

On September 26, 2016 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Dr. Edward T. Dressler, Bernard F. Pettit and Kelly J. Spletzer  
Region II: Dawn R. Heine, Todd R. Wolf, and Colleen Zasowski  
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and Mark P. Dehnert  
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello  
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin  
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Reps.: Daniel J. Ciresi and Taylor Stevens

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

The following community members, students and staff members all spoke in favor of the fitness area expansion and performing arts area expansion. No one present who spoke expressed opposition to the project.

**Christina Melton**, Limerick Township  
**Gail Wellington**, Limerick Township  
**Nancy Richie**, Upper Providence Township  
**Joe Doman**, Upper Providence Township  
**Lanae Duersch**, Limerick Township  
**Kathy Texter**, Upper Providence Township  
**Elizabeth Brull**, Limerick Township  
**Jeff Turner**, Upper Providence Township  
**Devi Spletzer**, Royersford Borough, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student  
**Robbie Dittmar**, Limerick Township, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student  
**Yvonne O'Dea**, Limerick Township, Staff Member  
**Emily McGranahan**, Lower Providence Township, Staff Member  
**Lisa Greco**, Royersford Borough  
**Kimberly Florence**, Upper Providence Township  
**Andreina Erwin**, Linfield  
**Sharon Oleski**, Limerick Township  
**Clinton Fetterman**, Limerick Township  
**Dan Johns**, Upper Providence Township  
**Rebecca Landry**, Spring City Borough  
**Julie Kuerschner**, Upper Providence Township  
**Rob Studt**, Limerick Township  
**Charlie Huntington**, Upper Providence Township  
**Matt German**, Upper Providence Township

**Joe Conway**, Upper Providence Township  
**Jim Begg**, Limerick Township  
**Laura Lee Blechner**, Limerick Township  
**Dave Edwards**, Royersford Borough  
**Roland Olsen**, Upper Providence Township  
**Dennis Keen**, Limerick Township  
**Michael Platchek**, Limerick Township  
**Diana Phifer**, Limerick Township  
**Mike Engro**, Upper Providence Township  
**Wendy Kasky**, Limerick Township  
**Marcie Callahan**, Upper Providence Township  
**Alicia Terrizzi**, Limerick Township  
**Nisha Pandya**, Upper Providence Township  
**Karen Davis**, Upper Providence Township  
**Deb Sanford**, Upper Providence Township  
**Sue Romano**, Upper Providence Township  
**Lianter Albert**, Limerick Township  
**Cathy Tumelty**, Limerick Township  
**Chrissy Pergine**, Limerick Township  
**John Gray**, Trappe  
**Gail Bunning**, Royersford Borough  
**Bill Oliverson**, Limerick Township  
**Nancy Ritchie**, Upper Providence Township  
**Paul Newlin**, Upper Providence Township  
**Kristy Caruso**, 1995 Graduate of Spring-Ford High School  
**Jarod Moyer**, Limerick Township, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

Mr. DiBello thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that if the Board is in favor of it, he would like to move the Action Item forward on the agenda and vote on it prior to the Board Committee reports. Mr. DiBello stated that they have heard a lot of positive things here tonight about Spring-Ford and the successes that are going on from not only chorus, band, athletic standpoints but we are also proud of academics as well. The meeting continued with the presentation by Robert Till.

## **II. PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Ruppert, reported that two weeks ago one of Spring-Ford's High School students, Robert Till, was asked to attend the International Immunization Conference held by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. She stated that during the conference Robert presented a three-minute video that he made as part of his Eagle Scout project to more than 700 specialists in the field of immunization. Mrs. Ruppert introduced High School Sophomore Robert Till.

Robert thanked everyone for inviting him here this evening so that he could present and speak about his project. Robert presented a PowerPoint that provided the purpose and background on his Eagle Scout project. Robert stated that he chose this project because he wanted to make a difference in the community and because he is a member of the Montgomery County Immunization Coalition since 2010. Robert provided a description of his project which included the creation of a YouTube video focusing on the importance of adolescent vaccinations. The YouTube video had 1,213 views between December 2015 and August 2016 from various states. Robert again thanked the Board for the opportunity to present his project.

Mr. DiBello stated that Robert did an excellent job and he thanked Robert for representing not only the Spring-Ford community but also Montgomery County.

- A. **Robert Till**, Spring-Ford High School 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, to report on his experience as the a presenter at the National Immunization Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. DiBello tabled the second presentation until next month since Dr. Goodin was absent due to illness.

- B. **Dr. David Goodin**, Superintendent, and **Ms. Erin Crew**, Manager of Communications & Marketing, to provide an update on the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

### III. ACTION ITEM

Mr. DiBello read the motion for the action item. Mr. DiBello, in response to a question raised by Mrs. Melton, asked Mr. Fink to provide a brief synopsis of the financial aspects for the expansion project.

Mr. Fink stated that in a current lending environment the impact of borrowing to fund this project would be tax neutral. He explained that this is because we are looking at a bond refinance right now which will give us savings over the next 7 years to negate any interest payments that we would be making over those 7 years. He stated that this would reach us to our debt cliff which was discussed during the budget process this past spring.

Mr. DiBello added that we basically have an annual debt service and within this we have a borrowing position. He commented that if we want to execute on that position because of where we are currently by going and borrowing \$10 million or so then our annual debt service would not change. He added that the district has put itself in a place where we are looking at a large drop off in about 6 years in our annual debt service which could be a \$5-\$6 million reduction in our annual debt service which would have a positive impact on our community from a tax base perspective. Mr. DiBello wanted to clarify, as a result of a statement made that possibly not everyone knew about tonight's meeting, that this was not a secret meeting and there is nothing underhanded going on. Mr. DiBello also wanted to clarify that the district at one-time was under a large amount of debt years ago and when they got on the Board they worked very hard and diligently to forge forward and as a result have paid down the district debt by over \$150 million. He stated that the district is positioned very well from a financial aspect and everyone should be proud of all of the hard work that has been accomplished. Mr. DiBello spoke of the tax increases that over the years averaged 5.5% but in the last five years Spring-Ford has been seeing an average tax increase less than 2% and in the last three years the average tax increase has been less than 1%. He relayed that this year was the lowest tax increase at .7% of which 99% of that going towards the pension problems that the state is facing right now. Mr. DiBello stated that the purpose of this motion is, if approved, to move forward to work out an agreement with an architectural firm. He added that there are about 5 or 6 steps that have to occur from the start of the project to the finish of the project. Mr. DiBello said the first step of this is what the Board, the community, the administration and staff have been asking for which is to get the facts on what this really looks like and what it is really going to cost the district because we really do not know. Mr. DiBello stated that we really do not have the specifics to make an educated decision. The first step of this motion is for the Board to get that detailed information so that they can make an educated decision moving forward on this project.

Mr. Dehnert commented that the bottom line is that this project will cost in excess of \$10 million and when the debt service is paid off which will happen over time when you pay down debt and do not build any additional buildings. Mr. Dehnert disputed that the debt service being paid off was a result of anything magical that the board did but more due to the passage of time. Mr. Dehnert added that if we do not borrow any more money then we will not have any more debt and this project will be new debt in excess of \$10 million. Mr. Dehnert stated that the project will cost money and he suggested that when the bonds were paid off that taxes could be lowered. He summarized by saying that this project could cost a future tax decrease.

Mr. Ciresi spoke of a previous Board that he stated Mr. Dehnert served on that he said borrowed \$9 million more than what was needed and increased taxes in the district. He stated that tonight they have the opportunity to correct the mistake of no vision from a previous Board on the growth of a district that you borrowed \$9 million too much for when they expanded the high school with no foresight to see where the district was headed.

Mr. Dehnert commented that the bond came from an estimate that was made by an engineering firm. The drawings went out for bid and those bids based on the engineering drawings had a number and that amount borrowed was based on the estimate not by padding the figures with an additional \$9 million. Mr. Dehnert spoke of the recession and the construction costs going down.

Mr. Ciresi stated that Mr. Cooper made it clear to them last week and through multiple Property Committee meetings that there was an expansion that was supposed to happen with a field house that was supposed to be at the football stadium which was cut out. Mr. Ciresi commented that everyone knows it was cut out since it was an election year. Mr. Ciresi doubted that the housing market went down by a 1/3 of what was borrowed and stated that he would have fired the whole team as this would have been the responsible thing to do if they over estimated by \$9 million.

Mr. Dehnert felt this was a fabrication of what history showed occurred.

Mrs. Heine stated that they went through this last week and it was part of the original plan and was taken off at some point so she is not sure how he can say it is a fabrication.

Mr. Dehnert stated that there was no field house across the street in that project.

Mr. Ciresi asked Mr. Cooper to respond to this. Mr. Cooper replied that in the budget that was done with the extras and the alternates at the end there was a list of projects that were voted on to use the \$9 million and the field house was in there and that was one project that was voted down.

Dr. Dressler stated that they did not need to go through history again as this is all part of the spinning wheels they are talking about. He stated that he would have to agree with Mr. Dehnert in that if he went around his neighborhood and asked his neighbors if they wanted to spend \$10 million on this project the majority of them would say no. Dr. Dressler added that he is here to make sure that the students here get the proper education and their priority comes first and that is why he is here as he wants the kids to be treated appropriately. Dr. Dressler stated that he is a great supporter of the arts and he asked everyone to remember that some of the greatest scientists in the world, including Albert Einstein, were great musicians also. He added that musicianship and the arts are just as important and to consider them extra-curricular is a

misnomer as they are all part of the curriculum. Dr. Dressler stated that they need to get on with this, stop spinning their wheels and vote on this thing.

Mrs. Zasowski added that they are not running out to spend the money that has not been somewhat already justified. She stated that they are just continuing the search to see if this is something that is realistic in working towards that goal. Mrs. Zasowski stated that they have heard over and over that this is for the students and that is why they are here and it is their job. Mrs. Zasowski commented that they do not want to discount the taxpayers but if there are taxpayers out there then this is not a hidden meeting and they should be here tonight and at previous meetings. Mrs. Zasowski stated that they have a job and that is to listen to the people that they represent and if they are saying to do it then it is time to vote.

Mr. Pettit said that a comment was made that there was an implication that this was not going to cost anything and nobody is saying that but the real question is whether it is needed and clearly it is. He added that the second question is will we and can we afford to do it and that question should be answered yes.

Mr. DiBello commented that they are not saying the building is going to be free and he did not say that he was the end all be all but rather what they talked about was that they had a \$12 million deficit 7 years ago and they worked very hard to lay out a financial plan that got them to where they are today. Mr. DiBello stated that Spring-Ford has been very successful and the Administration, the Business Office and Mr. Fink have done an incredible job to get them to where they are today and that is why they are in a position to be able to do what they are tasked with doing this evening. Mr. DiBello confirmed that the overall annual debt service is going to drop off in about 6 years and that is what they are talking about.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Item A and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The Board held a roll call vote where the motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Dehnert voting no.

- A. The Board authorized Administration, with the assistance of the Solicitor's Office, to negotiate an architect's agreement with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates regarding the health and wellness facility expansion and the performing arts facility expansion proposals. Board approval will be needed for each successive phase of the agreement, including final approval of the architect's agreement.

#### **IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Curriculum/Technology      Dawn Heine      1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Heine reported that the Curriculum and Technology Committee met on 9/6/16 and on the Curriculum side Mrs. Bast reported a very successful opening of school in-service activities. Mrs. Bast advised that there was a lot of collaboration and preparation in order to help our students maximize their potential. Mrs. Heine reported that budgeted materials had been ordered with regards to technology, books and other resources and Mrs. Bast wanted to thank Mrs. Iannetta for all of her work over the summer ordering the materials in addition to all of her other job responsibilities. The committee had two updates on STEM that included the revision of the curriculum for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer Science so that it was in line with the course offered in grades 10-12. Mrs. Heine stated that there were 29 students enrolled in the Computer Science class in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center and 83 in the 10-12 Grade Center. Mrs. Heine next reported on Ram Quest where the curriculum has been completed for coding computer technology, cyber-safety and the first 8 cycles are mapped out including a number of math, science, and engineering activities. It was reported that K-6 report cards were reviewed as Mrs. Gardy and Mrs. Rochlin worked over the summer to ensure that the

standards-based report cards accurately reflected the PA Core Standards. Mrs. Gardy provided an ELA update as well as an update on the Pre-K Summer Program. The Pre-K Summer Program where there were 18 students who attended the program of the 24 that were invited. Most who opted out indicated that it was due to vacation conflicts. A parent survey was sent to those who participated and are awaiting the final results. Those students who participated will be monitored and their data will be tracked through the year to see how they progress and this information will be shared at a meeting and with the Board as the year progresses. They are also hoping to track the 6 students who opted out so that a comparison can be done. Mrs. Rochlin provided a math update which included summer curriculum writing and focus areas for the 2016-2017 school year, completing two-day open ended response and re-engagement lessons prescribed by the curriculum and spending 60 minutes a week on the EDM games. Mrs. Heine reported that on the Technology side a general update of the summer activities was given. Mr. Webb reported that network analysis was completed and reviewed by the Technology Department. Remediation of the findings took place during the summer to fix all misconfigurations and to update all firmware on switches. The findings indicated that 65% of our network gear is deemed end of life and they will be researching the appropriate steps for design and refresh of the network. Mr. Webb provided a Smart-board update which revealed that 65 smart pieces of equipment were installed over the summer. There are two remaining installs to complete the summer work and four home and school provided installs at Evans to be completed by the end of September. The committee was provided an update on modernized learning and hybrid learning. The committee received an update on the Pulsar Project where Mrs. Karen Parker had indicated that she initially had 3 students interested in doing a science fair project but since that time 1 student has changed their mind. Mrs. Parker reported that the other 2 students have started the work over the summer and she will check in with them in a month to determine if they are continuing to do anything or if they have lost interest. It was advised that at this time, no teacher had expressed an interest in being a mentor.

## **Policy**

**Kelly Spletzer**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. 7:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Spletzer reported that the Policy Committee met for a very productive meeting on 9/12/16. The committee opened the meeting with discussions on 3 previous items that had appeared on the Policy Committee agenda and those included an update on Policy #823 Administering Naloxone. She reported that they got the policy approved in order to submit the application and now we are just waiting on the medication to arrive. The committee discussed draft Policy 103.3 Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students and tabled the policy this month as it is the committee's recommendation to wait on final legislation before moving forward in order to have better guidance on what is required. The committee next reviewed Policy 707 Use of Facilities where they began going through the policy line by line in great detail. There is still more work to be done to the policy with regards to defining the terms used throughout the policy, clarifying the activity classifications and discussing the fee structure. Mrs. Spletzer reported that they also discussed 3 new policies, the first of which is Policy 247 Anti-Hazing. She stated that this policy had not been reviewed in 16 years so this was updated with some recent PSBA policy guidelines including the revision to the definition of hazing, added a definition for student activities and organizations and did some extensive wordsmithing to make it more applicable and relevant. Policy 117 Homebound Instruction was reviewed and is being updated to address the increasing challenges with supporting students that are placed in or receiving treatment at a facility that provides educational services and invoices Spring-Ford after the services are rendered. This policy was last updated in 2006. Policy 201.1 Admission of Beginners-Early Entrance was reviewed and the committee recommends reducing the time-frame for early entrance to kindergarten and first grade based upon the previous four years of early entrance testing data.

**WMCTC**

**Ciresi, Dressler, Heine**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

Dr. Dressler reported that the Joint Operating Committee of the WMCTC met on 9/12/16 and a presentation by Mr. Moritzen informed them that the digital sign is to be finished and installed this month. The Sports Medicine Open House will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and everyone is excited about the implementation of this new program. Dr. Dressler advised that a Girls Night will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> which will help introduce girls to non-traditional careers such as auto mechanics, electrical work, and carpentry work with a more general open house for all being held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Dressler reported that the Skills USA Program will be hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraising Dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. The next community dinner will be held on 11/7/16 from 4:30 – 7:00 PM with a Thanksgiving Themed meal. The JOC did discuss a replacement for the Superintendent of Record since the current one, Ms. Feola, resigned from her district and her replacement at Pottsgrove as well as the Superintendent at Upper Perkiomen are too new to resume the duties. The remaining Superintendent, Dr. Goodin, cannot serve as the Superintendent of Record since Spring-Ford Board Vice President, Joseph Ciresi, serves as the WMCTC JOC Board President and the Articles of Agreement state that the Superintendent of Record and the JOC Board President cannot come from the same district.

Mr. Ciresi stated that one of the solutions has been that they do not have to have a Superintendent of Record on record because there are superintendents across the 3 districts who can handle this. Mr. Ciresi stated that they have already used 2 of the Superintendents on a couple of issues and there were no issues.

Dr. Dressler reported on the enrollment at the Western Center and stated that the total enrollment was at 554 which was down from the 575 previously reported due to some of the programs being eliminated. Spring-Ford's enrollment at the Western Center was 212. Dr. Dressler stated that the hope is that the new Sports Medicine Program will help to increase the enrollment. The JOC addressed the issue of security at the Western Center and a school resource officer served by the Limerick Police Department was proposed. The JOC discussed filing a \$40,000 grant application for the purpose of providing money for this school police officer.

**Community Relations**

**Wolf, Zasowski**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Zasowski reported that the Community Relations Committee met were provided updates by Ms. Crew on summer projects including work to the 5/6 curriculum portion on the website and a parent volunteer program in an attempt to help support the home and school organizations but helping to recruit and maintain membership,. Mrs. Zasowski reported that work continues to be done on the new district website. The committee discussed upcoming events such as a Parent Outreach Program coming in January of 2017, the Girls and STEM event on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Homecoming the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 SNAP fundraisers with the first being the Battle of the Bands on October 21st and the 2<sup>nd</sup> being the hosting of the Harlem Wizards on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ticket purchased in advance are priced at \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Tickets can be purchased online and will be available at the door. Door ticket prices will be slightly higher. More information is available on the district website and on posters that are being circulated throughout the community. Mrs. Zasowski advised that regarding RCTV Steve Bonetz had shared with Ms. Crew who reported that Tech Tips with Justin Webb will begin airing in October of 2016 and safety shows with area police departments are set to begin in November of 2016 with Upper Providence beginning the series. Mrs. Zasowski stated that there has been a variety of programming covering recently he Lights, Camera, Read Program with the local fire department, Body Metrics, Gridiron and more. Mrs. Zasowski commented that Ms. Crew has completed and submitted an extensive application for TED Talks coming to Spring-Ford. She stated that this will be specific to

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Spring-Ford and education. Tickets will be limited to only 100 and the event may take place in the Hurda Learning Center or auditorium.

**Personnel**

**Bernard Pettit**

**(As Needed)**

There was no report.

**PSBA Liaison**

**Dr. Edward Dressler**

Dr. Dressler stated that last Monday he reported on the importance of trying to oppose House Bill 1993 regarding assessment appeals presented by Representative Kampf from the State Legislative District 157. Dr. Dressler commented that he believes there was an outcry from the public and he received a notice from PSBA thanking the respondents because the committee had removed the House Bill from the agenda. Dr. Dressler stated that this occurred last week but unfortunately this ugly Bill has resurrected itself and he received a message from the PSBA representative urging districts to renew their opposition to the Bill. Dr. Dressler informed that under the Bill districts may not appeal an assessment based on the sale of a property or based on improvements that affect the safety elements. He explained that all of the elements of appeal privileges that the Board had will be removed by this Bill. PSBA is saying that we need to contact their State Representatives and in particular Representative Kampf to make sure that this Bill does not come back up for the agenda on the House Urban Affairs Committee. Dr. Dressler stated that this Bill will cost us millions of dollars in the end as we will not be able to appeal the assessments.

Mr. Pettit indicated that he had sent a letter to Representative Kampf and he urged all residents to do the same as this will be very costly to the district.

**Legislative Committee**

**Dawn Heine**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. 7:30 p.m.**

There was no report.

**MCIU**

**Tom DiBello**

**4<sup>th</sup> Weds. 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. DiBello stated that he was not able to make the MCIU meeting but the updates were in the weekly Board packet and there was nothing beyond regular board business to report on this month.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. David R. Goodin**

There was no report.

**Solicitor's Report**

**Mark Fitzgerald**

There was no report.

Mr. DiBello announced that the Board met in an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel item but no action was taken. Mr. DiBello reminded Mr. Pettit that they forgot to mention under the Personnel Committee that they did meet to discuss and get an overview with where the staff was at with presenting extra-curricular contracts and recommendations. He reported that they are in the process of refining what they presented and once the Personnel Committee receives this it will be sent out to the full Board and this will be discussed as they discuss negotiations on the teacher contract as well.

Mrs. Heine announced that she was able to find the email address of Representative Warren Kampf which is [wkampf@pahousegop.com](mailto:wkampf@pahousegop.com). Mrs. Heine stated that she also sent a letter today urging him to reconsider moving on this Bill because of the effects it would have on us.



**V. MINUTES**

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

A. The Board approved the August 15, 2016 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A1)**

**New Minutes**

B. The Board approved the August 22, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A2)**

**VI. PERSONNEL**

Mr. DiBello announced that Item D5 was being removed from the agenda for personal reasons.

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-F not including D5 and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

**A. Resignations**

1. **Helen M. Brennan**; Instructional Assistant, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Karen E. Doyle**; Instructional Assistant, Evans Elementary School. Effective: September 6, 2016.
3. **Stephanie Kopcik**; Instructional Assistant, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 26, 2016.
4. **Rachel J. Weller**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 22, 2016.

**New Resignation**

5. **Shannon C. Sheridan**; Instructional Assistant, Royersford Elementary School. Effective: September 30, 2016.

**B. Leaves of Absence**

1. **Katie L. Baker**; English Teacher, Senior High School; for child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: December 11, 2016 through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.
2. **Kyla Kaczerski**; Learning Support Teacher, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; for child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016 through January 24, 2017.
3. **Julie A. Weber**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School; for an unpaid leave of absence per Board Policy. Effective: January 8, 2017 through May 6, 2017.

**C. Professional Employee**

1. **John L. Blazusiak**; School Counselor, Senior High School, replacing Darryl M. Perecko who resigned. Compensation has been set at MS+18, Step 4, \$56,000.00, prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: On or before October 24, 2016.

**D. Support Staff Employees**

1. **Maureen E. Faulkner**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Kathleen A. Lochocki who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Jessica M. Houck**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Terri G. Cameron who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
3. **Debora Huber**; Instructional Assistant, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Helen Brennan who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$16.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: September 23, 2016.
4. **Linda Rossi**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Stephanie A. Kopcik who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: September 1, 2016.

- Not Voted On**
5. **Jennifer L. Young**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Marlo Olson who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: September 28, 2016.

- E. The Board approved the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. **(Attachment A3)**

**New Personnel Motion**

- F. The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Athletic Trainers outlining the terms and conditions of employment within the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Spring-Ford Education Association.

**VII. FINANCE**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-I and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- 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.

- B. Checks:
1. General Fund Checks

Check No. 161814 – 162342	\$3,813,178.99
ACH 161700054 - 161700107	\$ 487,727.45
  2. Capital Reserve Checks

Check No. 1204-1215	\$ 789,861.31
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  3. Food Service Checks

Check No. 12919 – 12958	\$ 34,379.53
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  4. Procurement Payments

201601117 – 201601223	\$ 61,607.95
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- C. The following monthly Board reports were approved:
- Cash Balances – Liquidity
  - Skyward Reports
    - General Fund Check Register
    - Athletic Fund Check Register
    - Capital Reserve Check Register
    - Food Service Check Register
    - Summary Revenue Report
    - Summary Expense Report
- D. The Board approved **Resolution #2016-28** authorizing the administration to move forward in considering the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016, for the purpose of financing the current refunding of all of the remaining outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007.  
**(Attachment A4)**
- E. The Board authorized the Administration to seek buyers for pianos within the district that are no longer in use.
- F. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part H, Project Financing, for the District Administration Office Additions/Alterations. These materials have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management. **(Attachment A5)**
- G. The Board approved the materials for PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for the District Administration Office Additions/ Alterations. These materials have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of School Facilities, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management.  
**(Attachment A6)**
- H. The Board approved the following **independent contracts** that are offered free of charge or are being funded by the Home and School Associations, the Home and School Leagues, the Parent Teacher Associations, the Parent Teacher Organizations or an outside source:

1. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 5 assemblies for kindergarten students at Oaks Elementary School entitled “*Winter Secrets*”. Funding will be paid by the Oaks Parent Teacher Association and Parent Contributions and shall not exceed \$550.00.
  2. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 1 assembly for kindergarten students at Spring City Elementary School entitled “*Winter Secrets*”. Funding will be paid by the Spring City Home & School Association and shall not exceed \$110.00.
  3. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 3 assemblies for kindergarten students at Brooke Elementary School entitled “*Winter Secrets*”. Funding will be paid by the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$330.00.
  4. **Jerry Pallotta – Boston, MA.** Provide 2 one-hour and 2 half-hour presentations for students at Brooke Elementary School in conjunction with Author Day. Funding will be paid by the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$1,894.50.
  5. **Jerry Pallotta – Boston, MA.** Provide a one-hour presentation for students at Spring City Elementary School in conjunction with Author Day. Funding will be paid by the Spring City Home and School League (\$300.00) and the Spring City Elementary Assembly Budget (\$294.50) and shall not exceed \$594.50.
  6. **Great Valley Nature Center – Devault, PA.** Provide 4 assemblies for students at Limerick Elementary School entitled “Animal Colors, Winter Wonders, Eggstra-ordinary Spring and Reptiles”. Funding will be paid by the Limerick Elementary Home and School League and shall not exceed \$562.00.
  7. **Thom Stecher and Associates – Malvern, PA.** Provide 2 half-day assemblies on resiliency for staff and students at Brooke Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Brooke Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$2,000.00.
- I. The Board approved the following independent contracts:
1. **TLS Teaching Learning Succeeding, LLC – Phoenixville, PA.** Provide Consultation, Planning, and Training in Assessment Principles, Differentiated Instruction, and Classroom Management, especially in Art, Music, Library, PE and Ram Quest. Services will be provided at a rate of \$675.00 per day for a maximum of 12 days. Funding will be paid from the Upper Providence Elementary Assembly Budget and shall not exceed \$8,100.00.
  2. **Personal Health Care, Inc. – Valley Forge, PA.** Provide Nursing services for a special needs student during the 2016 Extended School Year and the 2016-2017 school year. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$4,600.00.

3. **The Devereux Foundation/Devereux Day School – King of Prussia, PA.** Provide Educational services for six special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$167,273.00.
4. **HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$45,000.00.
5. **Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$67,400.00.
6. **Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$26,960.00.
7. **Chester County Intermediate Unit/Project Search – Downingtown, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$25,107.90.
8. **Valley Forge Educational Services/Vanguard School – Paoli, PA.** Provide Educational services for 4 special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$87,008.00.
9. **Buxmont Academy – Pipersville, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$25,218.00.
10. **Bucks County Intermediate Unit/Woods Services – Doylestown, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year and extended school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$79,899.60.
11. **Lakeside Educational Network – Fort Washington, PA.** Purchase one additional special education slot, pending a new student, for the provision of Educational services at the Lakeside School, Lakeside Girls Academy, Souderton Vantage Academy or Upper Merion Vantage Academy. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$32,400.00.
12. **Chester County Intermediate Unit/Project Search – Downingtown, PA.** Provide Personal Care Assistant services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$51,840.00.

#### **VIII. PROPERTY**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved entering into a contract with Turf, Track & Court, LLC to design specifications and documents to go out to bid for replacement of the artificial turf in McNelly Stadium during the summer of 2017 due to wear and tear as per the Capitol Reserve Plan. The bids will be brought back to the Board for final approval. The total cost for this contract shall not exceed \$25,000.00 and will be paid from the Capital Reserve.
- B. The Board approved working with Limerick Township to coordinate the synchronization of the lights in front of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center and High School and along Lewis Road to help with the traffic flow and congestion. The total cost to the district for this project is \$3,898.60 and will be paid from the Capital Reserve.
- C. The Board approved receiving quotes from both Costars and KPN Government Purchasing Agencies to purchase from the lowest quote and replace 1 grounds pickup truck and 1 mower due to age, wear and tear. The replacement of this equipment is part of the Capital Reserve Plan and will be paid from the Capital Reserve.
- D. The Board approved moving forward with the "Maker Space" Project in the High School 10-12 Media Center. The total cost of this project shall not exceed \$45,000.00 and will be paid from donated funds.

**IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-W and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

The following individuals were approved for attendance at the following:

<b>CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, registration, food, and accommodations</b>
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**DISTRICT OFFICE**

- A. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to attend the "*31<sup>st</sup> Annual PASPA Conference*" in Harrisburg, PA from March 1 through March 3, 2017. The total cost for this conference is \$1,055.00 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.
- B. **Bruce Cooper**, Director of Planning, Operations and Facilities and **Mary Davidheiser**, Controller, to attend the "*62<sup>nd</sup> Annual PASBO Conference*" in Pittsburgh, PA from March 21 through March 24, 2017. The total cost for this conference is \$3,014.00 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitutes are needed.
- C. **Daniel Currie** and **David Krakower**, Special Education Supervisors, to attend the "*Eastern PA Supervisors of Special Education Annual Conference*" in Hershey, PA from October 19 through October 21, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$1041.58 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitutes are needed.
- D. **Deborah Smith**, Administrative Assistant – Child Accounting, to attend the "*Attendance/ Child Accounting Professional Association Annual Conference (A/CAPA)*" in Hershey, PA from November 1 through November 4, 2016. There is no cost for this conference as Mrs. Smith serves as the President of the Association. No substitute is needed.

### DISTRICT-WIDE

- E. **Julie Caterson**, School Social Worker/Home & School Visitor, to attend *"Forging Solutions Out of Challenges"* in King of Prussia, PA on October 6 and October 7, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$316.00 (registration and mileage). No substitute is needed.
- F. **Gabrielle Procaro**, Instructional Mathematics Coach 7-12, and **Megan Wilmarth**, Instructional Literacy Coach 7-12, to attend the *"PA Institute of Instructional Coaches – Professional Learning Opportunities"* at Penn State University in State College, PA from January 4 through January 6, 2017 and from May 1 through May 3, 2017. The total cost for this training is \$410.00 (mileage and meals). No substitutes are needed.
- G. **Sandra Cerniglia** and **Tara Chester**, ESL Teachers, to attend the *"WIDA National Conference"* in Philadelphia, PA on October 13 and October 14, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$945.10 (mileage, meals and 2 days of substitute coverage for both teachers). Substitute fees will be reimbursed with Title III Funds.
- H. **Anne Marie Brown**, **Alisa Fleisher**, **Patricia Flynn**, and **Delores McCarter**, School Counselors, to attend *"Professional's Guide to Understanding the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children"* at the Montgomery County Fire Academy during the morning of October 7, 2016. There is no cost for this ½ day workshop and no substitutes are needed.

### HIGH SCHOOL

- I. **Rachelle Hafer**, Gifted Support Staff/Coordinator, to attend the *"Gifted Boot Camp"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on October 19, 2016 and January 6, 2017. The total cost of this 2 day conference is \$476.00 (registration, mileage and 2 days of substitute coverage).
- J. **Hollie Burghardt**, AP Statistics Teacher, to attend the *"AP Workshop – Statistics"* at the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit in Lancaster, PA on October 24, 2016. The total cost of this workshop is \$445.15 (registration, mileage, and 1 day of substitute coverage).
- K. **Khrystin Herb**, SAP Coordinator, to attend the *"PASAP-PAMLE Conference"* in State College, PA from February 25 through February 28, 2017. The total cost for this conference is \$515.00 (mileage, meals and two days of substitute coverage).
- L. **Khrystin Herb**, **Gerry Rogers**, **Bridget Mullins**, **Kristin Rouyer** and **Denise Johnston**, 10-12<sup>th</sup> Grade SAP Team, to attend the *"PASAP Southeast Regional Workshop"* at the Caron Foundation in Wernersville, PA on November 4, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$800.00 (registration and 1 day of substitute coverage for 4 staff members requiring subs).
- M. **Yvonne O'Dea**, High School Choral Director, to attend the *"National Association for Music Education National Conference"* in Grapevine, Texas from November 10 through November 13, 2016. Mrs. O'Dea will accompany Jarod Moyer, a choral student, who was selected to the 2016 NAFME All-National Honor Ensemble. The total cost to attend is \$1,729.00 (registration, transportation, lodging, meals and 2 days of substitute coverage).

- N. **Alison Reichwein**, Technology Education Teacher, to attend *"PLTW Refresher Day"* at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA on October 11, 2016. The total cost for this seminar is \$150.00 (1 day of substitute coverage).
- O. **Chadwin Brubaker**, Media Specialist, to attend *"Access PA/POWER Library E-Resources Training"* at the Lancaster Intermediate Unit on October 25, 2016. The total cost for this training is \$150.00 (1 day of substitute coverage).

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

- P. **Stacey Huntington**, Nurse, to attend *"SAP Training"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on September 29, October 5 and October 11, 2016. The total cost for this training is \$825.00 (registration and 3 days of substitute coverage).
- Q. **Jamilah Bashir** and **Brent Kissel**, Teachers, to attend *"SAP Training"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on January 26, February 1 and February 7, 2017. The total cost for this training is \$1,650.00 (registration and 3 days of substitute coverage for both teachers).

#### LIMERICK

- R. **Emily Beiter**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend *"Supporting Students with Autism and Other Complex Instructional Needs with Math Instruction"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on October 25 and December 16, 2016. The total cost for this 2 day workshop is \$300.00 (2 days of substitute coverage).

#### ROYERSFORD

- S. **Debra Dietrich**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend *"We've Assessed with the VB-Mapp, Now What?"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on November 3, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$150.00 (1 day of substitute coverage).
- T. **Debra Dietrich**, Autistic Support Teacher, to attend *"Social Skills: More Than Just Talking and Playing with Each Other"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on March 23, 2017. The total cost for this conference is \$150.00 (1 day of substitute coverage).

#### New Conferences and Workshops

- U. **Teresa Carboy**, Principal, **Kristen Johnson**, **Nina Lee**, **Sarah Long**, **Jason Maffucci**, **Lisa Michener**, and **Susan Trimble**, to attend *"Hybrid Learning Institute, Fall 2016"* at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA on October 20, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$1,180.00 (mileage and 1 day of substitute coverage for the 6 teachers).
- V. **Laura McNeil Murphy**, Certified School Nurse, to attend *"School Nurse Professional Workshop"* at Immaculata University on November 8, 2016. The total cost of this workshop is \$55.00 (registration). No substitute is needed.
- W. **Nancy Quain**, School Psychologist, to attend *"Recent Advances in Understanding Word-Level Reading Problems"* at the MCIU in Norristown, PA on October 24, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$125.00 (registration). No substitute is needed.

#### X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-F and Mr. Pettit seconded it.



Mr. Ciresi commented on Item D saying that everyone heard Jarod speak tonight and they need to recognize him on his attending the National Association for Music Educators Conference. Mr. Ciresi stated that it is an honor to have him be able to attend and perform for something like this. Mr. Ciresi stated that this shows how strong our programs are and what opportunities our kids have. Mr. Ciresi congratulated Jarod on his accomplishment.

The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved Michael Faccinetto for the office of PSBA President Elect.
- B. The Board approved David Hutchinson for the office of PSBA Vice President.
- C. The Board approved **William S. LaCoff, Kathy K. Swope, Mark B. Miller, Marianne L. Neel** and **Michael Faccinetto** for the open trustee positions on the PSBA Insurance Trust Board.
- D. The Board approved sending **Jarod Moyer**, Spring-Ford High School Senior, to the 2016 National Association for Music Education National Conference. Jarod was selected to attend the program and perform as part of the All-National Honor Ensemble at the Gaylord Texas Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas taking place from November 10 through November 13, 2016. The total cost for Jarod to attend which includes his registration fees, airfare, lodging, and meals shall not exceed \$1,000.00.
- E. The Board gave approval for Danielle Marone and Lia Grauch to take the Spring-Ford High School Winterguard to compete in the Winterguard International Regional in Pittsburgh, PA from Friday, March 3, 2017 through Sunday, March 5, 2017. The winter guard will be traveling by chartered bus and staying at a hotel in Irwin, PA. The cost per person will be approximately \$300.00. The High School Winterguard Program and staff will conduct fundraising events to help defray the costs. Students will miss one day of school and will be responsible for any missed work.

#### **New Other Business**

- F. The Board gave approval for Kris Jennings (Band Director), Alex Cifelli and Joe Perry (Choral Directors) and Ashley Baisch (Strings Director) to take the Spring-Ford Middle School Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus and Gold N Blues to perform at the 2017 Music in the Parks Festival in Williamsburg, VA from Friday, May 19, 2017 through Saturday, May 20, 2017. The Middle School Music Department will be travelling by chartered bus and staying at a hotel in Williamsburg, VA. The cost of the trip shall not exceed \$325.00 per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association and staff will conduct fund-raising events to help defray the costs. Students will miss one day of school and will be responsible for any missed work. The total cost to the district will be \$300.00 for two full-day substitutes for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for Mr. Cifelli and Mr. Perry.

#### **XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Dehnert asked about item B wondering if when the permits are received and prior to this being built if this was something the Board had to approve and Mr. Fitzgerald replied yes.

- A. Administration acknowledges the acceptance of the donation and installation of a Buddy Bench at Evans and Limerick Elementary Schools as part of an Eagle Scout Project. There will be no cost to the district.

- B. Spring Ford Youth Football to obtain all government permits and approvals to install a 1,000 gallon grey water tank in the back portion of the building located at the 5/6/7 Grade Center and will bring back final drawings and approvals to the Facilities Department for review prior to starting this project. There will be no cost to the district.

**XII. BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Heine commented on Item A above saying she has seen these Buddy Benches work really well and there has been a lot of research done on the effectiveness of them. She stated that they have been very helpful in other districts who have adopted them. She congratulated Evans Elementary on accepting this donation as part of an Eagle Scout Project but also for allowing this Eagle Scout to bring this great project into the district.

**XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**Gail Wellington – Limerick Township** commented that she hoped that Mr. Till's video is on the district website and Facebook page. Mrs. Wellington stated that it was wonderful to hear all of the students get up and speak positively, articulately, clearly and with passion. She commented that it really makes her feel good about the future.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary

On August 15, 2016 the Work Session of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Dr. Edward T. Dressler and Bernard F. Pettit  
Region II: Todd R. Wolf and Colleen Zasowski  
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and Mark P. Dehnert  
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello  
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin  
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Reps.: Daniel J. Ciresi and Taylor Stevens (Daniel and Taylor were absent)

The following Board Members were absent: **Dawn R. Heine** and **Kelly J. Spletzer**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

Yvonne O'Dea introduced Ethan Frankel and stated that this is a terrific accomplishment and even more so because Ethan was a freshman when this occurred. Mrs. O'Dea stated that everyone has high hopes for Ethan and knows that he will be progressing into the next level. She read the resolution that Ethan was presented with.

Dr. Goodin announced that Ethan plays the violin.

Mr. DiBello congratulated Ethan and added that we are always glad to hear how successful the Music Program is at Spring-Ford. He stated that Ethan is a shining example of this.

Mr. Ciresi stated that he has known Ethan a long time and not only is he a talented musician but he is also a member of the Community Music School and one of the star students. Mr. Ciresi commented that Ethan is also a great student at Spring-Ford and he is a great example of what the students can do not only academically but extra-curricularly through music, through the arts and through athletics. Mr. Ciresi congratulated Ethan on his accomplishment.

Dr. Goodin stated that everyone wishes Ethan the best and look forward to great things as he works his way through high school.

Mr. DiBello thanked Mrs. O'Dea for stepping in on behalf of Ms. McGrath this evening.

- A. Presentation of **Resolution #2016-25** in recognition of **Ethan Frankel** for successfully auditioning and participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association 2016 District 11 Orchestra. **(Attachment A1)**

### III. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Student Rep. Report**                      **Daniel Ciresi/Taylor Stevens**  
Report next week.

**Community Relations**                      **Todd Wolf/Colleen Zasowski**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 6:30 p.m.**  
Report next week.

**Asst. Superintendent Rpt. Dr. Allyn J. Roche**

Dr. Roche reported that in order to help with the transition to a new school year, the district is implementing an online First Day Verification. He added that parents will no longer have to complete the very lengthy first day packet for every child in their family. Parents and guardians were able to log into Skyward Family Access beginning on August 8, 2016 to complete the first day verification process. Families are able to complete the first day verification on a desktop computer, a laptop, a smartphone or a tablet. Dr. Roche reported that student schedules will be available after 4:00 p.m. on August 19, 2016. He noted that teacher information, homerooms, and schedules would not be available until the first day verification is complete. Dr. Roche reminded everyone that the first day of school is scheduled for Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Roche reported that with less than two weeks before the start of school, each of the K-4 elementary schools have set aside this week for parents and student to “meet the teacher” before the first day. “Meet the Teacher” is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in all of the buildings. Dr. Roche advised that earlier today he attended the 2016-2017 Administrator Kick-Off Meeting where Dr. Goodin led the Leadership Team in several discussions and focused conversations on the final preparations for the new school year. Dr. Roche reported that later this week New Teacher Orientation will take place. He added that district administration is looking forward to welcoming all staff back next Tuesday. Dr. Roche acknowledged the 12 month support staff, the technology department, maintenance staff and the custodial staff for the excellent job they have all done in getting our schools ready for the students to return.

Dr. Goodin spoke about the First Day Verification Packet and the Back to Spring-Ford Parent night that was held recently at the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Dr. Goodin reported that the feedback on both has been very positive. Dr. Goodin acknowledged Ms. Erin Crew and all of her excellent efforts in implementing the online verification packet and organizing the parent evening. He stated that we are seeing the influence Ms. Crew is having on the district through her work in various areas throughout the district as she continues to put the good story of Spring-Ford out there in the community and the public at large and he thanked her for all she does. Dr. Goodin next acknowledged Dr. Nugent and the high school as well as the Board on Spring-Ford High School being named to Newsweek’s 2016 “America’s Top 500 High Schools”. Dr. Goodin stated that we are right around the 300 mark in Newsweek’s top 500 high schools in the nation. Dr. Goodin offered his congratulations and stated that the district continues to move forward in these areas with the support of the community, the Board and certainly the hard work of the faculty and administration.

Mr. DiBello stated that this past week he has heard phenomenal feedback from parents regarding the online verification first day packet. Mr. DiBello commented that they started talking about this two years ago and it has been a large effort to get it to this point and he thanked the staff who worked on this for getting it in place for the start of the school year. Mr. DiBello reported that he stopped by the back to school parent night and stated that Ms.

Crew did an incredible job organizing the evening. He also recognized the staff members who were on hand that evening providing support to the parents. Mr. DiBello stated that he also wanted to talk about the Newsweek rankings. He commented that the district had moved up about 150 spots from last year's ranking. He stated that this is a result of a lot of hard work from high school administration and staff. Mr. DiBello commended the Board for the support of the different programs at the high school such as the AP course offerings and modernized learning. Mr. DiBello stated that when you see what is happening nationally and the recognition we are getting then you know we are doing something right.

Dr. Dressler asked everyone to keep in mind that when you say we are ranked 300 out of 500 it may not sound impressive but that is out of 26,000 high schools in the country. He stated that it is amazing to be ranked in the top 500 out of 26,000 schools.

Mr. Ciresi commented that when we look at where we are ranked and the opportunities that it opens up for our kids and our community it is impressive. He added that this is not only a credit to our kids, our staff and administrators but also the staff in our elementary and middle schools that lead into the high school as they have helped get the kids where they are. Mr. Ciresi commented that local realtors can attest to the fact that more and more people want to move into Spring-Ford and houses do not stay on the market long. Mr. Ciresi stated that as a board they are pushed to a lot of challenges and there are times when it can be frustrating but when everyone works as a team it definitely shows.

Mr. DiBello stated that all of the success we see from our students whether it be in academics, athletics or art plays into the rankings that we are getting at a national level. Mr. DiBello acknowledged Dr. Goodin, Dr. Roche and all of the staff and stated that now we push to get into the 200's.

#### **Solicitor's Report                      Mark Fitzgerald**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that many districts are receiving notification that PSERS is doing an audit of the collective bargaining agreements of all school districts as a result of a recent case in the Allentown School District. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the issue was whether union time as a representative is pensionable for PSERS purposes. He added that the Allentown School District said no it is not. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that now PSERS is now fact finding through collective bargaining agreements throughout the state. He added that many districts throughout the state will be submitting information to PSERS.

#### **IV. MINUTES**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval of the June 20, 2016 Work Session minutes.  
**(Attachment A2)**
- B. Administration recommends approval of the June 27, 2016 Board Meeting minutes.  
**(Attachment A3)**

#### **V. PERSONNEL**

There were no questions or comments.

##### **A. Resignations**

- 1. **Catherine C. Bala**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Effective: July 29, 2016.

2. **Jennifer Basom**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Effective: July 21, 2016.
3. **Stephanie E. Breccia**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School. Effective: June 26, 2016.
4. **Lori Hoffecker**; Food Service Part-time (4 hours/day), Oaks Elementary School. Effective: August 11, 2016.
5. **Kathleen E. McNeill**; College Career Counselor, Senior High School. Effective August 5, 2016.
6. **Darryl M. Perecko**; Assistant Girls Golf Coach, Athletic Event Supervisor-Winter-MS, Athletic Event Supervisor-Spring-MS. Effective: July 11, 2016.
7. **Linda Rossi**; Food Service, Limerick Elementary School. Effective: September 1, 2016
8. **Angela Santello**; Registered Nurse, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: June 28, 2016.
9. **Amy M. Torrence**; Registered Nurse, Upper Providence Elementary School. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. **Miranda J. Paradise**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School; for an extension of child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016 through January 24, 2017.

**C. Professional Employees**

1. **Suzanne R. Harvie**; Elementary Teacher, Evans Elementary School, replacing Kathleen N. Mandracchia who retired. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 5, \$50,900.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Khoa D. Pham**; Chemistry Teacher, Senior High School. Compensation has been set at MS+18, Step 4, \$56,000.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
3. **Laura A. Wise**; Science Teacher, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Peter F. Dabback who retired. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 4, \$49,300.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**D. Temporary Professional Employees**

1. **Pamela Dalbey**; Spanish Teacher, Senior High School-9<sup>th</sup> Grade. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Marisa Lacy**; (.5) ESL Teacher and (.5) Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

3. **Lisa M. Michener**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Amy J. Hellauer who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
4. **Ashley H. Pettinelli**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School, replacing Jennifer Basom who resigned. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 4, \$49,300.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
5. **Robert M. Ramsey**; Business Teacher, Senior High School. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 1, \$45,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
6. **Daniel S. Walker**; Elementary Teacher, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
7. **Katelyn M. Walsh**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Marianetta L. Kubacki who retired. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
8. **Rebekah J. Worley**; Special Education Teacher, Senior High School, replacing Joy S. Needles who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**E. Support Staff Employees**

1. **Hannah R. Aune**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Cheryl L. Colmary**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Stephanie E. Breccia who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour prorated with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 29, 2016.
3. **Dana Freas**; Instructional Assistant, Oaks Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
4. **Erin E. Hughes**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Joan Claire Callow who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016
5. **Jessica A. Meals**; Instructional Assistant, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Linda M. Wilson who retired. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.

6. **Kathleen L. Mills**; Part-time Food Service (3 hour/day), 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Brittany L. Kern who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$12.91 per the Food Service Plan. Effective: August 29, 2016.

7. **Shannon C. Sheridan**; Instructional Assistant, Royersford Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**F. Change of Status**

1. **Louise A. Quinn**; Part-time Food Service (3 hours/day), 8th Grade Center, to Part-time Food Service (4 hours/day), Limerick Elementary School, replacing Linda Rossi who resigned. Effective: August 23, 2016.

G. Administration recommends approval of the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. **(Attachment A4)**

**H. Personnel Information Item**

The individuals listed below have completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employees and are, therefore, entitled to tenure status:

<b>Megan Bittle</b>	Evans Elementary School
<b>Krista M. Brooke</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Alexander Cifelli</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Patricia A. Flynn</b>	Senior High School
<b>Ashley E. Fogarty</b>	Senior High School – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Kylene Malone</b>	5/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Paul E. Moser</b>	Senior High School
<b>Sarah Pinard</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Indira Pothukuchi</b>	Senior High School
<b>Dana Rosenblum</b>	5/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center

**VI. FINANCE**

There were no questions or comments.

A. 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.

B. Checks:

1. General Fund Checks

Check No. 161439 – 161813	\$2,708,835.68
ACH 151600575 – 151600593	\$ 1,288.19
ACH 161700002 – 161700053	\$ 140,601.32

2. Athletic Fund Checks

Check No. 309338 – 309344	\$ 7,299.42
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3. Capital Reserve Checks

Check No. 1201 - 1203

\$ 871,318.51

4. Food Service Checks

Check No. 12897 – 12918

\$ 18,245.95

5. Procurement Payments

201601021 – 201601116

\$ 221,578.43

C. The following monthly Board reports are submitted for your approval:

- Cash Balances – Liquidity
- Skyward Reports
  - General Fund Check Register
  - Athletic Fund Check Register
  - Capital Reserve Check Register
  - Food Service Check Register
  - Summary Revenue Report
  - Summary Expense Report

D. Administration recommends approval of the following independent contracts:

1. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for two special needs students at the elementary level during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided at a rate of \$67,400.00 per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$134,800.00.
2. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student at the middle school level during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$67,400.00.
3. **Lakeside Educational Network – Souderton Vantage Academy.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided at a rate of \$236.25 per day for 180 days. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$42,525.00.
4. **PSA Healthcare – Norcross, GA.** Provide additional Nursing Services during transportation for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. This contract is an addendum to the previously approved contract which appeared on the June 2016 agenda. The addendum is for 2 additional hours per day per student for 180 days at a rate of \$45.00 per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$32,400.00.
5. **The Camphill Special School – Glenmoore, PA.** Provide Educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Educational services will be provided at a rate of \$223.61 per day for 180 days (\$40,249.80) as well as a 1:1 aide at a rate of \$197.00 per day for 180 days (\$35,460.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$75,709.80.

6. **Spring Valley Branch YMCA – Limerick, PA.** Provide Supervised Swimming for a 1 hour session 1 time per month for 10 months for special needs students as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$350.00.
7. **Overbrook School for the Blind – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 180 days at a rate of \$178.44 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$32,119.20.
8. **The Pathway School – Norristown, PA.** Provide Educational services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$51,000.00.
9. **The Pathway School – Norristown, PA.** Provide a 1:1 Assistant for the 2016-2017 School Year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$34,000.00.
10. **Exceptional Learning – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Individualized Behavior Support services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 14 hours per month for 10 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$13,300.00.
11. **Exceptional Learning – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Individualized 1:1 Support services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 7.5 hours per day for 180 days at a rate of \$30.00 per Hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$40,500.00.
12. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide a 1:1 Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student who attends The Vanguard School as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 7.5 hours per day for 180 days at a rate of \$32.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$43,200.00.
13. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide Educational services for the 2016-2017 school year for 7 special needs students attending CCIU schools (The Learning Center, TCHS – Pickering, The Child and Career Developmental Center) as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2016-2017 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$258,184.00.
14. **The American National Red Cross – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide training for instructional assistants during the 2016-2017 school year by Red Cross certified instructors on adult and pediatric first aid/CPR/AED. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$3,220.00.
15. **Amy McGinnis Behavior Consulting – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy during the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 24 hours per month for 9 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour (\$20,520.00). In addition, Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy will be provided during the Extended School Year as per the IEP for up to 6 hours per month for

3 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour (\$1,710.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$22,230.00.

16. **Katherine Helm – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Intensive Reading Instruction for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 6 hours per week for 30 weeks at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (\$5,400.00). In addition, Collaboration and Coaching will be provided not to exceed 24 hours at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (\$720.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$6,120.00.
17. **Cristaldo Associates – Blue Bell, PA.** Provide Interpreting services during the 2016-2017 school year for parent meetings and student testing as needed for special needs students. Services will be provided for a maximum of 20 hours at a maximum cost of \$100.00 per hour depending on the fee schedule (\$2,000.00). In addition, \$65.00 per meeting will be provided for travel expense for a maximum of 10 meetings (\$650.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$2,650.00.
18. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis services for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year and during the Extended School Year Program as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for 16 hours per month for 12 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$18,240.00.
19. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide 1:1 services for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for 6.5 hours per day per student for 180 days at a rate of \$32.00 per hour per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$74,880.00.
20. **Silver Springs – Martin Luther School – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided at a rate of \$235.00 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$43,240.00.
21. **Deaf-Hearing Communication Center – Swarthmore, PA.** Provide Professional Sign Language Interpreting services during the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP for meetings and events within the school for a total number of hours not to exceed 24. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$1,476.00.

## **VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for the submission of the 2016-2017 Title I, Part A, Federal Program Grant – Improving Basic Programs, in the amount of \$508,461.00 and the 2016-2017 Title II, Part A, Federal Programs Grant – Improving Teacher Quality in the amount of \$103,867.00.
- B. Administration recommends approval of the addendum to the Blended Learning Services Agreement between the Spring-Ford Area School District and VLN Partners, LLP, originally approved at the June 27, 2016 School Board meeting.

VLN under this addendum shall provide an optional textbook fulfillment service to the district in support of VLN Essentials Courses that are taken in conjunction with, and as part of, a Cyber School in a Box purchased seat.

**VIII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no questions or comments.

The following individuals are recommended for attendance at the following:

<b>CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, registration, food, and accommodations</b>
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**DISTRICT-WIDE**

- A. **Elaine Sandilos** and **Crystal Stubbs**, School Psychologists, to attend “*Annual Legal Institute – Education and Special Education Law*” at the Chester County Intermediate Unit on September 23, 2016. There is no cost for this workshop. No substitutes are needed.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for all Fall Athletic Teams/Individuals that qualify for post season play to be granted permission for overnight travel, when deemed necessary by the Athletic Department, and approved by the Superintendent or their Designee. The School Board will be notified of this travel and Board approval will be sought at the next scheduled Board meeting. Funding will be paid from the Athletic Budget.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. DiBello stated that the work that the Home and School Associations are doing within the district within their perspective buildings is priceless and he thanked them for their ongoing support and generosity.

Mr. Pettit stated that he joins Mr. DiBello in offering thanks for the work of all of the parent organizations across the district.

Mr. DiBello invited parents to attend their back to school night's in their children's schools and stop by the home and school organization's table and hear about the great work they are doing. He added that volunteers are always desperately needed.

- A. Administration acknowledges the acceptance of the donation of \$16,785.92 from the Evans Elementary Home and School Association to be used towards the purchase and installation of four (4) SMART Boards for the Kindergarten and RAM Quest classrooms.

**XI. BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Ciresi questioned that since we have integrated more technology into the classrooms and students are using their smartphones and iPads more if there were any apps that we could create to streamline processes in the buildings. He gave the example of students possibly being able to order their lunch in advance. He stated that possibly some of the waste that we have coming out of the cafeteria could be eliminated. Mr. Ciresi asked if there was a student app for phones. Dr. Roche stated that as the new website comes online in the next few months there is an updated phone app that will be a part of it. Dr. Roche said that the website will be the first important part and then the phone app will be developed so this is something to think about as we move forward.

Mr. Dehnert commented that he read in the newspaper that the district will be going into Rivercrest with bussing. He questioned whether this added any costs to the budget. Dr. Goodin replied that there was no added cost to the budget as there are currently 2 stops outside of the development and now the bus will just travel into the development and down the access road to pick up students. He added that it may add a little bit of time to the bus route but not additional busses needed to be added. Mr. Dehnert expressed his disappointment that he had to find out about this information by reading it in the newspaper rather than having Dr. Goodin report to the Board on this in advance. Mr. Dehnert also added that he found out about the non-renewal of the baseball coach's contract via the newspaper. He asked that items of significance that will be in the newspaper be reported out to the Board in advance. Dr. Goodin stated that Mr. Dehnert's point was noted.

Mr. Dehnert stated that he heard through the grapevine that there is not a curriculum for the new special at this point. Dr. Roche stated that this was not true as the curriculum had been written. Mrs. Bast reported that the curriculum is about 95% complete and there are some teachers coming in tomorrow to put the final touches on it. She stated that they have curriculum binders for every teacher and they will be sharing with them the finalized plans for this tomorrow. Mrs. Bast added that they have had a great group of teachers giving up their time to work on this over the summer. Mr. Dehnert asked if the teachers had been trained on this already if it did not exist. Dr. Roche replied that the teachers who have worked on this are the ones who will be teaching it. Mr. Dehnert asked if he could see the curriculum.

Mr. Dehnert asked if there was any progress or any ETA on the weight room/band room additions. Dr. Goodin responded that this topic is on the Property Committee agenda for the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Goodin stated that they have estimates for a couple of options.

Dr. Goodin stated that he wanted to go back to Mr. Dehnert's concern regarding the baseball coach contract. He commented that while the non-renewal of coaching position while it does not happen often, he is not aware that he has notified the Board of this in the past but if this is something the Board would like then he will need that directive. Mr. Dehnert stated that he believes that if something is going to be in the paper then he would like to know in advance. Dr. Roche stated that the challenge is that they cannot always predict what will appear in the media.

Mr. DiBello asked about the estimates being presented at the Property Committee meeting and whether they were just for the fitness room or the band area as well and Dr. Goodin reported that they have estimates for both. Mr. DiBello asked if this was what the motion was from the board meeting and Mrs. Zasowski stated that she believes the board had asked for estimates on both.

Dr. Dressler asked what Mr. DiBello's concern was with getting estimates on both. Mr. DiBello said his concern is that the band area was never discussed.

Mrs. Fern read the section of minutes from the June meeting that showed that the request was for estimates on both areas individually.

Mr. Pettit questioned what the harm was in getting estimates for both areas. Mr. DiBello said that they have been called on the carpet before because they did not follow the

motion exactly the way it was written so he wants to make sure that they are following the motion.

## **XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Colleen Emmons, lives on Black Rock Road in Upper Providence Township, stated that she has children in the district and read that the school board changed its policy on bussing to pick up the kids in Rivercrest because it was a supposedly dangerous situation for them to get the bus in front of the township building on Black Rock. Mrs. Emmons commented that she lives on Black Rock and she reported on times where cars did not stop for busses that had their blinking red lights flashing. She reported that she has seen bus drivers lean on their horns or yell out of the bus windows at cars that did not stop. Mrs. Emmons stated that she has asked in the past for the district to address this issue but to no avail. She said that the district offered pick up the kids in front of her house or she could walk them down to the community behind her on Longford Road. Mrs. Emmons stated that she asked about obtaining a blinking sign to warn drivers of the bus stop but her requests were ignored or she was told that no one knew where to go to help her. She indicated that for a couple of years she took her children down to her parent's house because it was a safer location for them to catch the bus. She expressed her fear for her daughter's safety in getting on the bus this year for kindergarten. Mrs. Emmons stated that she had read previously that the policy would not be changed as the extra stops would incur added costs for the district. She commented that she is not saying that the Rivercrest bus situation is ideal but she felt it was much less dangerous than her children's stop. She stated that she does not live in a gated community and does not think it is fair that her taxes should have to go up in the name of safety when it is her kids who are truly in a dangerous situation. Mrs. Emmons said that the board was willing to increase taxes to protect children safe in a gated community. She asked what the board was going to do to keep her children safe.

Mr. DiBello asked if Mrs. Emmons had contacted the township about obtaining a blinking sign and she replied that she contacted the school as she was told that is who hands out the signs. Mr. Fitzgerald commented that the district would not give out these signs as the district's obligation is to comply with PennDOT's regulations which it is. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the any ancillary road signs would not be the purview of the school district. Mr. DiBello stated that at one time they had talked about running a pilot program but that is not what they are doing. He reported that there is no cost for the change in bussing for the Rivercrest students. Mrs. Emmons asked what would happen when the other gated communities decide to jump on board and Mr. DiBello replied that every gated community is looked at individually but none of this has to do with her situation. He asked Mrs. Emmons exactly what she was asking for and Mrs. Emmons said she lives in a very dangerous spot and she along with the bus drivers are very frustrated. There was a difference of opinion between Mr. DiBello and Mrs. Emmons on what the newspaper article said and how the change in bussing would be paid for. Mr. DiBello again stated that there were no additional busses and that the same busses that were in place last year are the same ones being used this year except they were using a different route than the one they used last year. Mr. DiBello asked Mrs. Emmons what she was specifically looking for and Mrs. Emmons replied that she was wondering if the bus stop situation was way too dangerous for Rivercrest then what about all of the other kids along the road.

Dr. Goodin commented that he takes exception to the statements made about it being an unsafe bus stop. He stated that this was not the position of the district as it was the position of some folks who were trying to push that agenda. Dr. Goodin said what occurs if a parent feels their bus stop is unsafe is that they will go out and take a look at it to see if there is another alternative or if there is credibility to the statement. He stated that sometimes they have made adjustments but this is evaluated on an individual basis. Dr. Goodin asked that Mrs. Emmons contact his office and the Transportation Director and they will take a look at this to see if any adjustments need to be made. Mr. DiBello said he is trying to get to what Mrs. Emmons is looking for because it sounds to him like the district offered to pick up her children in front of her house and Mrs. Emmons replied that was correct but the cars drive past the bus. Mr. DiBello stated that this is a township police issue. Mrs. Emmons stated that the whole reason why she is hear is because she heard there is going to be a tax increase and if the district is going to be picking up all these kids and they have to pay for it then why can't her road be fixed. Mr. DiBello stated that there will not be a tax increase related to transportation. He stated that the tax increase for this year's budget is .7% of which .6% is related to PSERS. He added that a lot of stuff on the street is inaccurate and that cars not stopping is a police issue and the bus drivers need to be notifying the Transportation Department. Mr. DiBello also stated that erecting a blinking school bus stop signs are township decisions.

Dr. Dressler asked if the district has any influence with the Upper Providence Police Department to lean on them to perhaps cover this issue a little more thoroughly.

Dr. Goodin stated that he would like to follow the process that has been in place. He asked Mrs. Emmons to provide him with her information and he will go out and take a look at the bus stop. Dr. Goodin said he was not sure how much pull he would have with the police department but he will reach out to them.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ciresi made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary

AUGUST 22, 2016

On August 22, 2016 the Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Dr. Edward T. Dressler and Kelly J. Spletzer  
Region II: Dawn R. Heine and Todd R. Wolf  
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and Mark P. Dehnert  
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello  
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin  
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Reps.: Daniel J. Ciresi and Taylor Stevens

The following Board Members were absent: Colleen Zasowski and Bernard F. Pettit

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **II. PRESENTATION**

Dr. Goodin introduced Margaret DeGennaro the Youth Market Director for the American Heart Association.

Ms. DeGennaro thanked the Board for allowing her to come to the meeting. She stated that she is here to speak about the American Heart Association and how the school community has been very generous in working with them. Ms. DeGennaro spoke about heart disease being the #1 killer and how they are in the business of saving lives. She added that their work cannot be accomplished without the help of the community. She commented that Spring-Ford schools have been a part of Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart for many years. Ms. DeGennaro acknowledged the schools that participated this past year, the physical education teachers who served as building coordinators and the top fundraising students. She thanked the school community and the students for being such champions for the American Heart Association. Ms. DeGennaro presented Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin with a plaque from the American Heart Association and announced that over the years from 2005 – 2016 Spring-Ford has helped raise \$611,896.00. Mr. DiBello reiterated the amount of money raised through the partnership between the district and the American Heart Association and said he looked forward to that continuing in the future.

Mr. DiBello announced that the Board met in an executive session prior to the work session last week to discuss personnel items.



- A. **Margaret DeGennaro**, Youth Market Director, from the **American Heart Association**, to present an overview of the Events, the Participating Schools and the Top Student Fundraisers in the 2015-2016 Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart Programs.

### III. **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Student Rep. Report      Daniel Ciresi/Taylor Stevens**

Taylor reminded the community that the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for the district will be Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Schedules and teachers for the 2016-2017 school year are now available for all students and can be viewed on Skyward. Taylor reported that back to school information can be found on the district's website and in addition, first day packets can now be accessed and completed online. She advised that all fall sports teams are currently in their preseasons. Taylor reminded everyone that there would not be any school on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Spletzer reported that as a parent of 3 Spring-Ford students that the 1<sup>st</sup> day online packets are great.

Mr. DiBello stated that he has heard nothing but positive comments from the parents with regards to the 1<sup>st</sup> day online packets. He acknowledged Justin Webb and Erin Crew for their work on this initiative. Mr. DiBello asked if parents had to redo the packet every year and Ms. Crew replied that it did have to be done every year but some of the information will now default from Skyward so that it would not have to be re-entered again.

Dr. Roche reported that 89% of parents had completed their online verification packet.

**Community Relations      Todd Wolf/Colleen Zasowski      3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 6:30 p.m.**  
There was no report.

#### **Superintendent's Report      Dr. David R. Goodin**

Dr. Goodin reported that nearly 90% of the district parents have already accessed the 1<sup>st</sup> day packet and the district has received very positive feedback thus far. Dr. Goodin acknowledged Justin Webb and Erin Crew for being instrumental in getting this project going. Dr. Goodin stated that schools are ready to open as they have all been cleaned and nearly 16,000 man hours were spent cleaning the 7 elementary schools, the 5/6/7 Grade Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center and the 10-12 Grade Center. Dr. Goodin reported that Convocation will be tomorrow when all staff will be welcomed back. He added that there will be 3 days of in-service for staff beginning tomorrow and concluding on Thursday. Dr. Goodin announced that if you have driven around the school campuses you will have noticed that many sports teams have begun practicing and the marching band has been practicing for several weeks. He reminded everyone that the first football game will take place this Friday at Unionville and the first home game will be the following Friday. Dr. Goodin stated that everyone is looking forward to another successful season with all of our teams. Dr. Goodin mentioned that the band performed at the Limerick Community Days event last Saturday and were very well received by the public. He expressed appreciation to the band for taking part in this event.

Dr. Goodin commented that at last week's meeting there was a question regarding the Ram Quest curriculum by Mr. Dehnert and he asked for clarification on whether the Board wanted to start reviewing curriculum. Mr. Dehnert replied that he would just like to see what the program is and suggested that possibly a presentation could be made to the

Board since it is a new program. Mr. DiBello indicated that it had been discussed that Mrs. Bast would do a presentation at a future board meeting. Mrs. Bast commented that she had hoped to present later in the year so that they could have some footage and kids that could talk about what they have been learning and teachers who have been able to interact with the kids tell us about it. Mrs. Bast stated that hopefully the presentation would take place in January or February. Mr. DiBello commented that curriculum is very extensive and he does not want to get into reviewing it although he was not sure how the rest of the Board felt but he felt this was administration's job to do this.

Mr. Ciresi asked how the population numbers were for the 1<sup>st</sup> day at Oaks Elementary and Dr. Roche replied that it is still within the guidelines at this point but within the last 4 business days and continuing through out the week the enrollments continue to come in. He reported that Mrs. Chrisman has enlisted some additional help in terms of registration. Dr. Roche added that it is a very active time at the district office but as of the last report that was run we are still within the guidelines but pushing the upper limits. Mr. Dehnert asked if the new students were mainly kindergarten or other grade levels as well. Dr. Roche replied that it was sprinkled throughout all of K-4. Mr. Ciresi asked if there were any surprises in any of the other buildings that we were not anticipating and Dr. Roche responded no surprises but unfortunately it is an unpredictable science and we just have to continue to monitor it. Dr. Roche spoke about those families who make requests to attend different buildings than the one in the attendance boundary where they live and the fact that all of these decisions must be put on hold until we know what the enrollment will be for each building.

Mr. DiBello stated that he once again wanted to commend Mr. Cooper and his staff for getting all of the facilities ready given that it is a short window between the time that school ends in June and the next year begins in August. Mr. DiBello stated that the buildings he has been in appear to be in incredible shape and the outdoor facilities look great.

#### **Solicitor's Report                      Mark Fitzgerald**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that this afternoon word came out that a Texas federal judge instituted a national stay against the Office of Civil Rights' directives with regards to transgender rights. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this is the second stay of the summer as the Supreme Court also issued a stay back in early August to decide if they are actually going to hear the matter from the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that for school districts outside of northern district of Texas and the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit it is a watchful waiting period right now. Mr. Fitzgerald added that we currently have only 8 Supreme Court Justices and he believes the move today by the Justice in the northern district of Texas was an attempt to push the Supreme Court to actually hear the matter. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the question ultimately becomes whether there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> Justice to break the tie. He reported that if this does not happen then the tie will be settled in the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Mr. Fitzgerald concluded that this still remains a big question mark and he presumes it will remain that way for at least a year.

#### **IV. MINUTES**

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

A. The Board approved the June 20, 2016 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A1)**

B. The Board approved the June 27, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A2)**

**V. PERSONNEL**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-H and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

**A. Resignations**

1. **Catherine C. Bala**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Effective: July 29, 2016.
2. **Jennifer Basom**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Effective: July 21, 2016.
3. **Stephanie E. Breccia**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School. Effective: June 26, 2016.
4. **Lori Hoffecker**; Food Service Part-time (4 hours/day), Oaks Elementary School. Effective: August 11, 2016.
5. **Kathleen E. McNeill**; College Career Counselor, Senior High School. Effective August 5, 2016.
6. **Darryl M. Perecko**; Assistant Girls Golf Coach, Athletic Event Supervisor-Winter-MS, Athletic Event Supervisor-Spring-MS. Effective: July 11, 2016.
7. **Linda Rossi**; Food Service, Limerick Elementary School. Effective: September 1, 2016
8. **Angela Santello**; Registered Nurse, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: June 28, 2016.
9. **Amy M. Torrence**; Registered Nurse, Upper Providence Elementary School. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**New Resignations:**

10. **Nicole L. Collins**; Part-time Food Service, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: August 15, 2016.
11. **Amy B. Culp**; SkiBoard Club Advisor, Senior High School. Effective: August 15, 2016.
12. **Rachel Lawrence**; SkiBoard Club Advisor, Senior High School. Effective: August 17, 2016.

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. **Miranda J. Paradise**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School; for an extension of child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016 through January 24, 2017.

**C. Professional Employees**

1. **Suzanne R. Harvie**; Elementary Teacher, Evans Elementary School, replacing Kathleen N. Mandracchia who retired. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 5, \$50,900.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Khoa D. Pham**; Chemistry Teacher, Senior High School. Compensation has been set at MS+18, Step 4, \$56,000.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
3. **Laura A. Wise**; Science Teacher, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Peter F. Dabback who retired. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 4, \$49,300.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**D. Temporary Professional Employees**

1. **Pamela Dalbey**; Spanish Teacher, Senior High School-9<sup>th</sup> Grade. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Marisa Lacy**; (.5) ESL Teacher and (.5) Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
3. **Lisa M. Michener**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Amy J. Hellauer who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
4. **Ashley H. Pettinelli**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School, replacing Jennifer Basom who resigned. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 4, \$49,300.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
5. **Robert M. Ramsey**; Business Teacher, Senior High School. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 1, \$45,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
6. **Daniel S. Walker**; Elementary Teacher, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
7. **Katelyn M. Walsh**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Marianetta L. Kubacki who retired. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
8. **Rebekah J. Worley**; Special Education Teacher, Senior High School, replacing Joy S. Needles who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**New Temporary Professional Employees**

9. **Gillian Cedrone**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
10. **Sarah E. Long**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Amanda L. Zatko who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
11. **Jason A. Maffucci**; Elementary Teacher, Royersford Elementary School, replacing Carrie A. Kehl who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$44,700.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
12. **Anthony J. Palmieri**; Elementary Teacher, Oaks Elementary School, replacing Catherine Bala who resigned. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 2, \$45,900.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
13. **Kiera M. Phillips**; Part-time (.5) Elementary Teacher, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Kaitlyn A. Morrison who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 1, \$22,350.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: September 8, 2016.
14. **Nicole E. Schieck**; Title I Teacher, Royersford Elementary School. Compensation has been set at MS+30, Step 4, \$59,000.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016. Salary and benefits are funded 100% through Title I.
15. **Nicole Schwenk**; Elementary Teacher, Brooke Elementary School, replacing Zachary A. Laurie who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 2, \$45,900.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**E. Support Staff Employees**

1. **Hannah R. Aune**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
2. **Cheryl L. Colmary**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Stephanie E. Breccia who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour prorated with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 29, 2016.
3. **Dana Freas**; Instructional Assistant, Oaks Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.

4. **Erin E. Hughes**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Joan Claire Callow who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016
5. **Jessica A. Meals**; Instructional Assistant, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Linda M. Wilson who retired. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
6. **Kathleen L. Mills**; Part-time Food Service (3 hour/day), 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Brittany L. Kern who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$12.91 per the Food Service Plan. Effective: August 29, 2016.
7. **Shannon C. Sheridan**; Instructional Assistant, Royersford Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**New Support Staff Employees:**

8. **Susan J. Kelly**; Instructional Assistant, Oaks Elementary School, replacing Lisa M. Michener who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
9. **Lisa E. Greenwood**; Registered Nurse, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Amy M. Torrence who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$27.25/hour with benefits per the Registered Nurses' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
10. **Christine Robinson**; Registered Nurse, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Angela Santello who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$27.25/hour with benefits per the Registered Nurses' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.
11. **Jessica M. Skovronski**; Instructional Assistant, Evans Elementary School, replacing Terri G. Cameron who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**F. Change of Status**

1. **Louise A. Quinn**; Part-time Food Service (3 hours/day), 8th Grade Center, to Part-time Food Service (4 hours/day), Limerick Elementary School, replacing Linda Rossi who resigned. Effective: August 23, 2016.

**New Change of Status**

2. **Kaitlyn A. Morrison**; Part-time Elementary Teacher, Upper Providence Elementary School, to Full-time Elementary Teacher, Brooke Elementary School, replacing Nina F. Wickersham who resigned. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 3, \$46,900.00, with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: August 23, 2016.
- G. The Board approved the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. **(Attachment A3)**

**H. Personnel Information Item**

The individuals listed below have completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employees and are, therefore, approved for tenure status:

<b>Megan Bittle</b>	Evans Elementary School
<b>Krista M. Brooke</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Alexander Cifelli</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Patricia A. Flynn</b>	Senior High School
<b>Ashley E. Fogarty</b>	Senior High School – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Kylene Malone</b>	5/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Paul E. Moser</b>	Senior High School
<b>Sarah Pinard</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center
<b>Indira Pothukuchi</b>	Senior High School
<b>Dana Rosenblum</b>	5/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center

**VI. FINANCE**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-D and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 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.

B. Checks:

1. General Fund Checks

Check No. 161439 – 161813	\$2,708,835.68
ACH 151600575 – 151600593	\$ 1,288.19
ACH 161700002 – 161700053	\$ 140,601.32

2. Athletic Fund Checks

Check No. 309338 – 309344	\$ 7,299.42
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3. Capital Reserve Checks

Check No. 1201 - 1203	\$ 871,318.51
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4. Food Service Checks

Check No. 12897 – 12918	\$ 18,245.95
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5. Procurement Payments

201601021 – 201601116	\$ 221,578.43
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C. The following monthly Board reports were approved:

- Cash Balances – Liquidity
- Skyward Reports
  - General Fund Check Register
  - Athletic Fund Check Register
  - Capital Reserve Check Register
  - Food Service Check Register
  - Summary Revenue Report
  - Summary Expense Report

D. The Board approved the following independent contracts:

1. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for two special needs students at the elementary level during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided at a rate of \$67,400.00 per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$134,800.00.
2. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student at the middle school level during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$67,400.00.
3. **Lakeside Educational Network – Souderton Vantage Academy.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided at a rate of \$236.25 per day for 180 days. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$42,525.00.
4. **PSA Healthcare – Norcross, GA.** Provide additional Nursing Services during transportation for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. This contract is an addendum to the previously approved contract which appeared on the June 2016 agenda. The addendum is for 2 additional hours per day per student for 180 days at a rate of \$45.00 per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$32,400.00.
5. **The Camphill Special School – Glenmoore, PA.** Provide Educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Educational services will be provided at a rate of \$223.61 per day for 180 days (\$40,249.80) as well as a 1:1 aide at a rate of \$197.00 per day for 180 days (\$35,460.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$75,709.80.
6. **Spring Valley Branch YMCA – Limerick, PA.** Provide Supervised Swimming for a 1 hour session 1 time per month for 10 months for special needs students as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$350.00.
7. **Overbrook School for the Blind – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide Educational and related services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 180 days at a rate of \$178.44 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$32,119.20.
8. **The Pathway School – Norristown, PA.** Provide Educational services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$51,000.00.
9. **The Pathway School – Norristown, PA.** Provide a 1:1 Assistant for the 2016-2017 School Year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$34,000.00.
10. **Exceptional Learning – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Individualized Behavior Support services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 14 hours per month for 10 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$13,300.00.



11. **Exceptional Learning – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide Individualized 1:1 Support services for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 7.5 hours per day for 180 days at a rate of \$30.00 per Hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$40,500.00.
12. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide a 1:1 Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student who attends The Vanguard School as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 7.5 hours per day for 180 days at a rate of \$32.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$43,200.00.
13. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide Educational services for the 2016-2017 school year for 7 special needs students attending CCIU schools (The Learning Center, TCHS – Pickering, The Child and Career Developmental Center) as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the 2016-2017 Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$258,184.00.
14. **The American National Red Cross – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide training for instructional assistants during the 2016-2017 school year by Red Cross certified instructors on adult and pediatric first aid/CPR/AED. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$3,220.00.
15. **Amy McGinnis Behavior Consulting – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy during the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 24 hours per month for 9 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour (\$20,520.00). In addition, Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy will be provided during the Extended School Year as per the IEP for up to 6 hours per month for 3 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour (\$1,710.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$22,230.00.
16. **Katherine Helm – Collegeville, PA.** Provide Intensive Reading Instruction for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 6 hours per week for 30 weeks at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (\$5,400.00). In addition, Collaboration and Coaching will be provided not to exceed 24 hours at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (\$720.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$6,120.00.
17. **Cristaldo Associates – Blue Bell, PA.** Provide Interpreting services during the 2016-2017 school year for parent meetings and student testing as needed for special needs students. Services will be provided for a maximum of 20 hours at a maximum cost of \$100.00 per hour depending on the fee schedule (\$2,000.00). In addition, \$65.00 per meeting will be provided for travel expense for a maximum of 10 meetings (\$650.00). Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$2,650.00.
18. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide Applied Behavior Analysis services for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year and during the Extended School Year Program as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for 16 hours per month for 12 months at a rate of \$95.00 per hour. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$18,240.00.

19. **Education Alternatives – Limerick, PA.** Provide 1:1 services for two special needs students during the 2016-2017 school year as per their IEPs. Services will be provided for 6.5 hours per day per student for 180 days at a rate of \$32.00 per hour per student. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$74,880.00.
20. **Silver Springs – Martin Luther School – Plymouth Meeting, PA.** Provide Educational services for a special needs student during the 2016-2017 school year as per the IEP. Services will be provided at a rate of \$235.00 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed a total of \$43,240.00.
21. **Deaf-Hearing Communication Center – Swarthmore, PA.** Provide Professional Sign Language Interpreting services during the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP for meetings and events within the school for a total number of hours not to exceed 24. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$1,476.00.

#### **New Independent Contracts**

22. **Science Explorers – Mohnton, PA.** Provide an assembly for students in grades 1-4 at Spring City Elementary entitled “The Wacky World of Science and Kitchen Chemistry”. There is no cost for this assembly.
23. **The Vanguard School – Malvern, PA.** Provide Educational services during the 2016-2017 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Services will be provided for 180 days at a rate of \$302.11 per day. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$54,380.00.

#### **VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. Administration recommends approval for the submission of the 2016-2017 Title I, Part A, Federal Program Grant – Improving Basic Programs, in the amount of \$508,461.00 and the 2016-2017 Title II, Part A, Federal Programs Grant – Improving Teacher Quality in the amount of \$103,867.00.
- B. Administration recommends approval of the addendum to the Blended Learning Services Agreement between the Spring-Ford Area School District and VLN Partners, LLP, originally approved at the June 27, 2016 School Board meeting. VLN under this addendum shall provide an optional textbook fulfillment service to the district in support of VLN Essentials Courses that are taken in conjunction with, and as part of, a Cyber School in a Box purchased seat.

#### **VIII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

The following individuals were approved for attendance at the following:

<b>CODE: 580 Account: Conference/Training, registration, food, and accommodations</b>
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**DISTRICT-WIDE**

- A. **Melody Bish, Kenya Kistler, Elaine Sandilos and Crystal Stubbs**, School Psychologists, to attend “*Annual Legal Institute – Education and Special Education Law*” at the Chester County Intermediate Unit on September 23, 2016. There is no cost for this workshop. No substitutes are needed.
- B. **Dr. Edward Dressler**, Board Member, to attend “*2016 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference*” in Hershey, PA from October 13 through October 15, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$1,121.00 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board gave approval for all Fall Athletic Teams/Individuals that qualify for post season play to be granted permission for overnight travel, when deemed necessary by the Athletic Department, and approved by the Superintendent or their Designee. The School Board will be notified of this travel and Board approval will be sought at the next scheduled Board meeting. Funding will be paid from the Athletic Budget.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Ciresi asked about Item A wondering if the SMART Boards had been installed yet. Mr. Webb replied that the check was just received and the plan is to do the installation in September.

Mr. DiBello thanked the Evans Home and School Association for their generous donation. He added that it has been said numerous times that the work that each of the home and school organizations throughout the district is invaluable and the Board and district appreciates all of their hard work. Mr. DiBello stated that it helps the Board to be able to continue to provide the best educational opportunities at Spring-Ford for our students. Mr. DiBello offered his tremendous gratitude for the donation.

Mrs. Heine stated that she agrees with Mr. DiBello and it is especially appreciated when the home and schools are adding technology into the classrooms. Mrs. Heine added that the district has struggled for a couple of years trying to make sure that they are continuing to add and making these decisions is not always easy as far as what building and how many systems are going to be installed. Mrs. Heine stated that donations such as this help make the timing and those decisions a little bit easier. She expressed her appreciation for the donation.

- A. Administration acknowledges the acceptance of the donation of \$16,785.92 from the Evans Elementary Home and School Association to be used towards the purchase and installation of four (4) SMART Boards for the Kindergarten and RAM Quest classrooms.

**XI. BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Dehnert asked about the community member who spoke at the end of last week's meeting about cars not stopping for busses when they have the red lights flashing. He asked if the district tracks or bus drivers report these types of incidents when they occur

in order to determine if this happens frequently or in certain spots. Dr. Goodin replied that he would check with Mrs. Sanderson in transportation to see if this type of data is kept. Mr. Dehnert stated that he felt this would be helpful data to track so that it could be determined whether we should alert the police to monitor these situations.

Mr. DiBello commented that this is something that is happening everywhere as it is not just a certain bus stop issue as it is all over the news and is a national epidemic. He spoke about a YouTube video that showed this type of incident. Mr. DiBello stated that we reached out to the Upper Providence Police Chief and they will be contacting the Transportation Department to see what can be done to work together to try and alleviate the situation as much as possible.

Dr. Goodin stated that he agrees with Mr. DiBello that this is not just a Spring-Ford issue and there are people out there who are just not obeying the traffic laws. Dr. Goodin commented that we need to locally get the word out in our community to obey the traffic laws. He reported that he will work with Erin Crew to try and create a higher level of community awareness on this issue. Dr. Goodin stated that in conversation with Upper Providence Township they have agreed that they would move around some signage by identifying some areas where signage alerting motorists that there is a bus stop ahead would be appropriate.

Dr. Dressler reported that last Monday evening, Upper Providence Township Supervisors had a meeting to discuss this issue and Mr. Vagnozzi said they are going to deal with it. Dr. Dressler commented that Mr. Vagnozzi is a former policeman himself so he more than likely understands this issue better than most. Dr. Dressler stated that in light of this he believes Upper Providence is taking some action.

## **XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Jeff Turner, Upper Providence Township, stated that he has three students attending the high school. He reported that all 3 of his children participate in the High School Band Program. Mr. Turner expressed that he felt the program was an outstanding one and is thrilled with it. He stated that he knows the numbers of students continue to grow which impacts all areas of the district including the band. He asked if there were any thoughts on expanding the facilities.

Dr. Goodin replied that the district, when doing a feasibility study last year, did look at the facilities within the high school particularly in the band/performing arts area. He stated that there was discussion from the architects about this possibly being a need area for us and the Board is aware of this. Dr. Goodin stated that this continues to be looked at with regards to the need for expanding those areas.

Mr. Turner asked if it was possible to get a copy of the feasibility study and the response was that we have a hard copy of the study but it is pretty extensive.

Mr. DiBello commented that there was a deficiency that was identified by the engineering company as far as outgrowing current location of the whole music wing. He reported that part of the recommendation to the Board was to look into doing something about this. Mr. DiBello stated that there was a vote in June by a majority of the Board to go out and get estimates on what it would take or what it would look like to expand not only the fitness room but also expand the music wing. The engineering firm is to come back with some

estimates which will be presented at the Property Committee meeting next month and then the information will be brought forward to the full Board. Mr. DiBello commented that he is sure they will get into extensive conversation when this information comes forward.

Mr. Ciresi reported that the Property Committee will meet on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the High School conference room. He invited Mr. Turner to come out to the meeting as it is open to the public.

Mr. Turner expressed his appreciation for the Board's support of the Music Program. Mr. Ciresi replied that the district has been really blessed for what they have been supplied with in the offerings of music. He added that they are definitely looking at the program.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Spletzer made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary

# 2016-2017 EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACTS

SEPTEMBER 2016

Contract Title	Season	Last Name	First Name	Contract Rate
Soccer Coach-Girls - 7th Grade	Fall	Birnbrauer	Amanda V.	\$2,772.00
Volunteer Tennis Coach-Girls-HS	Fall	Bowers	Todd	Volunteer
Production/Lighting-HS	Year	Denning	Joshua C.	\$1,471.00
Arboretum Club - HS	Year	Farischon	Jennifer	\$402.00
TV Studio Coordinator - Grade 7	Year	Glass	Patricia M.	\$1,471.00
Soccer Coach-Boys - 8th Grade	Fall	Hadadi	Mohammad	\$2,772.00
Volunteer Assistant Football Coach - HS	Fall	Hill	Eric	Volunteer
Soccer Coach-Girls - 8th Grade	Fall	Hoff	Daniel	\$2,772.00
Guidance-Elementary - Department Head (1/2 contract)	Year	Hughes	John T.	\$2,097.00
Asst. Football Coach (7/8 Grade)	Fall	Irvin	Khalil	\$3,603.00
Cultural Awareness Club - HS	Year	Karalius	Victoria	\$402.00
Field Hockey Coach - 7th Grade	Fall	Kramer	Christine	\$2,772.00
Volunteer Boys & Girls Track Coach	Spring	Kraynak	John	Volunteer
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club Advisor - HS (1/2 position)	Year	Landis	Doug W.	\$201.00
Scoreboard Operator (as needed)	as needed	Landis	Doug W.	\$50/game
Special Education - Department Head	Year	Oblak	Aimee M.	\$4,845.00
Reading Olympics - Grade 7	Year	Pinard	Sarah	\$1,104.00
Baseball Head Coach - HS	Spring	Scheck	Jamie J.	\$5,322.00
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club Advisor - HS (1/2 position)	Year	Strickler	Chadwick A	\$201.00
Scoreboard Operator (as needed)	as needed	Toback	Sarah	\$50/game
Percussion Coordinator - Grade 7	Fall	Tobin	Frank	\$2,215.00
Yearbook - Grade 7	Year	West	Cheryl A.	\$1,471.00
Winter Play Director - Grade 7	Winter	West	Cheryl A.	\$1,471.00
Co-Ed Fitness Intramural #1 - Grade 7	Year	West	Cheryl A.	\$402.00
Homework Club Advisor - Gr. 7 (1/2 contract)	Year	West	Cheryl A.	\$735.50
Volleyball Coach-Girls - 7th Grade	Fall	Windbeck	Amanda	\$3,186.00



# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

857 SOUTH LEWIS ROAD, ROYERSFORD, PA 19468

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## RESOLUTION 2016-28

DATE: September 26, 2016

**WHEREAS**, Spring-Ford Area School District (the "School District") is considering the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016 (the "Bonds"), for purposes of financing the current refunding of all of the remaining outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007 and the costs of issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of School Directors resolves as follows:

1. The firm of Boenning and Scattergood, Inc. is herewith designated as the Underwriter ("Underwriter" or "Investment Banker") of the School District in connection with the Project, upon such terms as are mutually negotiated, and is authorized to seek one or more proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
2. Fox Rothschild LLP, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania ("Fox Rothschild"), is appointed to the position of bond counsel in connection with the Project, upon such fee arrangements as may be agreed by the parties.
3. Fox Rothschild is herewith authorized and directed to place necessary advertisements and perform all necessary work in connection with the issuance of the Bonds in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act and in pursuance of the intent of this Resolution.
4. The Business Administrator of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to pursue discussions with the Underwriter and Fox Rothschild regarding the issuance of the Bonds, and to take all necessary actions in connection therewith.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. DiBello, Board President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Fern, Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the duly elected Secretary of the Board of School Directors of **SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on September 26, 2016, by the Board of School Directors at a regularly called meeting, at which time a quorum was present.

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Diane Fern, Board Secretary

Dated: September 26, 2016.





September 2, 2016

Ms. Diane Fern  
Board Secretary  
Spring-Ford Area School District  
857 S. Lewis Road  
Royersford, PA 19468

**RE: PLANCON PART H: PROJECT FINANCING**

PROJECT NO.: 3289  
PROJECT BUILDING NAME: District Administration Office  
TYPE WORK: Additions/Alterations  
COUNTY: Montgomery  
BOARD ACTION: January 23, 2012  
REIMBURSEMENT BASIS: Maximum Reimbursable Formula Amount

Dear Ms. Fern:

The materials for PlanCon Part H, "Project Financing," have been reviewed and approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the Department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Method of Financing</u>	<u>Temporary Percent</u>
\$ 4,222,230	CASH	To be determined @ Part J

**No reimbursement will be paid on the cash contribution until PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs," is submitted and approved by the Department.**

This project is being reimbursed based on the maximum reimbursable formula amount. Therefore, when completing PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs," it will not be necessary to submit Pages J07 through J12.

The permanent reimbursable percent(s) will be established following the submission and review of PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs." PlanCon Part J for this project must be submitted within three years of the date bids were opened for this project, unless an extension is requested and granted by this office. PlanCon Part J must be submitted in the specified time or the temporary reimbursable percent(s) may become the permanent reimbursable percent(s) for this project. After the permanent reimbursable percent is assigned, the Commonwealth will calculate the retroactive reimbursement, if any, and make a lump sum payment.

In order to facilitate the PlanCon Part J review, the following procedures should be initiated:

1. The construction revenues and expenditures should be accounted for via the operation of a Capital Project Fund or a Special Revenue Fund in accordance with the Manual of Accounting and Related Procedures for Pennsylvania School Systems (Revised).
2. An audited balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the Capital Project Fund should be prepared for each fiscal year.

The school district must file form PDE-2071, "Application For Reimbursement For School Construction Project," to the Comptroller's Office to receive the reimbursement on this financing. The lease number and reimbursable percent referenced above must be included on form PDE-2071.

This document and appended materials should be entered into the minutes of the next board meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Van Tassel at 717.787.5993.

Sincerely,



Jeannine J. Weiser  
Division of Budget and School Facilities

JJW/pgs

Attachments

cc: Foreman Architects & Engineers, Inc.  
Boenning & Scattergood  
School Finance  
Project File – 3289'  
Budget  
Log

# SUMMARY OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

District/CTC:

Spring-Ford Area School District

Financing Name:

## REPORT TO THE PENNY - DO NOT ROUND

	SERIES: <u>CASH</u> CLOSING DATE: _____	SERIES: _____ CLOSING DATE: _____	SERIES: _____ CLOSING DATE: _____
<b>SOURCES:</b>			
Bond Issue (Par)			
Net Original Issue Discount/Premium			
Accrued Interest			
Other Sources of Funds (Specify) (Exclude Anticipated Interest Earnings)			
1. Capital Reserve Fund	4,222,230.00 ✓		
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
TOTAL - Sources of Available Funds	4,222,230.00		
<b>USES:</b>			
Deposit to Construction Fund	4,222,230.00 ✓		
Issuance Costs:			
1. Underwriter Fees			
2. Bond Insurance			
3. Bond Counsel			
4. School Solicitor			
5. Financial Advisor			
6. Paying Agent/Trustee Fees and Expenses			
7. Capitalized Interest			
8. Printing			
9. Rating Fees			
10. Computer Fees			
11. CUSIP			
12. Internet Auction Administrator			
13. _____			
14. _____			
Total - Issuance Costs			
Accrued Interest			
Other Uses of Funds (Specify)			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
TOTAL - USES OF AVAILABLE FUNDS	4,222,230.00 ✓		

SD NAME: Spring-Ford Area  
PROJECT #: 3289  
BLDG NAME: District Administration Office

MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (1 OF 2)

	TOTAL	
APPROVED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST		
A. CAPACITY FORMULA		
1. Elementary		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		0
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$4,700
c. Reimbursement for Elementary Capacity		\$0
2. Secondary		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		53✓
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$6,200
c. Reimbursement for Secondary Capacity		\$328,600
3. Vocational		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		0
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$7,600
c. Reimbursement for Vocational Capacity		\$0
4. Total Reimbursement Based on Capacity (1-c + 2-c + 3-c)		\$328,600
B. ARCHITECTURAL AREA PRORATION	NEW	EXISTING
1. Architectural Area	1,825✓	9,999✓
2. Total Architectural Area	11,824	11,824
3. Percent of Total	0.1543	0.8457
4. Total Reimbursement Based on Architectural Area Proration (A-4 times B-3)	\$50,703	\$277,897
C. REIMBURSABLE ARCHITECTURAL AREA AS PERCENT OF TOTAL ARCHITECTURAL AREA	1.0000	1.0000
D. MAXIMUM FORMULA-BASED REIMBURSEMENT (B-4 times C)	\$50,703	\$277,897
E. ADJUSTED STRUCTURE COSTS		
1. Allowable Structure Costs (GW02, line I) and/ or Building Purchase Amount (GW05)	\$432,252	\$1,762,027
2. Plus: Architect's Fee on Allowable Structure Costs and Asbestos Abatement (GW03, line L)	\$25,935	\$105,722
3. Plus: Movable Fixtures & Equipment	Excluded until Part J	
4. Adjusted Structure Costs (E-1 thru E-3)	\$458,187	\$1,867,749
F. APPROVED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING INCENTIVES (lesser of D or E-4)	\$50,703✓	\$277,897✓

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8/25/2008

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## MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (2 OF 2)

G. APPRAISAL VALUE OF EXISTING BUILDING - FOR REIMBURSEMENT \$0  
 PURPOSES ONLY (GW06, A-4 minus B-4-New and E-4-Existing; minimum = 0)

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING INCENTIVES

H. PROJECT BUILDING CONSTRUCTED AND BASED ON APPROVED FACILITY DESIGN  
 RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL DESIGN CLEARINGHOUSE

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	=	\$0	
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	=	\$0	
3. Additional Funding - School Design Clearinghouse (H-1 plus H-2)					\$0

I. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ALTERS OR EXPANDS EXISTING BUILDING

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	=	\$0	
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	=	\$32,860	
3. Lines I-1 plus I-2 - Subtotal				\$32,860	
4. Additional Funding - Existing Building (I-3 minus G; minimum = 0)					\$32,860

J. PROJECT BUILDING RECEIVING SILVER, GOLD OR PLATINUM LEED CERTIFICATION  
 OR TWO, THREE OR FOUR GREEN GLOBES CERTIFICATION

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	X	0.0000	\$0
(1.0000 for NEW BLDG, ALT & ADD/ALT; B-3 for REIMB BASIS: ADD only project)					
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	X	0.0000	\$0
(1.0000 for NEW BLDG, ALT & ADD/ALT; B-3 for REIMB BASIS: ADD only project)					
3. Additional Funding - LEED or Green Globes certification (J-1 plus J-2)					\$0

K. APPROVED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST WITH ADDITIONAL  
 FUNDING INCENTIVES (GW06, line F plus GW07, lines H, I and J) \$361,460

NEW EXISTING

L. REIMBURSABLE SITE COSTS

1. Rough Grading to Receive the Building (GW04, line M)	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2. Sanitary Sewage Disposal (GW04, line N-3)	\$0	\$0
3. Architect's Fee on Rough Grading & Sanitary Sewage Disposal (GW04, line O-9)	\$0	\$0
4. Site Acquisition Costs (GW01)	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXX
5. Total Reimbursable Site Costs (L-1 thru L-4)	\$0	\$0

M. Lines K plus L-5 ---> \$361,460

N. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

1. Total Project Costs (G03, line I)	\$4,222,230
2. Less: Adjustment if applicable (GW01)	\$0
3. Adjusted Total Project Costs (N-1 minus N-2)	\$4,222,230

O. MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (lesser of M or N-3) \$361,460

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_



September 2, 2016

Ms. Diane Fern  
Board Secretary  
Spring-Ford Area School District  
857 South Lewis Road  
Royersford, PA 19468

**RE: PLANCON PART J: PROJECT ACCOUNTING BASED ON FINAL COSTS**

PROJECT NO.: 3289  
PROJECT BUILDING NAME: District Administration Office  
TYPE WORK: Additions/Alterations  
COUNTY: Montgomery  
BOARD ACTION: August 22, 2011

Dear Ms. Fern:

The materials for PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs," have been reviewed and approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

**Please note reimbursement will not occur until funding is established in accordance with Act 25 of 2016.**

Based on our review of the final cost data for the above-referenced school construction project, the lease number(s) and reimbursable percent(s) are as follows:


<u>Lease Number</u>	<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Method of Financing</u>	<u>Reimbursable Percent</u>	<u>Temporary or Permanent</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
083289	\$3,843,233	Cash	9.41%	P	7/1/2008

The retroactive reimbursement, if any, will be calculated by the Comptroller's Office and a lump sum payment will be forwarded to the school district. There is no need for the school district to file form PDE-2071, "Application For Reimbursement For School Construction Project," in order to receive the retroactive reimbursement on the financing for this project. **However, the school district must file form PDE-2071, if cash is a Method of Financing for this project.**

Ms. Fern  
Page 2  
September 2, 2016

This document and appended materials should be entered into the minutes of the next board meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Drayer at 717.787.5993.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannine J. Weiser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeannine J. Weiser, Chief  
Division of Budget and School Facilities

JJW/pgs

Attachments

cc: Foreman Architects Engineers  
School Finance  
Project File - 3289  
Budget  
Log

\*\*\*\* PDE USE ONLY \*\*\*\*

SD NAME: SPRING-FORD AREA  
PROJECT #: 3289  
BLDG NAME: DAO

MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (1 OF 2)

		TOTAL
A. CAPACITY FORMULA		
1. Elementary		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		0
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$4,700
c. Reimbursement for Elem Capacity		\$0
2. Secondary		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		53
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$6,200
c. Reimbursement for Sec Capacity		\$328,600
3. Vocational		
a. Rated Pupil Capacity		0
b. State Reimbursement per Pupil		\$7,600
c. Reimbursement for Voc Capacity		\$0
4. Total Reimbursement Based on Capacity (1-c + 2-c + 3-c)		\$328,600
B. ARCHITECTURAL AREA PRORATION		
	NEW	EXISTING
1. Architectural Area	1,825	9,999
2. Total Architectural Area	11,824	11,824
3. Percent of Total	0.1543	0.8457
4. Total Reimbursement Based on Architectural Area Proration (A-4 times B-3)	\$50,703	\$277,897
C. REIMBURSABLE ARCHITECTURAL AREA AS PCT OF TOTAL ARCHITECTURAL AREA		
	1.0000	1.0000
D. MAXIMUM FORMULA-BASED REIMBURSEMENT (B-4 times C)	\$50,703	\$277,897
E. ADJUSTED STRUCTURE COSTS		
	NEW	EXISTING
1. Allowable Structure Costs or Building Purchase Amt	\$1,283,263	\$1,762,027
2. Plus: Architect's Fee on Allowable Structure and Asbestos Abatement	\$76,996	\$105,722
3. Plus: Movable Fixtures & Equipment	\$0	\$19,455
4. Plus: Architect's Fee on Movable Fixtures & Eqpmt	\$0	\$0
5. Adjusted Structure Costs (E-1 thru E-4)	\$1,360,259	\$1,887,204
F. APPROVED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING INCENTIVES (lesser of JW06, line D or E-5)	\$50,703	\$277,897
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PLANCON-JW06		



## MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (2 OF 2)

G. APPRAISAL VALUE OF EXISTING BUILDING - FOR REIMBURSEMENT \$0  
PURPOSES ONLY (JW06, A-4 minus B-4-New and E-4-Existing; minimum = 0)

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING INCENTIVES

H. PROJECT BUILDING CONSTRUCTED AND BASED ON APPROVED FACILITY DESIGN  
RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL DESIGN CLEARINGHOUSE

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	=	\$0	
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	=	\$0	
3. Additional Funding - School Design Clearinghouse (H-1 plus H-2)					\$0

I. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ALTERS OR EXPANDS EXISTING BUILDING

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	=	\$0	
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	=	\$32,860	
3. Lines I-1 plus I-2 - Subtotal				\$32,860	
4. Additional Funding - Existing Building (I-3 minus G; minimum = 0)					\$32,860

J. PROJECT BUILDING RECEIVING SILVER, GOLD OR PLATINUM LEED CERTIFICATION  
OR TWO, THREE OR FOUR GREEN GLOBES CERTIFICATION

1. Elementary Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$470	X	0.0000	\$0	
				(1.0000 for NEW BLDG, ALT & ADD/ALT; B-3 for REIMB BASIS: ADD only project)		
2. Secondary & Vocational Rated Pupil Capacity	X	\$620	X	0.0000	\$0	
				(1.0000 for NEW BLDG, ALT & ADD/ALT; B-3 for REIMB BASIS: ADD only project)		
3. Additional Funding - LEED or Green Globes certification (J-1 plus J-2)					\$0	

K. APPROVED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING INCENTIVES (JW06, line F plus JW07, lines H, I and J) \$361,460

	NEW	EXISTING
L. REIMBURSABLE SITE COSTS		
1. Rough Grading to Receive the Building (JW05, line N)	\$0	XXXXXXXXXX
2. Sanitary Sewage Disposal (JW05, line O-3)	\$0	\$0
3. Architect's Fee on Rough Grading & Sewage Disposal (JW05, line P-9)	\$0	\$0
4. Site Acquisition Costs (JW05, Q-6)	\$0	XXXXXXXXXX
5. Reimbursable Site Costs (L-1 thru L-4)	\$0	\$0

M. LINES K PLUS L-5 ---> \$361,460

N. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

1. Total Project Costs (J03, line I)	\$3,843,233
2. Less: Adjustment if applicable (JW01)	\$0
3. Adjusted Total Project Costs (N-1 minus N-2)	\$3,843,233

O. MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT (lesser of M or N-3) \$361,460

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLANCON-JW07

PERMANENT REIMBURSABLE PERCENT FOR ISSUE OR NOTE FINANCING POST-BEC 24 P.S. 25-2574 PROJECTS ONLY

LEASE #: 083289  
SD/AVTS: SPRING-FORD AREA  
FINANCING METHOD: CASH  
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$3,843,233  
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

ALWAYS INPUT CASH (IF NOT TREATED AS A SEPARATE SOURCE) ON PAGE J03 INFO  
FOR ISSUES OR NOTES WITH BOTH PRE- AND POST-BEC 24 P.S. 25-2574 PROJECTS, USE WORKSHEET JB-BOTH.

ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION FOR ALL PROJECTS FUNDED BY THESE REVENUE SOURCES

LEASE #: 083289 SD/AVTS: SPRING-FORD AREA

IF MORE THAN ONE BOND ISSUE USED TO FUND THE PROJECT(S), ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR THE ISSUE TO BE ADJUSTED; DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON THE WORKSHEETS USED FOR THE OTHER ISSUES FUNDING THE PROJECT(S).

PAGE J04 INFORMATION FOR ISSUES FINANCING BEC 24 P.S. 25-2574 PROJECTS ONLY  
FOR REFUNDING WITH NEW MONEY, USE NEW MONEY-TOTAL FOR TOTAL BOND ISSUE

LEASE NO.	083289	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	TOTAL	ADJUSTED TOTAL *
TOTAL BOND ISSUE	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,843,233	\$3,843,233
TOTAL OID/OIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BUILDING INSURANCE RECEIVED								\$0	\$0
SALE OF BUILDING AND LAND								\$0	\$0
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDS-NOT SHARED								\$0	\$0
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDS-SHARED								\$0	\$0
TOTAL								\$3,843,233	\$3,843,233

ALWAYS COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL PROJECTS FUNDED BY THIS ISSUE ONLY.

\* - GREATER OF J03 OR J04

PAGE J03 INFORMATION ON BEC 24 P.S. 25-2574 PROJECTS ONLY

PROJECT NO.	3289	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	TOTAL
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,843,233
OID/OIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
INTEREST EARNINGS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BUILDING INSURANCE RECEIVED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SALE OF BUILDING AND LAND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDS-NOT SHARED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDS-SHARED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

TOTAL OID/OIP & INTEREST EARNINGS ON PAGE J04	\$0
PROJECT COSTS AS PCT OF ADJUSTED TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	0.00%
CALCULATED REIMBURSABLE PROJECT SHARE	\$0
ADJUSTMENT (CALCULATED OID/OIP & INTEREST EARNINGS (J03) MINUS	\$0
ACTUAL INTEREST EARNINGS; MIN = 0)	

1/2/2015

PERMANENT REIMBURSABLE PERCENT							
LEASE #: 083289						FINANCING METHOD:	
SD/AVTS: SPRING-FORD AREA						TOTAL AMOUNT:	
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008						CASH	
						\$3,843,233.00	
PROJECT NUMBER & PROJECT BLDG NAME	3289 DAO	XXXX XXXX	XXXX XXXX	XXXX XXXX	XXXX XXXX	XXXX XXXX	TOTAL
A-1. AMOUNT FINANCED BY THE ABOVE ISSUE, NOTE OR CASH PAYMENT FOR THIS PROJECT (J03, LINE J)	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,843,233
A-2. ADJUSTED AMOUNT FINANCED (A-1 minus ADJ)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	\$3,843,233
B. TOTAL AMOUNT FINANCED FOR THIS PROJECT - ALL ISSUES, NOTES AND CASH PAYMENTS (J03, LINE J-TOTAL)	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
C. AMOUNT FINANCED FACTOR (A-1 divided by B)	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
D. ADJUSTED MAXIMUM REIM- BURSABLE PROJECT AMOUNT	\$361,460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
E. REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS ISSUE, NOTE OR CASH PYMT (C times D)	\$361,460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$361,460
F-1. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2. LESS: CASH / OTHER FUNDS NOT SHARED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3. ADJUSTED PROJECT COSTS	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
G. PROJECT COSTS ASSIGNABLE TO THIS BOND ISSUE (C times F-3)	\$3,843,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,843,233
H. TOTAL ISSUE, NOTE OR CASH	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	\$3,843,233
I. ADJ AMT FINANCED DIVIDED BY TOTAL ISSUE/ NOTE/CASH (A-2 divided by H)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	1.0000
J. PRORATED REIMBURSEMENT DIVIDED BY PROJECT COSTS ( E div. by G; max = 1)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.0941
K. REIMBURSABLE FRACTION (I times J)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.0941
L. REIMBURSABLE PERCENT (K times 100)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	9.41%
NOTES: ADJUSTMENT = \$0							

PLANCON-JW09 -P%