She feels this is a huge issue that has been worked on for years. Mrs. Stokes likened it to the legislatures giving themselves a pay raise at the eleventh hour. She feels that a vote on this tonight would be highly unusual and hopes that this is not the way this board plans to operate in the future. She would like the board to table this idea so that the administration and public can address this issue. Mrs. Stokes said if you go out to the home and school organizations and visit with the parents of young children you will find they are very excited about the possibility of having our own vocational technical program. The surveys that were done for the students in 7th through 11th grades showed how excited they were about this program and the possibility of taking minor classes there. Mrs. Stokes feels that the board is miscalculating if they feel the public does not support this. Mrs. Stokes asked that before voting to suspend consideration of the High School of the 21st Century that the board get feedback from the public and spend some time at the meetings held at the Western Center in order to understand what they are facing so that they can make a qualified decision. She wants the board to make the right decision and not an off the cuff eleventh hour decision.

Mr. Petrowski said he wanted to comment on Mr. Bailey's comments and her comments. He said in the spring and the fall he knocked on many doors and spoke to the public regarding the school board and what he hopes to do and those people he spoke to questioned overwhelmingly the idea of the High School of the 21st Century. He feels the public has heard about this issue and have freely commented to him and questioned him about our relationship with the other two districts. Mr. Petrowski said this is a six month moratorium to look at this issue again and he feels the public did have a lot of input on this.

Mr. Masciandaro said he also went door to door and found that there is a lot of questions and misinformation or lack of information. Mr. Masciandaro said that when the questions regarding the High School of the 21st Century came up he was able to sit down with the residents and explain the program to them since he had attended all of the meetings. He said the vocational education program is dying here at Spring-Ford as we are down to 109 students out of 7,000. Mr. Masciandaro feels that this type of program should have 300 – 350 kids and should be available as an elective for those students who want to try it out. Mr. Masciandaro asked for Dr. Hurda's opinion on this issue. Dr. Hurda said her focus has always been on what is in the best interest of the students in the district and how do we provide as many opportunities as we can for them. She feels our students are not being served in the way they should be served at the Western Center. Dr. Hurda said students need to have a three year program and there are only two schools in the state that offer a two year program. Most vocational schools offer a three or four year program where students get to explore career opportunities. Dr. Hurda said her opinion has not changed since this discussion began. She said we need to consider a three year program so that our students are fully prepared to enter the work force, a two year vocational technical college, or some kind of post secondary apprenticeship program. Dr. Hurda said there are tremendous opportunities for all students if we bring the

program here. She said her answer is from a purely educational standpoint, and the best interest of kids is a three year program where they receive high quality academics combined with high quality state of the art vocational technical education and they are not getting that right now.

Kathy Bryant, Upper Providence, said there are new board members seated who could possibly work out some goodwill with the other parties at the Western Center. She said she has never wavered in her belief that the public should have access to information so that they can consider it. She feels we should try to work out a deal with the other two parties involved at the Western Center but if we cannot then we should bring the program here. She agrees that a three year program would be ideal. Mrs. Bryant urged that the board give this some consideration so that the public can make informed comments on it for the board to vote on in January.

Marta Pecharo, Limerick Township, said she is in favor of the board attempting to see if they can work out a deal with other members of the Western Center. She commented that the board members are ultimately responsible to the taxpayers in the Spring-Ford Area School District and she presumes that those board members who are newly seated are using the voice of those who voted them in. Mrs. Pecharo said the children from the other two school districts deserve to have the same education our students deserve to have. She feels we need to change the way people perceive the vocational technical program as there is a bad perception right now. Mrs. Pecharo said if we could have three school districts sharing the financial burden and putting together the best possible program for the children then that is for the best but if ultimately it cannot be done then we need to do what we need to do. She hopes the opportunity exists for a change in the way we get along with the other districts so that we can get the best education for all of the children.

Gail Wellington, Limerick, said that if we are going to reopen everything at the Western Center she wants the board to remember that the way the Articles of Agreement now stand we are obligated to pay 67% of any capital improvements while we only have 1/3 of the students attending there. She said the reality is that they have no incentive to change the Articles of Agreement. Mrs. Wellington said if we delay this decision six months we are putting everything in limbo. She feels we should delay it until January to see if there are hard numbers available. She questioned how it is possible to conduct classes for 300 students in a building with major renovations and construction and still be able to provide them with quality education. She does not understand how classes can continue during the two to three year construction phase because it requires major changes to the existing structure. Mrs. Wellington said if are going to delay then make it for a short timeframe.

Bruce Bailey, Upper Providence Township, asked if a motion to table supersede the original motion. Mr. Davis said that if there is a motion to table, it supersedes the original motion, there is no debate on the motion to table, you vote on the motion to table and then you go back to the original motion if the motion to table fails.

Mrs. Williams asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to table.

Mr. Pettit said for the first time, tonight he heard, that mold is an issue at the Western Center. He said if that is the case and considering what the district went through with the schools this past year, this adds more fuel to the fire. Mr. Pettit said that Mrs. Williams is one of the strongest advocates he knows who makes sure that the public has a chance to respond to anything the board puts forward and they will not have the opportunity to do this if the motion passes tonight.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to table item B, and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. There was a roll call vote

Mr. Morgan voted no
Mr. Ciresi voted yes
Mr. Masciandaro voted yes
Mr. Petrowski voted no
Mr. Rocchio voted yes
Mr. Grispon voted no
Mr. Weber voted no
Mrs. Williams voted no

The motion did not pass; the vote was 4-5.

Mr. Masciandaro commented that about two years ago at least, it was Spring-Ford who pushed to do some work on the Western Center. He feels it is not fair for Spring-Ford Area residents to be saddled with paying 60% for the work that needs to be done. Mr. Masciandaro asked if we do not have leverage when pulling out how can we expect to have leverage when we now tell them we are staying.

Mr. Ciresi said we heard the Superintendent speak and he does not feel there is anyone more competent to speak on behalf of the children's education and vocational technical education. He said she told us where she stands on this issue. Mr. Ciresi said if there has been a deal already cut then people need to be honest with the public. He feels this was done underhandedly and if a deal has been cut he would like to be informed so that he is not sideswiped at the next Western Center meeting

Mrs. Williams said that no deal has been cut and the motion reads that the board is committed to find an equitable solution. She said this is in the best interest taxpayers and students. Mrs. Williams said we cannot do this if we are constantly stomping away saying that is it. Mrs. Williams said the advice of our Jeffrey Tucker, our special counsel, has been to try and work things out as pulling out would be long and expensive and will not be a good way to use the taxpayer dollars. Mr. Ciresi said that while he feels Mr. Tucker's advice was to try and attempt to work things out even if you leave. Mrs. Williams said that was not her interpretation. Mrs. Williams said all they are asking for is six months; it may take a month or two.

Mr. Weber said if this is delayed a month, how much will it cost the district. Dr. Hurda said we have PlanCon A and B in The Department of Education right now and that will not move any further until we set up occupational advisory committees. Dr. Hurda said it will probably be January until these committees

can be set up. Mr. Weber asked if we are spending any money for attorneys or architects now. Dr. Hurda said architectural fees are ongoing. She commented that Robert Furst cannot proceed any further until we get approval of PlanCon A and B and we cannot get that approved until we create the occupational advisory committees and have their recommendations.

Mrs. Williams asked for the vote. The motion passed 5-4 with Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Masciandaro, Mr. Pettit, and Mr. Ciresi voting no.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Pettit and Mr. Ciresi, in light of this motion passing, if they are capable of representing the majority of the board seated on the vocational technical committee. Mr. Pettit said he is very comfortable and Mr. Ciresi said he has no problem as this is the will of the board. Mr. Ciresi said he will proceed with whatever the board feels, but he will not compromise our student's educational quality or that of the other school districts. He said he also will not endanger our students or the students of the other districts so when it comes to safety issues he will vote the way he has to in order to represent the board in the community. Mr. Pettit said he would do the same.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Ciresi thanked the administration, Bruce Cooper and everyone who showed up from the community for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new elementary school. He also thanked Mr. Masciandaro for his time as president of the school board and welcomed Mrs. Williams to the position and looks forward to moving forward as a board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Masciandaro made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Rocchio seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
Board Secretary