

On October 24, 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 Bernard F. Pettit  
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: **Kelly J. Spletzer** and **Colleen Zasowski**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Danny announced that Spring-Ford Spirit Week, Pep Rally and Homecoming was a great success, even with some chilly, rainy weather conditions. He added that this week the high school auditorium will be transformed for the fall play, *Noises Off*, which will take place this Friday and Saturday. Danny reported that tickets are still available and additional information can be found on the district's website. Danny reported that another big event taking place this week is the Spring-Ford SNAP's Harlem Wizards fundraiser. The event will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Danny stated that SNAP invites each Board Member along with family and friends to this exciting event. Proceeds help support the Post Prom celebration.

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

There were no comments from the public.

#### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Kollar introduced the semi-finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program and stated that these 3 students were among the 16,000 highest performers out of the 1.5 million students in the country who took last fall's PSATs. Dr. Kollar explained the process students had to follow in order to continue on and be considered for a monetary award. Dr. Kollar stated that the high school is very proud of these students and he asked each student to come forward so they could be presented with a certificate in recognition of their achievements.

- A. **Dr. Jeffrey A. Kollar**, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade House Principal, to recognize the following 3 students on being named as "Semi-Finalists" in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

**Emily E. Archey**  
**Melissa A. Mathias**  
**Sonal Tyagi**

Dr. Kollar introduced the commended students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. He stated that this is the largest amount in Spring-Ford's history that we have ever had and added that these 18 students were among the 34,000 highest performers out of the 1.6 million students in the country who took last fall's PSATs. Dr. Kollar stated that the high school is very proud of these students and he asked each student to come forward so they could be presented with a certificate in recognition of their achievements.

Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin congratulated the scholars recognized this evening and stated that they are very proud that these students represent Spring-Ford.

- B. **Dr. Jeffrey A. Kollar**, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade House Principal, to recognize the following 18 students on being named as "Commended Students" in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

**Kyraen E. Bittner**  
**Daniel G. Carr**  
**Julia M. Gray**  
**Ethan Q. Hellberg**  
**Martin L. Magazzolo**  
**Robert J. Meade**  
**Aidan A. Montare**  
**Timothy A. Moran**  
**Matthew M. Mouck**

**Meredith M. Orme**  
**Emma L. Peterman**  
**Kyle R. Reed**  
**Arturo E. Rosas**  
**Nicholas J. Salomone**  
**Justin D. Scarpulla**  
**Benjamin R. Taddeo**  
**Jenna R. Tomarelli**  
**Brian J. Zimmie**

Dr. Goodin stated that Spring-Ford was able to put in a new program at the elementary level this year called Ram QUEST. Dr. Goodin commented that he knows the students who are in Ram QUEST class are very excited and engaged. Dr. Goodin introduced a video put together by Mr. Bonetz of what is taking place in the Ram QUEST classrooms.

Mrs. Bast introduced the Ram QUEST teachers that were present for the meeting tonight. She explained the reason for the name Ram Quest saying that they wanted to capture what the students were doing and stated that it stands for Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Searching and Teaming. Mrs. Bast added that the vision for this class was for students to be doing and creating things, thinking about real world problems, and applying some ideas in math and science. Mrs. Bast stated that when they thought about what they could bring to this class they thought about 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that students would need to be successful in with the world we live in today. Mrs. Bast elaborated that when we talk about STEAM or STEM learning we are really talking about 4 primary things such as communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Mrs. Bast explained that this class is a special that students attend once during a six-day cycle. Mrs. Bast provided a brief explanation of the curriculum for the Ram QUEST class. Mrs. Bast thanked the teachers who came in over the summer to work on the curriculum for the program. She also extended her thanks to the Ram QUEST teachers at each of the elementary buildings. Mrs. Bast showed some of the press that the district has been receiving on the program as well as the positive and supporting comments parents were posting on Facebook about their child's experience with Ram QUEST.

Mr. Ciresi commented that this is a great program and he is glad to see this. He stated that he had a couple of parents at the beginning of the year who did not think we were teaching STEAM at the elementary level. Mr. Ciresi said it is a great thing to see kids starting out with this at this level as it will give kids more advantages as they move through the system. He thanked Mrs. Bast and her department for all of their work.

Mr. DiBello stated that this was the last piece in incorporating STEM/STEAM into Springfield as we started with this at the high school level and we have started to roll back into the other grades. Mr. DiBello said he believes it is great and you always want to have a plan in place in order to start this at the elementary level and tie it into the middle school and high school levels. Mr. DiBello stated that there has been a lot of excitement in the district over this. Mr. DiBello added that the Board has been very supportive and had full faith that Mrs. Bast had everything under control for the rolling out of the program. Mr. DiBello commended Mrs. Bast and all of the teachers involved with the program saying it is a great first year and has shown success. Mrs. Bast acknowledged the elementary principals for their support of the Ram QUEST Program in their buildings.

Mr. Pettit stated that all of the administrators and staff should receive kudos for their support of this program and that the Board is appreciative of this support.

C. **Dr. David R. Goodin**, Superintendent of Schools, and **Mrs. Kimberly Bast**, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, to provide an update on the Ram QUEST Program.

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

#### **Curriculum/Technology Dawn Heine**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Heine reported that the Curriculum/Technology Committee met and received a STEM update. She stated that on the curriculum side the district will participate in an Hour of Code again this year. She also reported that there was a warm reception by students and their families for the Ram QUEST Program and a lot of positive feedback has been received. Mrs. Heine advised that the district is going through a Project Lead the Way certification process with a visit by PLTW taking place in November. The Curriculum Department held a Girl Power which was a STEM night for girls. Mrs. Gardy updated the committee on the roll out of the new ELA curriculum and the additional training that took place for staff at the October in-service. Mrs. Rochlin provided a Math/Science update and the Math Night taking place in November for all parents. She also advised that 7-12 Math and Science curriculum continues to be reviewed. Mrs. Heine reported that on the technology side the district is working with a couple of vendor to explore options for replacing the current phone system. The focus is on finding a system with ease of management, the best upfront and reoccurring costs, and the longevity of the solution. Mrs. Heine reported the network changes made before school began, such as the firmware upgrades and configuration changes, have not caused any impact to the network. The Technology Department is on track to complete their work by the end of this calendar year and will assess the work through the remaining part of the school year. The district is also looking into a third vendor for switch testing. Mrs. Heine reported that the Technology Department is working on putting together a full listing of all of the Smartboards in the district including the age of the equipment in order to determine how to handle a refresh cycle for the devices. The committee received an update on Modernized Learning which reported that the training for all cohorts for the High School Project occurred in September and both teacher and students are excited. Training was also provided to teachers new to Hybrid Learning and additional time for learning, planning and collaborating will take place in October.

#### **WMCTC**

**Ciresi, Dressler, Heine**

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

Dr. Dressler reported that there was no meeting in October. He added that there was an open house for the community to view the new Sports Medicine Program facility last Wednesday which is a beautiful new facility. The Community Dinner is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Dressler reported that the new digital sign has been installed and is

working well. Mr. Moritzen advised that the sign has been a good addition as people passing by the Western Center have stopped in and asked about programs that are advertised and highlighted on the sign.

**Legislative Committee**

**Dawn Heine**

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

Mrs. Heine reported that a new Pension Reform Bill IFO report was presented last week with hybrid options for new employees. The majority agreed to wait for this IFO report before moving it out so once again this is on hold. Mrs. Heine reported that House Bill 530 which is in regard to the Charter Bill was being ramped up today in Harrisburg. Mrs. Heine stated that she had not gotten an update yet today on whether this did go to the floor for a vote. Mrs. Heine stated that this is a bill that really impacts the district again as it changes the format of charter schools and limits the ability of the district's to control how and what is taught at the charter schools.

Mr. DiBello spoke about this saying this goes a lot further than that as it pains them as a School Board as it is the state legislators working in Harrisburg to come up with creative ways to basically screw the school districts. He spoke about House Bill 1993 which would limit the school district's ability to go after reassessments on properties which could cost the district a lot of tax revenue. He also spoke about House Bill 530 which is supposed to be a charter school reform bill but is really focused on less control over charter schools. Mr. DiBello expressed his frustration and urged the public to understand the bills, contact their legislators and he asked that the public take action.

Dr. Dressler commented that this is being rushed through the House and Senate before the public even has time to become aware of it. Dr. Dressler stated that if the public is going to help the district with this then they need to help now because the legislators are trying to finish this by the end of the week. He asked that the public contact their Senator and State Representative sometime tomorrow as it is very important to the district.

Mr. Pettit expressed that he hoped that this had not already been voted on today.

Mrs. Heine reported that if anyone had seen that the SPP scores that were presented last week had been pulled back she wanted to advise that the district had not been affected by the pull back and recalculation of some of those scores. She advised that the district had received some unofficial results and other than a very minor update to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores our scores have not changed.

**Personnel**

**Bernard Pettit**

**(As Needed)**

Mr. Pettit reported that there is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday evening and he will report on this next month.

**PSBA Liaison**

**Dr. Edward Dressler**

Dr. Dressler reported that he attended the PSBA School Leadership Conference. He stated that there were some very interesting keynote speakers who spoke about modern learning methods in the classroom with regards to new technology. The speaker had stated that when determining whether to purchase new technology you must ask yourself the questions on whether the new technology will permit you to do things that you couldn't do before, are there new things that the students can learn with the new technology or are you just buying new equipment rather than making some educational innovation. Another keynote speaker pointed out that new graduates in the Computer Science field this year will be earning \$86,000 a year whereas non-Computer Science graduates will earn about \$45,000. He also pointed

out that 60% of kindergarten students will work in jobs that do not even exist today. Dr. Dressler reported that he attended a school nutrition program discussion on how to make food more palatable to students. The discussion also concerned how districts can find alternate sources of revenue such as selling meals to private schools or doing private catering. Dr. Dressler advised that Great Valley School District earns approximately \$135,000 per year by selling food to private schools. Lower Merion earns about \$700,000 per year doing this same type of thing. Dr. Dressler stated that this is something the district should consider as an alternate source of funding. Dr. Dressler advised that another topic that was very widely discussed was the transgender issue and unfortunately no one has come up with a solution on how to deal with this in a uniform way but this is definitely a topic that is being highly discussed. Dr. Dressler added that as previously discussed with regards to House Bill 530, PSBA is very hot on this issue to try and get this bill opposed.

**MCIU**

**Tom DiBello**

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

Mr. DiBello reported that much of the conversation at the last meeting centered on the various bills in the House and Senate which were discussed earlier in this meeting. The MCIU Board is in the process of coming to an agreement with the professional staff. Mr. DiBello advised that other than these things it was normal monthly business that took place at the meetings.

**Superintendent Report**

**Dr. David R. Goodin**

Dr. Goodin reported that on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Upper Providence Elementary the Curriculum and Instruction Team will be hosting a Family Math Night for students in grades K-6 and their parents. He added that Brooke Elementary will be hosting Thom Stecher for a Parent Night Out. Thom Stecher is a nationally-recognized speaker specializing in self-esteem, wellness, and student assistance programs. Thom believes that connection, compassion and courage are the future of education. Dr. Goodin spoke about Spirit Week last week and the Powder Puff Football game. He reported that bad weather caused the Homecoming Football game being cancelled. He added that the Spring-Ford Education Association normally during the Homecoming festivities provides free hamburgers and hot dogs to the community but this could not happen this year due to the cancellation of the event. Dr. Goodin reported that SFEA donated the more than 10,000 food items to the local food banks. He expressed his appreciation to the teachers for their generous support of the community.

Dr. Goodin commented that 2 years ago they started the process of bringing the Hybrid Learning Instructional Strategies that had been taking place at Spring City Elementary over to Royersford Elementary. He advised that the first year it was rolled out to the K-2 and this year it was introduced at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level. He asked Dr. Carboy to provide an update on how the program was going at Royersford Elementary.

Dr. Carboy stated that it is exciting to be part of a district that recognizes and embraces technology. She said it is even more exciting to be an administrator in the district. Dr. Carboy stated that hybrid learning has been fully implemented in grades K-2 and this year it was made part of grade 3. Dr. Carboy added that hybrid learning/blended learning is an instructional practice that combines technology with best teaching practices. She advised that her 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are already asking when they can start adopting this in their classrooms. She reported on the difference in the classroom environment between those classes using the hybrid learning method and those who are not. She stated that it is a different environment and provides a great opportunity that improves teaching and learning. Dr. Carboy commented that she will provide the board with another update later in the year. Dr. Carboy thanked the Board, the administrators and the Technology Department for their support of the program.

Mr. DiBello commented that the hybrid learning method taking place at Royersford and Spring City Elementary as well as the modernized learning method taking place at the high school are examples of everyone working very hard to not just put technology into the classrooms but making it part of the curriculum. He added that there was a lot of angst when it was first rolled out. Dr. Carboy replied that everyone needs to understand what hybrid learning really is as there are some misconceptions on what hybrid learning really is. She explained the rotation that takes place in a hybrid classroom and the work that takes place at each station. Dr. Carboy stated that a teacher she interviewed during her dissertation research had summed up hybrid learning as they are no longer entertaining students but rather engaging them.

Mr. Ciresi stated that he can see the excitement over these programs that Dr. Carboy has and in the presentations you can see how engaged the kids are. He commented that this really is a tribute to the district as they took a chance to move to hybrid 6 years ago as they had a vision on where this was going. Mr. Ciresi thanked Dr. Carboy and her staff as well as the staff at Spring City Elementary.

Dr. Carboy extended her thanks to her staff members as with hybrid learning there is a lot more planning and preparation that goes along with the program. She added that the teachers are excited about it because they see the positive results in not only the students but in their own teaching practices.

**Solicitor's Report                      Mark Fitzgerald**

Mr. Fitzgerald reminded the Board that on the agenda this evening were six proposed motions regarding outstanding assessment appeals. He advised that these are not the only ones taking place currently. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that also on the agenda under New Finance which is the resolution for the refunding of the 2007 bonds.

**IV. MINUTES**

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

A. The Board approved the September 19, 2016 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A1)**

**NEW MINUTES**

B. The Board approved the September 26, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A2)**

**V. PERSONNEL**

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

Dr. Goodin commented that he would like to wish Barbara Good the best on her retirement and stated that she has been with the district for approximately 24 years and will be missed from the ranks of the teachers.

The motion passed 7-0.

**A. Resignations**

1. **Kristi DePetrillo**; Food Service, Part-time (3 hour/day), 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center.  
Effective: October 7, 2016.

2. **Sarah E. Fulton**; Instructional Assistant, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Effective: October 14, 2016.
3. **Barbara C. Good**; Elementary Teacher, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, for the purpose of Retirement. Effective: January 25, 2017.

**New Resignation**

4. **Emily A. Peden**; Instructional Assistant, Evans Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: September 23, 2016.

**B. Temporary Professional Employee**

1. **Sara L. Wanamaker**; Special Education - Learning Support Teacher, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Dana Starkey who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at BS, Step 2, \$45,900.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: October 17, 2016.

**C. Support Staff Employee**

1. **Christina A. Dyer**; Part-time, Food Service (3 hour/day), 5/6/7 Grade Center, replacing Nicole L. Collins who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$12.91/hour per the Food Service Plan. Effective: October 17, 2016.
2. **Crystal L. Fritz**; Instructional Assistant, Royersford Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: October 10, 2016.
3. **Susan DeSalvatore**; Part-time, Food Service (4 hour/day), Oaks Elementary School, replacing Lori Hoffecker who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$12.91/hour per the Food Service Plan. Effective: October 17, 2016.

**D. Change of Status**

1. **John M. Watkins**; Maintenance II to Maintenance III. Compensation has been set at \$27.13/hour with benefits per the Maintenance Plan. Effective: October 25, 2016.

**E. Personnel Information Items**

The individuals listed below have completed three (3) years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employees and were granted tenure status:

1. **Emily Belisario**      5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center
2. **Ann Richardson**      Senior High School

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

**VI. FINANCE**

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

Mr. DiBello commented on Item L saying that the savings will be spread out over 6-7 years and right now we are looking at a savings of \$3.3 million. Mr. DiBello stated that as we go into the budget next month we will be realizing a portion of that over the 7 year period.

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. 162343 – 162819	\$1,621,223.33
ACH 161700108 - 161700144	\$ 382,838.90

2. Capital Reserve Checks

Check No. 1216-1225	\$ 408,800.85
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3. Food Service Checks

Check No. 12959 – 13031	\$ 112,702.16
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4. Procurement Payments

201601224 – 201601247	\$ 6,107.50
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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 of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 319 Commerce Court in Limerick Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 37-00-00614-89-7 setting the assessments of the property at \$1,128,600 for tax year 2010 (school tax year 2010-11), \$1,172,490 for tax year 2011 (school tax year 2011-12), \$1,212,200 for tax year 2012 (school tax year 2012-13), \$1,295,800 for tax year 2013 (school tax year 2013-14), \$1,325,060 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$1,201,750 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$1,174,580 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$1,172,490 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.

E. The Board of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 213 Jones Blvd. in Limerick Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 37-00-01241-62-1 setting the assessments of the property at \$928,800 for



tax year 2010 (school tax year 2010-11), \$964,920 for tax year 2011 (school tax year 2011-12), \$997,600 for tax year 2012 (school tax year 2012-13), \$1,066,400 for tax year 2013 (school tax year 2013-14), \$1,090,480 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$989,000 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$966,640 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$964,920 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.

- F. The Board of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 118 Industrial Drive in Limerick Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 37-00-01240-60-4 setting the assessments of the property at \$699,300 for tax year 2010 (school tax year 2010-11), \$726,495 for tax year 2011 (school tax year 2011-12), \$751,100 for tax year 2012 (school tax year 2012-13), \$802,900 for tax year 2013 (school tax year 2013-14), \$821,030 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$744,625 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$727,790 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$726,495 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.
- G. The Board of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 110 Industrial Drive in Limerick Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 37-00-01240-58-6 setting the assessments of the property at \$739,800 for tax year 2010 (school tax year 2010-11), \$768,570 for tax year 2011 (school tax year 2011-12), \$794,600 for tax year 2012 (school tax year 2012-13), \$849,400 for tax year 2013 (school tax year 2013-14), \$868,580 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$787,750 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$769,940 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$768,570 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.
- H. The Board of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 206 Jones Blvd. in Limerick Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 37-00-01240-50-5 setting the assessments of the property at \$3,074,900 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$2,788,750 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$2,725,700 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$2,720,850 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.
- I. The Board of School Directors authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 100 Cresson Blvd. in Upper Providence Township and further identified as tax parcel No. 61-00-01208-19-8 setting the assessments of the property at \$3,562,350 for tax year 2011 (school tax year 2011-12), \$3,683,000 for tax year 2012 (school tax year 2012-13), \$3,813,000 for tax year 2013 (school tax year 2013-14), \$3,899,100 for tax year 2014 (school tax year 2014-15), \$3,421,250 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16), \$3,343,900 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and \$3,337,950 for tax year 2017 (school tax year 2017-18) and for each subsequent tax year until a change in the property's assessment pursuant to applicable law.

- J. 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 2 assemblies for kindergarten students at Limerick Elementary School entitled "*Winter Secrets*". Funding will be paid by the Limerick Home and School League and shall not exceed \$220.00.
  2. **Camfel Productions, Inc. – Irwindale, CA.** Provide 2 interactive assemblies for students at Royersford Elementary entitled "*The Right Choice*". Funding will be paid by the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$895.00.
  3. **Montgomery County SPCA – Conshohocken, PA.** Provide an assembly for 2nd grade students at Royersford Elementary School entitled "*Pet Care*". There is no cost for this assembly.
  4. **Spring-Ford Community Theatre – Royersford, PA.** Provide a performance at the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center entitled "*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare – abridged*". There is no cost for this performance.
  5. **All For Kidz, Inc. – Lynnewood, WA.** Provide a character building educational assembly for all students at Evans Elementary School entitled "*The NED Show*". Funding will be paid by the Evans Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

**New Independent Contracts**

6. **Michael Anthony Steele – Kerens, TX.** Provide 3 assemblies at Evans Elementary, Oaks Elementary, Royersford Elementary, and Upper Providence Elementary entitled "I Can Do That". The total cost shall not exceed \$3,240.00 (\$810 per school) and will be funded by the Evans Elementary Assembly Budget, the Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association, the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Organization.
  7. **Benmor Enterprises – Bushkill, PA.** Provide a Dinosaur Dig Presentation at Oaks Elementary School for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. The total cost shall not exceed \$525.00 and will be paid by the Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association.
- K. The Board approved the following independent contracts:
1. **Dr. Kara Schmidt, Psychologist – Media, PA.** Conduct an independent education evaluation for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$4,350.00.
  2. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Conduct a psychological evaluation for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$2,525.97.

3. **Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. – Exton, PA.** Provide Occupational and Physical Therapy services for special needs students attending outside placements. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$5,000.00.
4. **LifeWorks Schools, Foundations Behavioral Health – Doylestown, 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 \$284.00 per day for 180 days. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$51,120.00.
5. **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.

## **NEW FINANCE**

- L. The Board approved **Resolution #2016-29** authorizing the issuance of 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"). (**Attachment A4**)

## **VII. PROPERTY**

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

Mrs. Heine commented on Item A saying the funding for this motion is coming out of Capital Funding and is in thanks to planning that has been done to make sure that we can make replacements to older equipment.

The motion passed 7-0.

- A. The Board approved the purchase of 14 cameras and accessories to replace the existing cameras and accessories used by the broadcasting classes and TV Studio. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve and shall not exceed \$45,000.00.
- B. The Board approved entering into an extended service agreement with Daktronics, Inc. to service scoreboards and message boards. This agreement will run from October 2016 to June 2020. Funding will come from the Maintenance Budget and shall not exceed \$20,940.00, payable in 4 yearly payments of \$5,235.00.

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

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Items A-H 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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## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- A. **Barbara Paige**, Speech Therapist, to attend the "*Assessing with the Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment (VB-MAPP)*" at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on February 9, 2017. The total cost of this conference is \$150.00 (for one day of substitute coverage).

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CENTER**

- B. **Cathy Bradfield**, Certified School Nurse, to attend the “*2016 Countywide School Nurse Conference*” at Immaculata University on November 8, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$45.00 (registration). No substitute is needed as this is being held on a district in-service day.
- C. **Delores McCarter**, School Counselor, to attend “*LGBTQ Students – Creating Safe Schools*” at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA in the morning on December 5, 2016. There is no cost for this conference and no substitute is needed.

**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CENTER**

- D. **Anne Marie Brown** and **Mari O’Drain**, School Counselors, to attend “*Reasoning with Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional Regulation*” at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA on October 28, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$158.00 (registration). No substitutes are needed.
- E. **Jennifer McGlade**, Reading Specialist, to attend “*Literacy Fest*” at the Perkiomen Valley Middle School on November 5, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$40.00 (registration). No substitute is needed as this conference takes place on a Saturday.

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- F. **John Hughes**, Department Chair for School Counselors, to attend “*Yoga and Mindfulness for Kids*” at the Crowne Plaza Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA on December 7, 2016. The total cost for this conference is \$238.89 (registration and mileage). No substitute is needed.

**DISTRICT-WIDE**

- G. **Ashley Baisch**, **Emily McGranahan**, and **Yvonne O’Dea**, Music Educators, to attend “*PMEA District 11 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference*” at the Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA on November 8, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$115.00 (registration). No substitutes are needed as this is being held on a district in-service day.
- H. **Kimberly Bast**, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, **Kathleen Kotch**, **Mary Pat Long** and **Dr. Theresa Weidenbaugh**, Principals, to attend the “*SAS Institute*” in Hershey, PA from December 4 through December 6, 2016. The total cost of this conference is \$1,316.00 (registration, transportation, meals). No substitutes are required.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- A The Board gave approval for the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls’ Softball Team to accept the invitation to participate in the Walt Disney-ESPN Wide World of Sports spring training, scrimmages and games, from March 22, 2017 to March 27, 2017 in

Orlando, Florida. The program will be for varsity level competition and the team will be scheduled to participate in one approved scrimmage and four regular season contests which are part of the 2017 schedule, which allows a maximum of 20 contests and 2 scrimmages as per PIAA by-laws. The cost per student-athlete will be approximately \$1,200.00 including transportation. The High School Softball Program and staff will conduct fundraising events to help defray the costs. Student-athletes will miss three school days and will be responsible for making up any missed work. The total cost to the district is \$900.00 for 3 days of substitute coverage for the 2 coaching staff members.

- B. The Board gave approval for Yvonne O'Dea (Choir Director) to take the Spring-Ford High School Vocal Ensemble to perform with the United States Army Band Chorus in Arlington, Virginia from Friday, March 31, 2017 through Saturday, April 1, 2017. The High School Choir will be travelling by chartered bus and staying at a hotel in Virginia. The cost of the trip shall not exceed \$325.00 per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association and staff will conduct fundraising events to help defray the costs. Students will miss one day of school and will be responsible for making up any missed work. The total cost to the district is \$150.00 for one day of substitute coverage for Mrs. O'Dea.

**X. BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Ciresi acknowledged all of the good taking place in our district as highlighted at our meeting this evening. He commented that he has objected in Harrisburg for years against the funding of charter schools and them being able to run however they want to and we are forced to hand out \$2.3 million per year to that. He asked if any of the state legislators or representatives understand what the school boards go through sitting at this table when they have to make decisions regarding the budget. He commented on the small tax increases the district has managed to do all while not having any programs suffer and said just imagine what we could do with that extra \$2.3 million which would definitely alleviate any tax increase and help advance this district even further. Mr. Ciresi urged the public to reach out to and contact their legislators and elected officials opposing the passing of the charter school bill as if it passes it is another step in the wrong direction.

Dr. Dressler commented that the public should also take note of the fact that it has been a long time since the district has seen a state representative or at state senator come out to one of our School Board meetings.

**XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

There were no comments from the public.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Heine made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary

On September 19, 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, 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**

Taylor invited everyone to attend the Spring-Ford Music Association's 2nd Mattress Fundraiser being held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. She announced that Spring-Ford High School cafeteria will be transformed into a luxury mattress showroom from 10 a.m. to 5p.m. with discounted prices, over 20 sets to try, and options for pickup or delivery. Taylor advised that every purchase supports Spring-Ford music students. Taylor reminded parents that the High School Open House will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

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

There were no comments from the public.

#### **II. PRESENTATION**

- A. **Dr. David Goodin**, Superintendent, and **Mr. Bruce Cooper**, Director of Planning, Operations and Facilities, to provide an update on the Fitness Center and Music Wing Expansion

Dr. Goodin stated that they would like to recap for the full Board the presentation of the information received from Crabtree and Rohrbaugh that was given at the recent Property Committee meeting. The information looked at the two areas of deficiency in the high school and those areas are the fitness area and the performing arts area.

Mr. Cooper recapped the presentation from the Board Property Committee meeting with regards to the fitness area expansion and the performing arts area expansion. Mr. Cooper stated that what is being presented are all concept drawings of two areas of need and growth in the district. He provided background on the meetings with the architects that have taken place which included building administration, staff members and district office administration. Mr. Cooper reported that throughout the process the information obtained was brought back and shared with the Board. Mr. Cooper first presented information on the fitness center expansion. He showed an aerial view and a diagram that indicated where the proposed addition would be located. The approximate square footage of this

proposed area 14,488 and including the lower level the square footage comes to 19,708. The approximate costs for this expansion including soft costs would be between 4,946,964 and \$6,042,762 including the mezzanine. Without the mezzanine the approximate costs including soft costs are between \$4,197,414 and \$5,155,137. Mr. Cooper next spoke about the expansion of the performing arts area. He showed an aerial view and a diagram of this proposed area. Mr. Cooper reported that the total approximate square footage of this proposed area is 9,817 and including the existing area the total approximate square footage would be 16,000. The approximate costs for this expansion including soft costs would be between \$2,860,590 - \$3,302,904. Mr. Cooper stated that the combined cost for both projects would be between \$7.5 million and \$9.5 million. Mr. Cooper stated that the next step would be for the Board to make a motion to write an agreement between the district and the architect for the alterations and additions to the high school. Mr. Cooper explained the process for each stage of the project and stated that each phase would require Board approval. Mr. Cooper added that the architect fee normally is 7% of the total project costs and is broken down into billing phases.

Mrs. Spletzer asked about 7% costs and Mr. Cooper replied that 7% was an estimate and that possibly the solicitor could negotiate a better rate. Mrs. Spletzer asked if the 7% or whatever the percentage may be was included in the estimates and Mr. Cooper replied no.

Dr. Dressler asked if the presentation from this evening would be available online so that the Board and the public can look at the plans. Mr. DiBello advised that the presentation could be found in the Property Committee folder for the Board to view.

Mrs. Spletzer asked if the next step was for the Board to make a motion for the solicitor to enter into an agreement with the architect.

Mrs. Spletzer made motion to instruct the administration to write an agreement between the district and the architect for the alterations and additions to the buildings including the solicitor review. Mr. Dehnert stated that anything they do should be voted on next week. Mrs. Spletzer said her motion was for this to be put on the agenda next week. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion.

Mr. DiBello stated that there is a motion and a second and since this was not on the agenda they must open up the floor for public comment.

Mr. Dehnert clarified that the motion is to put this on the agenda for next week and this was confirmed.

Mr. Fitzgerald commented that they would work out the final language for the action item but generally it would be authorizing the administration with the solicitor's office to engage an agreement with the architect which would then be brought back for final approval.

Mr. DiBello stated that in series of steps outlined by Mr. Cooper, the project could be stopped at any point and Mr. Cooper stated that Mr. Fitzgerald could write it so that in the schematic the Board could decide whether to move onto each of the next steps.

Mr. Dehnert questioned whether it was necessary to have a motion to place a motion on the agenda next week. Mr. DiBello stated that a motion was already made and seconded.

Dr. Dressler commented that he personally needs more time than just one week to digest this and he is not in favor of having this placed on the agenda for a vote next week. Dr. Dressler felt that the Board needed time and the public needed time to look at the numbers presented and to look for an alternate source of funding for the project.

Mrs. Zasowski commented that she agrees with Mrs. Spletzer and Mr. Wolf and feels that the motion should be put on the agenda for next week based on the fact that the Board has been digesting this and a great deal of time was spent on this at the Property Committee meeting last week.

Mr. Dehnert again raised his point that he did not believe there needed to be a motion to put a motion on the agenda next week as the Board President works along with the Superintendent on the agenda. Mr. Fitzgerald responded that it was really a Board prerogative on whether to put a motion on the agenda now for this to be added to the agenda next week or to just unilaterally add the motion to the agenda next week.

Mr. DiBello stated that he has a motion and a second and he is following forward with protocol which is to ask for public comment. Mr. DiBello asked those members of the public wishing to speak to sign up on the sheet provided at the podium. Mr. DiBello asked everyone to please keep their comments to a few minutes or less so that everyone's input could be received.

The following community members and staff members all spoke in favor of the fitness area expansion and performing arts area expansion. They also defined their views on why they believe the project should be completed. No one spoke in opposition to the project.

**Dan Miscavage** – Upper Providence Township – Staff Member

**Clinton Fetterman** – Limerick Township

**Nancy Ritchie** – Upper Providence Township

**Christina Melton** – Limerick Township

**Diana Phifer** – Limerick Township

**Charles Huntington** – Upper Providence Township

**Matt German** – Collegeville

**Michael Scarcelle** – Upper Providence Township

**Wendy Kasky** – Schwenksville

**Emily McGranahan** – Lower Providence – Staff Member

**Ashley Baisch** – West Chester – Staff Member

**Kristen Katzianer** – Phoenixville – Staff Member

**Andreina Erwin** – Royersford Borough

**Karen Davis** – Mont Clare

**Dawn Platchek** – Limerick Township

**Jeff Turner** – Upper Providence Township

**Kimberly Florence** – Upper Providence Township

**Dan Johns** – Upper Providence Township

**Rob Studt** – Limerick Township

**Beth Studt** – Limerick Township

**Kathleen Major** – Upper Providence Township

**Deb Sanford** – Upper Providence Township

**Sharon Oleski** – Limerick Township

**Joseph Domin** – Upper Providence Township

**Linda Gilroy** – Upper Providence Township



**Keri Edwards** – Upper Providence Township  
**Kris Jennings** – Staff Member

Clarification was requested during the public comment section by Mrs. Melton on whether the project had a net zero impact from a tax base perspective due to the current debt structure of the school district and the way our debt is funded.

Mr. DiBello replied that the district has an annual debt service and we have been paying down the overall district debt for a while. Within the past 6 years or so we have paid down over \$150 million in district debt and our annual debt is only reduced by a little bit. Mr. DiBello equated it to buying a car where over time you pay down the overall debt but your payment stays the same. Mrs. Melton clarified that the annual debt service may not change and Mr. DiBello confirmed this was correct.

Mr. Fink added that essentially this was correct and we are looking at a bond refinance right now which the process is being started with a motion on the agenda tonight. He stated that the savings will be over a number of years and will reach out to the 7 year cliff that was discussed during the budget process. Mr. Fink commented that what more than likely will happen is that we will front load the interest end of it and backload the principal end of it which will take us to that cliff and have minimal impact for the construction side of things although we have not seen what the final numbers will be.

Mr. Dehnert asked if next week they could be told where the money was going to come from because the debt service does not go away until after a bond is paid off. Mr. Dehnert stated that they will not reduce any debt service payments until each of the bonds disappears. Mr. Dehnert added that if we are going to do this project in the next couple of years that unless a bond goes away when we borrow money we will have new debt service. Mr. Fink spoke about the motion on the agenda tonight to start the process for refinancing a section of the debt which will add some savings year over year on the debt service. Mr. Dehnert stated that the project is still not free as it is going to cost some money and if we spend money on anything like this it means we have an increase in our expenses. Mr. Dehnert added that when the debt service goes away we can reduce our budget and in essence reduce our taxes for those out years if the bond payments go away.

Mr. DiBello stated that he never said the project was going to be free. He explained the annual debt service and stated that the district has paid down the bonds and although they are not completely exhausted yet we do have a growing position on the bonds. Mr. DiBello spoke about the bonds that are currently being looked at for refinancing and stated that in about 6 years a majority of the bonds that we have in place will be paid off so there will be a drop in our annual debt service. He added that the drop could be as much as \$4 -\$5 million. Mr. DiBello clarified again that he did not say this project would be free and that he did say there would be an annual operational cost that would be added to the budget.

Mr. Dehnert stated that the converse is if they didn't do it then they could potentially lower the actual taxes that people pay today.

Mrs. Heine disagreed with Mr. Dehnert's statement saying a bond refinance is one-time Monies so they have never utilized bond refinancing money for the purpose of lowering taxes.

Mr. Dehnert stated he was not saying that but was saying that if they do not do the project and the bonds come off of the books the budget would decrease and they could have a tax decrease.

Mrs. Spletzer stated that the better way to look at this is if they didn't have to improve the facilities then yes they would be able to find a way to reduce the taxes for the taxpayers. Mrs. Spletzer stated that the architects came back and told us that our facilities are lacking and she felt we should do our due diligence to do more discovery. She added that the architects are the professionals and they came back and said our buildings and facilities are lacking and here is what they need to sufficiently serve the student population.

A question was raised during public comment on whether the expansion of the facilities was supposed to be part of a previous project but ended up being cut. Mr. Cooper replied that the performing arts area was never part of a former project and the fitness facility was not cut from the previous high school project but rather was just never considered.

Mr. Ciresi disputed this saying there was talk of a weight room expansion as part of the high school expansion 7 years ago. Mr. Cooper confirmed this was true but it was a stand-alone building across the street and the stadium. Mr. Dehnert commented that it was fieldhouse more like a locker room. Mr. Cooper stated that was correct as it was to be a locker room, weight room and was to be two floors. Mr. Ciresi stated that it was still on the plans to do something about the facility and Mr. Cooper replied yes.

Mr. DiBello commented that there have been two major additions to the high school since it was built and he asked Mr. Cooper to confirm that with the first addition there was talk of expanding gym space but this never made it to the plans.

Mr. Dehnert commented that he was on the Board when the last expansion was done and he does recall any discussion of adding or expanding a weight room. He added that there were all kinds of options that were proposed but administration did not make any recommendation to the Board to build it. Mr. Dehnert stated that they relied on what the administration recommended at the time and that is what they went with. Mr. Dehnert added that back then they did not know how much it was going to cost and that is why they got all different types of options for all kinds of things. Mr. Dehnert reported that the project, as it turns out, ran much lower than expected due to recession hitting which lowered the price of materials and had the contractors more hungry for business. He added that the district benefitted from the recession.

Mr. Ciresi clarified that Mr. Cooper just mentioned that there was a field house on the original plan and Mr. Cooper replied yes that there was a large project list of items that they wanted to be done but didn't due to the fear of the costs. Mr. Cooper indicated that the field house was on that list and it was voted down. Mr. Ciresi stated that he just wanted to make it clear that there was a project that was voted down and they are here tonight to try and correct a mistake from a previous Board by not having foresight to move it forward.

Dr. Goodin asked for clarification on a comment made Emily McGranahan, a staff member, regarding the district having been cited numerous times due to the lack of storage in the band room. Mrs. McGranahan stated that she believes that Mr. Jones has told her that they were cited due to the sousaphones taking up a lot of room and when the fire marshall came through the last three times he told Mr. Jones that they were not in compliance with the fire

code. Dr. Goodin questioned if there were any citations issued to the district and Mrs. McGranahan said she is relaying what Mr. Jones has told her. Mrs. McGranahan invited Dr. Goodin to come down to 4<sup>th</sup> period to see the crowded room and musical instruments.

Mr. DiBello thanked all of the public for their comments and stated that they were well received and he hoped that all Board Members would take everything that was said into consideration. Mr. DiBello thanked Mrs. Spletzer for making the motion. Mr. DiBello stated that he is glad that it will be on agenda for board to either move forward or not move forward. He added that the reason it has not moved forward is because there have been so much misinformation put out there such as if this project happens people's taxes will go up so high that they will lose their homes. Mr. DiBello expressed that he feels that we owe it to the students and to the community to provide the best educational opportunities and environment for our students because Spring-Ford is being ranked nationally and across the state for all of the successes both from an academic and an extracurricular standpoint. Mr. DiBello commented that he was glad to see all of the support tonight but it cannot stop here and he urged the public to stay involved.

Mrs. Zasowski commented that the most clear piece of evidence she has heard from the group tonight was that this was an investment and not necessarily an expense. She next stated that safety issues need to be considered. Mrs. Zasowski also thanked the public for coming out and expressing their support. She reiterated what Mr. DiBello said and urged them to keep coming out and the commitment needs to be for the long haul and not just for tonight.

Mr. Dehnert stated that for the past year or so he has heard that there is a safety concern in the weight room and the band room and he commented that if this is really the case then something should be done about this today as whatever is decided tonight, if there is something built, it won't happen for a few years. Mr. Dehnert stated that he did not believe the district was doing anything unsafely but if we were then it needs to be stopped immediately. He suggested that if there was overcrowding in the weight room then we should allow less people into the room. Mrs. Zasowski stated that she would agree and believes that the faculty working in those areas are working very hard to minimize the safety concerns while the Board makes the important decisions that need to be made. Mr. Dehnert asked if it was the opinion of the administration that we were doing things dangerously and unsafely in those two areas and Dr. Goodin replied that there is no doubt that we have had to mitigate the number of students that go into those areas especially the weight room area. He added that the coaches and PE teachers are aware of the number of students the rooms can hold and do not let too many students in. Dr. Goodin also added that when talking about the band room issue you have students in there and they all have instruments and the space is not large enough for our current band. Mr. Dehnert again asked if the areas were being dangerously used and if we were in jeopardy of having a serious injury or accident and Dr. Goodin replied that there is not enough room in the band room to have instruments and students with our current band size. Mr. Dehnert asked if that was a yes and Dr. Goodin replied that the band room was not large enough. Mr. Dehnert again pushed asking if the answer was yes and Dr. Goodin replied yes.

Mr. DiBello objected to Mr. Dehnert backing Dr. Goodin into a corner and stated that the facilities cannot accommodate the student population and administration does everything they can to find a safe and secure environment for all of the students. Mr. DiBello commented that the problem that exists today is that the current environment cannot and will not address the student population problems. Mr. DiBello stated that he will not sit here and say that we are putting students at risk. Mr. DiBello said that if this would not have been debated for the past 2 ½ - 3 years then we would not even be having this conversation.

Mr. Ciresi stated that the reckless part was that 4 years ago when this came up someone got in the way of moving it forward and tonight we are going to make the district look bad and say that we have a major safety issue and should cut the band which he found to be ridiculous. Mr. Ciresi commented that they just heard 50 people get up and talk about the successes of the district and he believes all of the Board Members should be proud of what this district has become from what it once was. Mr. Ciresi stated that he was sick and tired of watching this spin and they need to do what is right for education. Mr. Ciresi urged the Board to take a vote and in the meantime if there is a safety issue the administration needs to decide what to do with the musical instruments in order to fit the kids in the room.

Dr. Dressler challenged the performing arts faculty to examine the proposed improvements in order to make sure that what they are going to do is going to be sufficient for the future. Dr. Dressler stated that he would like to have some feedback from the teachers on whether this is sufficient or just a band aid. Dr. Goodin responded that when Crabtree did their feasibility study they did meet with the department chairs and faculty on both areas being considered in order to get their feedback and input. Dr. Goodin stated that they have been involved and will continue to be involved as we progress through this.

Mr. Ciresi pointed out that these two areas of athletics and performing arts are the two areas that the public most often get to see and support the most as they come out to watch the sporting events and to see the shows.

Mr. Dehnert commented that he keeps hearing that we have potential Title IX issues with the weight room and if this is the case he feels we should immediately give the girl's sports equal opportunity to use the weight room. Mr. Dehnert stated that this is something that can be fixed by making sure the schedule is split. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that Title IX is a very complicated federal analysis as to whether there is Title IX liability and he will review this with Dr. Goodin's office. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that his office has never received any concern from any municipality with regards to any citations.

Mr. DiBello stated that he believes that Mrs. McGranahan was referring to when the fire marshall comes through the building for inspections they probably mentioned that certain things should not be placed in the location they were in. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed and Dr. Goodin stated that there is no doubt that if the fire marshall went through at the correct time he would see that there are a lot of instruments in the room. Mr. DiBello added that they need to watch this and be aware of it because if there is a Title IX complaint and it is filed and it is true then we will be directed to what we will have to do and as a result the project could grow outside of our control.

Mrs. Heine agreed with Mr. DiBello and stated that being in control of what to do rather than not being in control of what we are told we will do are two extremely different things that could have extremely different price tags so it is important we maintain control of this and move it forward.

Dr. Roche commented that he wanted to address something said by Mr. Dehnert and he wanted to assure everyone that Mr. McDaniel, Dr. Nugent and Dr. Weidenbaugh are fully aware of scheduling equally for all students, all sports and all activities so we avoid those things as best we can.

Mr. Fitzgerald read the motion for everyone.

The motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Dehnert voting no.

The Board authorized the administration with the assistance of the solicitor's office to negotiate an architect's agreement with Crabtree Rohrbaugh regarding the health and wellness and performing arts facilities proposals.

**III. ACTION ITEM**

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

- A. The Board approved an amendment to the previously accepted musical instruments bid with Zeswitz Music. The amendment will increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$2,310.00.

**IV. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Danny reported that today marked the start of week four of school for all students and that the school year has already been very eventful. He stated that the fall season for extra-curriculars has gotten off to a great start with all of our sports teams having very successful seasons. Danny congratulated the High School Band for their first place finish at the Monroeville Regional Championship. Danny reported that the Football Team is off to a great start this season with a record of 3-1. The team will play at home this Friday night against Norristown and he invited everyone to come out and support the team. Danny reminded all High School students that still to need to buy a parking pass to register ASAP since parking violations will be given to any car without a pass.

Danny stated that it was brought to his attention that a lot of his friends who did not register right away for their passes and who are seniors are now having to get a parking pass for the junior lot. He asked if any consideration was given to possibly adding more parking for the high school as the problem is going to continue to get worse. He added that a lot of people have to park over at the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center which is not convenient when it snows or rains. Mr. Ciresi suggested that possibly this could be placed on the Property Committee agenda for discussion.

He also reminded seniors who have not taken their senior portrait that there will be one more session on September 30<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on the High School homepage. Danny advised that any senior interested in any graduation accessories to visit the High School homepage to learn more information about Jostens. Danny reported that there will be an Open House at the 10-12 Grade Center tomorrow night from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM and all parents or guardians are welcome. Danny announced that the High School students are looking forward to Spirit Week, Homecoming and of course Powder Puff Football. Practice for the boys and girls involved with the Powder Puff game will begin in about a week. He assured everyone that the seniors will not disappoint anyone. Danny reported that the Harlem Wizards will be coming to Springfield on October 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that this should be a fun event for everyone and also an impressive display of basketball. Danny finally announced that any senior who wants to submit any childhood pictures for the yearbook must do so by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. DiBello pointed out that the Harlem Wizards game was a fundraiser for SNAP.

**Curriculum/Technology              Dawn Heine**  
Report next week.

**1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 6:30 p.m.**

**Policy**

**Kelly Spletzer**

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

Report next week.

**Property**

**Joseph Ciresi**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Ciresi stated that they just heard part of the Property Committee meeting. Mr. Ciresi stated that he wanted the public to be aware of the great job Mr. Cooper and his staff did over the summer. He provided an overview of the work completed by the Maintenance and Custodial Staff this summer. Mr. Ciresi reported that the district should be proud that one of the things that came back in the feasibility study is that Spring-Ford is one of the rarest facilities they have seen as far as the maintenance of the facilities. The district has a lower cost for facilities maintenance because of the job that Mr. Cooper's Department does. Mr. Ciresi stated urged everyone that when you see them in the community to thank them because they are saving the district tens of thousands of dollars if not millions of dollars in cost of facilities. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cooper and his department.

Mr. Dehnert commented that he has been coaching travel basketball for over 10 years and has visited a lot of schools and there aren't any that are as nice as ours. He stated that usually the buildings are much dirtier and shabbier and the difference is amazing as you travel through many districts throughout the Philadelphia area.

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

Dr. Roche reported that for the fifth straight school year Spring-Ford Area School District continues to be an active member in the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity (DVCEE). He stated that DVCEE is a collaborative network of twenty-four regional school districts in PA, NJ, DE, Chester County Intermediate Unit and PSEA that have for the past twelve years committed to learn and work together to support and nurture the school success of ALL of their students. DVCEE is driven by a mission to positively transform the lives of each and every student we serve by preparing them for success in post-secondary education and in life – especially our diverse children and youth who have traditionally struggled academically in our systems or who might likely be the first in their family to attend and graduate from college. Dr. Roche advised that as a part of the consortium Spring-Ford teachers, counselors, students, administrators and school board members will participate in seminars, workshops, best practice sharing sessions and opportunities to work with practitioners from across the county as well as collaborate locally with partner districts in supporting our students. Dr. Roche reported that in December, Spring-Ford will be sending both middle school and high school students to Philadelphia to attend a full-day workshop focused on inspiring young men and women to seek high levels of personal and academic success and accept leadership responsibilities as part of their contribution to their school and society. He stated that the district is excited about continuing our participation in the DVCEE and look forward to joining many of the regions' school districts. Dr. Roche commented that school districts typically use the 10<sup>th</sup> day of school enrollment figures from a new school year to establish the initial enrollment numbers for the district. He stated that our 10 day enrollment shows 7899 total students which is up 63 students from last year.

**Solicitor's Report**

**Mark Fitzgerald**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that they received notice today of a House Bill that is moving with traction as related to potentially limiting local school boards from challenging the assessment of commercial properties. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this has been pushed for many years but there seems to be a lot of momentum behind this latest bill.

Mr. Ciresi commented that once again the legislators are finding ways for us to lose money as a district by pushing a bill that stops us from going back and telling a commercial property what their worth is and challenging it. Mr. Ciresi stated that if this would have happened back when we challenged one of the big businesses in this district and we could not go back at them and challenge what their assessment came back at, this district would have lost even more money. Mr. Ciresi stated that he found it interesting that it is an election year and this comes up once again. He commented that he find this to be embarrassing that they would put this on the floor now. Mr. Ciresi read an article from the PSBA report on a \$2.5 billion line of credit being issued by the Treasury Department to the state in order to fund the budget.

Dr. Dressler stated that there is an urgency to this because the bill is going to be addressed this Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. He added that this is a bill that is being sponsored by Representative Warren Kampf. Dr. Dressler urged residents in opposition to this to contact Representative Kampf.

Mr. Pettit commented that residents should not only contact Representative Kampf but rather everyone should contact their state representatives. He cautioned that if this passes and we cannot challenge the commercial assessments then the district money is going to start drying up as more and more companies shoot for reassessment.

Mr. Ciresi asked if any of the legislators had come out to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) and spoken to the Board to see how anyone felt about this legislation. Mr. DiBello replied that there is an annual legislative breakfast where 3 or 4 legislators do come but no one has come to the MCIU. Mr. DiBello expressed frustration over this bill saying this comes from the same legislators who put propaganda out saying they are fighting for the community and that they have not raised taxes. He added that this school board like most school boards are forced to raise taxes because the proper funding is not in place.

Mr. Dehnert asked how the assessment appeal would be resolved and Mr. Fitzgerald replied that he would have to look at the specifics of the bill but his concern would be that that a business would have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to file and then it would be a single hearing for that individual without any challenge by the municipality and the value would be set without any input from our end or voice at the table.

Mr. DiBello reported on a previous large tax assessment appeal that was filed and both he and Mr. Ciresi sat in on the panel and negotiated with the company after the district did its own assessment. Mr. DiBello stated that if the district was not allowed to do this then it could have had a huge negative impact on the district. He commented that this is what the district stands to lose if this bill passes.

**V. MINUTES**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval of the August 15, 2016 Work Session minutes.  
**(Attachment A1)**

**VI. PERSONNEL**

There were no questions or comments.

**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.

**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 29, 2016.



4. **Linda Rossi**; Instructional Assistant, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, replacing Stephanie A. Kopicik who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants' Plan. Effective: September 1, 2016.
  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. Administration recommends approval of the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. **(Attachment A2)**

## VII. FINANCE

Mr. Dehnert asked about Item D wondering what the amount of money the district would save with the refinancing. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there would be a parameters resolution that would come back in October and this motion just sets the stage to get to that point. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the parameters will dictate this. Mr. Dehnert asked if there was an estimate on what we would save and Mr. Fink replied that the paperwork that the district received from Boenning and Scattergood indicated that it is approximately \$3.3 million.

- 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. 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 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 **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 A3)**
- E. Administration is requesting authorization to seek buyers for pianos within the district that are no longer in use.
- F. Administration recommends approval of 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 A4).**
- G. Administration recommends approval of 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 A5).**
- H. Administration recommends approval of 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, Eggstraordinary Spring and Reptiles”. Funding will be paid by the Limerick Elementary Home and School League and shall not exceed \$562.00.
- I. Administration recommends approval of 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**

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval to enter 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. Administration recommends approval to work 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. Administration recommends approval to receive 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. Administration recommends approval to move 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**

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> <b>DISTRICT OFFICE</b>
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- 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).

#### X. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no questions or comments.

- A. A Board majority vote is needed to select a candidate for the office of PSBA President Elect. There is one candidate running for this office: **Michael Faccinetto**.

- B. A Board majority vote is needed to select a candidate for the office of PSBA Vice President. There is one candidate running for this office: **David Hutchinson**.
- C. A Board majority vote is needed to select a candidates for the open trustee positions on the PSBA Insurance Trust Board. There are currently five open seats and five candidates. Each school entity may vote for up to five candidates. The five candidates running for these positions are: **William S. LaCoff, Kathy K. Swope, Mark B. Miller, Marianne L. Neel and Michael Faccinetto**.
- D. Administration recommends approval to send **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. Administration recommends 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.

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

There were no questions or comments.

- 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**

Mr. DiBello reminded everyone that the 1<sup>st</sup> SNAP meeting of the school year will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. He stated that it is extremely important for parents to get involved as it is a great organization. He added that there has been a lot of turnover as many parents who were involved with SNAP had students who have now graduated. He urged people to get involved and said they are looking for Board seats and parent volunteers. Mr. DiBello commented that there is a lot of planning that has to occur and he would hate to see SNAP not exist anymore due to lack of volunteers.

**XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**Gail Wellington**, reported that the wild flowers in the Arboretum are doing very well. She indicated that they suffered a bit due to the lack of rain. There were 123 plants planted and 120 have survived and next year they should be spectacular. Mrs. Wellington expressed that she owed a huge, huge vote of thanks to the High School Girls' Basketball Team as 21 different girls at some point or other on a Tuesday morning between 8:00-9:00 came and weeded. Mrs. Wellington thanked Mr. McDaniel for organizing this and again thanked the girls for their hard work.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary



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

**2016-2017**  
**EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACTS**

	<b>Contract Title</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Contract Rate</b>
1	Art Club-IMS	3rd MP	Beerer	Katherine J.	\$402.00
2	Art Club-IMS (1/2 contract)	4th MP	Beerer	Katherine J.	\$201.00
3	Marching Band Condition Facilitator - HS (1/2 contract)	Fall	Bracciante	Matthew P.	\$1,598.50
4	Ski Board Club - HS	Winter	Bright	Andrew	\$678.00
5	Asst. Soccer Coach-Boys - HS	Fall	Fulks	Kyle	\$3,991.00
6	Assistant Play Director - HS	Fall	German	Kelly	\$402.00
7	Winter Play Director - Grade 8	Winter	Kenney	Joan	\$1,470.00
8	Volleyball Coach-Girls (8th Grade)	Fall	Lawrence	Rachel	\$3,186.00
9	Elementary Strings/Orchestra Director (1/2 contract)	Spring	McGranahan	Emily C.	\$936.50
10	Percussion Technician - HS	Fall	Schury	Jessica	\$1,698.00
11	Scoreboard Operator (as needed)	as needed	Tier	Nicholas	\$50/game
12	Senior Elem. Band Director - Elem	Spring	Westlake	James S.	\$2,215.00



# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

857 SOUTH LEWIS ROAD, ROYERSFORD, PA 19468

## RESOLUTION 2016-29

DATE: October 24, 2016

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Superintendent

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### SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY AND CHESTER COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO THIRTY-THREE MILLION NINE-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$33,950,000) PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY DATES AND PLACE OF PAYMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND SETTING FORTH A FORM OF BOND.

WHEREAS, the Spring-Ford Area School District, Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania ("School District" or "Local Government Unit") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007 (the "2007 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2007 Bonds were used for the purposes of and to provide financing for (i) the advance refunding of all of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1999 (the "1999 Bonds"), and (ii) to pay the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the 2007 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 1999 Bonds were used for the purposes of and to provide financing to (i) finance a portion of the costs of construction of various School District facilities, including Limerick and Oaks Elementary Schools; (ii) finance a portion of the costs to construct, equip and furnish a new elementary school and/or an intermediate school, (iii) finance other capital expenditures; and (iv) pay the costs and expenses related to issuing the 1999 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined to undertake a refunding project (the "Refunding Project"), consisting of the current refunding of all or a portion of the 2007 Bonds in the principal amount of \$30,105,000 (the "Refunded Bonds") and to pay the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds hereinafter defined; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined to incur indebtedness and issue Bonds, as hereinafter defined, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, as codified by the Act of December 19, 1996 (P.L. 1158, No. 177) (the "Act"), the proceeds of

which shall be used for the purpose of financing the Refunding Project and paying the expenses of issuing the Bonds hereinafter defined; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined to establish certain parameters under which it will accept a proposal for the purchase of the Bonds, hereinafter described, and has determined that a private sale by negotiation of the Bonds to finance the Refunding Project and the expenses of the financing is in the best financial interest of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District has received a proposal (the "Proposal") for the purchase at a private sale by negotiation of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016 in the principal amount of up to \$33,950,000 (the "Bonds") by Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. (the "Purchaser"), which Bonds are to be issued in one or more series beginning effective in or around 2016 or as otherwise determined by the School District in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Proposal and as to be described in detail in the form of one or more official statements of the School District (each an "Official Statement") which will be prepared in advance of each issue date and will contain detailed reports of the material and essential facts relating to the School District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and the Board of School Directors desires to accept such proposal and to authorize and direct certain acts and things necessary and proper to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the School District (the "Board of School Directors"), that:

**SECTION 1. Establishment of Parameters for Bonds.** The School District hereby establishes that the issuance of the Bonds authorized hereunder shall be subject to the Bonds satisfying the following parameters: (a) the Bonds shall be issued in one or more series, and shall not exceed THIRTY-THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$33,950,000) in aggregate principal amount (net original issue discount); (b) the Bonds shall not mature later than the dates set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof; (c) the purchase price for the Bonds shall not be less than 90.00% or more than 130.00% of par of the Bonds; (d) the Underwriter's discount shall not exceed \$7.50 per \$1,000.00 of Bonds; (e) the net present value savings resulting from the Refunding Project shall not be less than THREE PERCENT (3%); and (f) the maximum principal amounts and the maximum interest rates shall not exceed those stated on Schedule A. The School District hereby acknowledges receipt of a form of Proposal from the Purchaser submitting a final Proposal in the form thereof pursuant to which the School District agrees to sell its Bonds to the Purchaser subject to the Purchaser satisfying the conditions and parameters set forth therein as shall be confirmed as set forth below. A copy of the form of Proposal, as well as the Addendum to the Proposal for each series of the Bonds, shall be delivered to the Secretary of this School District and shall be affixed to and shall become part of this Resolution. Upon a determining by the President or Vice President that the final Proposal and Addendum to the Proposal submitted to the School District by the Purchaser meets the parameters set forth above, and that the timing of the proposed closing is appropriate in relation to the pending call date of the Refunded Bonds, the President and

Secretary of the Board of Directors or the Vice President or Assistant Secretary, in the absence of the President or Secretary, respectively, or any duly appointed successors, as the case may be, are hereby authorized and directed to accept the Proposal and Addendum to the Proposal on behalf of the School District and execute the Proposal and Addendum to the Proposal in accordance therewith, and deliver a copy of the same to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the School District pursuant to the procedure set forth below.

The Purchaser shall determine the final terms of each series of the Bonds within the parameters set forth in the Proposal and this Resolution, including without limitation the final interest rates, initial offering prices and yields and any other appropriate terms and conditions applicable to each such series of the Bonds, and shall present such final terms to the Business Manager of the School District. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to review and approve the final terms of each series of the Bonds presented by the Purchaser and to determine if such terms are within the parameters established hereunder. Upon presentation by the Purchaser of the final terms of each series of the Bonds in satisfaction of the conditions and parameters set forth in the Proposal and this Resolution, and with the concurring approval of the Business Manager of the School District, the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors or the Vice President or Assistant Secretary, in the absence of the President or Secretary, respectively, or any duly appointed successors, as the case may be, are hereby authorized and directed to confirm in writing that such conditions and parameters have been satisfied, to accept the final terms of the applicable series of the Bonds, to execute and deliver an Addendum to the Proposal setting forth the final terms of the applicable series of the Bonds and to authorize the release of the applicable series of the Bonds upon settlement thereof.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Issuance of Bonds and Approval of Refunding Project. The School District hereby approves the Refunding Project described in the recitals hereto and authorizes the incurring of indebtedness pursuant to the Act by the issuance of the Bonds in the principal amount of up to THIRTY-THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$33,950,000) for the purpose of providing funds for and toward the costs of the Refunding Project, including the payment of the costs and expenses associated with the issuance of the Bonds. The Refunding Project is being undertaken by the School District for the purpose of reducing the debt service that would otherwise be payable on the Refunded Bonds in compliance with Section 8241(b)(1) of the Act. The Bonds are to be sold and delivered as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. Useful Lives. The realistic estimated useful lives of the projects financed with the proceeds of the 1999 Bonds, which were refunded by the proceeds of the 2007 Bonds, were determined at the time of issuance of the 1999 Bonds to be 40 years. The realistic estimated useful lives for the projects financed with the Proceeds of the Refunded Bonds will extend to or beyond the maturity of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. Non-Electoral Debt. All of the debt to be incurred upon issuance of the School District's Bonds shall be incurred as non-electoral debt.

**SECTION 5. Execution of Debt Statement and Bonds and Filing of Debt Proceedings.**

The President and Secretary of the Board of Directors or the Vice President or Assistant Secretary, in the absence of the President or Secretary, respectively, or any duly appointed successors, as the case may be, are hereby directed to prepare and certify and to file the debt statement required by Section 8110 of the Act, to execute and deliver the Bonds evidencing the debt to be incurred to the purchaser thereof, and to prepare and certify all filings required pursuant to Section 8111 of the Act, pertaining to submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Department") of the transcript of the proceedings, which shall include certified copies of this Resolution, proofs of proper publication, the accepted proposal for the purchase of the Bonds and such other documents as may be necessary in connection with the same and to take all such further action and to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to comply with all requirements of the Act or to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution. Any actions taking with respect to the foregoing prior to the date of this Resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

**SECTION 6. Terms and Form of Bonds.** The Bonds when issued shall be general obligation bonds issued in fully registered form and shall be in the denominations of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or in any integral multiple thereof, within the limitations provided herein. The Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$33,950,000, shall be dated such date as shall be determined in accordance with the final terms of the Bonds (the "Bond Issuance Date"), and shall bear interest at the rates per annum from the Bond Issuance Date at the rates per annum in accordance with and within the parameters established pursuant hereto, all, as set forth in Schedule A and in the Proposal, and shall mature on those dates contained therein, but in no event later than June 30, 2025. The Bonds shall be payable at the place and in the manner and shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule B and made a part hereof. The Bonds shall be numbered as issued, without regard to denomination or maturity.

**SECTION 7. Appointment of Paying Agent and Sinking Fund Depositary.** U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed to serve as paying agent, bond registrar and sinking fund depositary (the "Paying Agent") for the Bonds and the President and Secretary of the Board of School Directors, or the Vice President or Assistant Secretary (or any Acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary appointed for such purpose), or any duly appointed successor, as the case may be, are directed to contract with the Paying Agent to obtain its services in the aforementioned capacities. The School District shall cause to be kept, and the Paying Agent is hereby directed to keep, at the designated corporate trust offices of the Paying Agent, books for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds in the manner provided herein and therein so long as Bonds shall remain outstanding. The Paying Agent is hereby directed to make such registrations, exchanges and transfers without charge to bondholders, except for actual costs, including postage, insurance and any taxes or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to the same.

**SECTION 8. Establishment of Sinking Fund.** The School District covenants to establish, and there is hereby established, a sinking fund (the "Sinking Fund") for the payment of each

series of the Bonds with the Paying Agent. The School District Treasurer shall pay the amounts required pursuant to the covenants contained herein into the Sinking Fund which shall be maintained until such series of Bonds are paid in full. Sums sufficient to meet the requirements of the semi-annual interest payments and scheduled maturities shall be deposited into the Sinking Fund not later than the date when interest and/or principal is to become due on the applicable series of Bonds. The funds in the Sinking Fund shall be subject to withdrawal by the Paying Agent only to pay the principal and interest on the applicable series of Bonds as the same becomes due and payable in accordance with the terms thereof. The School District hereby covenants that such monies, to the extent required, will be applied to such purpose. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the designated corporate trust offices of the Paying Agent.

SECTION 9. Covenant to Pay Bonds. The School District covenants that, to the fullest extent authorized under law:

- a. The amount of the debt service with respect to the Bonds payable in each fiscal year shall be included in the School District budget for that year;
- b. The School District shall appropriate such amounts from its general revenues necessary for the payment of such debt service;
- c. It shall duly and punctually pay, or cause to be paid from its sinking fund or any other of its revenues or funds, the principal of and interest due upon the Bonds, to the extent of its obligation, on the dates, at the places and in the manner stated in the Bonds, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and
- d. For such payment, budgeting and appropriation, the School District herewith irrevocably pledges its full faith, credit and taxing power.

The covenant contained in this Section shall be specifically enforceable.

SECTION 10. Sale of Bonds. In compliance with Section 8161 of the Act and after due consideration, the Board of School Directors hereby determines that a private sale by negotiation is in the best financial interest of the School District. The Bonds shall be sold as provided herein.

SECTION 11. Acceptance of Proposal for Purchase of Bonds. The Proposal presented at this meeting by the Purchaser is hereby found by this Board of Directors to be in conformity with the requirements of the Act and of this Resolution for the purchase and sale of the Bonds, and is, together with any Addendum to the Proposal executed pursuant hereto, hereby authorized to be accepted, and the Bonds are hereby authorized to be awarded to the Purchaser subject to the provisions of Section 1. of this Resolution and the submission of a final Proposal and Addendum to the Proposal satisfying the parameters set forth therein. The officers of the School District are hereby authorized to deliver the Bonds to the Purchaser upon receipt of the principal amount



thereof and upon compliance with all of the conditions precedent to such delivery required by the Act, the Resolution, the Proposal, and Addendum to the Proposal.

**SECTION 12. Execution, Authentication and Delivery of Bonds.** The Bonds, when issued, shall be executed either manually or by facsimile by the President or Vice President of the Board of School Directors and shall have the corporate seal or facsimile thereof of the School District affixed thereto and be duly attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary (or any acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary appointed for such purpose) of the Board of School Directors. The Bonds shall be authenticated by the manual signature of the Paying Agent. Furthermore, the President or Vice President and Secretary (or any acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary appointed for such purpose) are authorized and directed to deliver the Bonds, but only after the Department has certified its approval pursuant to Section 8204 of the Act, and to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, all in accordance with this Resolution and the Act and/or the Proposal.

**SECTION 13. Appointment of Securities Depository.** The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), shall act as securities depository for the Bonds on behalf of the firms which participate in the DTC book-entry system ("DTC Participants"). The ownership of one fully registered Bond for each maturity of the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Each bond will be in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity as established in accordance with the final terms of the Bonds within the parameters set forth herein as shown on Schedule A attached hereto and as accepted by the School District in accordance with Section 1 hereof. The School District shall cause the Bonds to be delivered to DTC for the benefit of the Purchaser on or before the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Pursuant to the book-entry only system, any person for whom a DTC Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owner") will not receive certificated Bonds and will not be the registered owner thereof. Ownership interest in the Bonds may be purchased by or through DTC Participants. Each DTC Participant will receive a credit balance in the records of DTC in the amount of such DTC Participant's interest in the Bonds, which will be confirmed in accordance with DTC's standard procedures. Receipt by the Beneficial Owners (through any DTC Participant) of timely payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, is subject to DTC making such payment to DTC Participants and such DTC Participants making payment to Beneficial Owners. Neither the School District nor the Paying Agent will have any direct responsibility or obligation to such DTC Participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees for any failure of DTC to act or make any payment with respect to the Bonds.

The School District is authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable in connection with DTC's services as securities depository. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the School District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances, the School District officials then holding the offices set forth in

Section 12 of this Resolution are hereby authorized to designate a successor securities depository or to deliver certificates to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

**SECTION 14. Redemption Provisions.** Specific redemption provisions, including mandatory redemption provisions, if any, will be as set forth in the Proposal and as further set forth in the Bonds.

The Paying Agent shall give notice of any such redemption by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than thirty (30), nor more than forty-five (45), days prior to the redemption date to each registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed at its registered address as it appears on the bond register maintained by the Paying Agent, or such other notice of redemption as deemed appropriate. Such notice having been mailed and funds sufficient for redemption having been deposited with the Paying Agent, the Bonds so called for redemption shall become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption and interest thereafter shall cease to accrue thereon, whether such Bonds shall be presented for payment or not.

**SECTION 15. Limitation on Indebtedness.** It is declared that the debt to be incurred hereby, together with any other indebtedness of this Local Government Unit, is not in excess of any limitation imposed by the Act upon the incurring of debt by the School District.

**SECTION 16. Federal Tax Covenants.** The School District hereby covenants with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it will at all times do and perform all actions and things within its power which are necessary or desirable in order to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will, for purposes of federal income taxation, be and remain excludable from the gross income of the recipients thereof, and that it will refrain from doing or performing any act or thing that would cause such interest not to be so excludable, and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The School District further covenants with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it will make no investment or other use of the proceeds of the Bonds, which, if such investment or use had been reasonably expected on the date of issuance of the Bonds, would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bond(s)" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code, and the regulations applicable thereto, and that this covenant shall extend throughout the term of the Bonds and shall apply to all amounts which are proceeds of the Bonds for purposes of said section and regulations. Neither the Treasurer nor any other official or agent of the School District shall make any investment inconsistent with the foregoing covenant. The Treasurer and all other School District officials responsible for investment shall seek and follow the advice or direction of bond counsel for the School District (the "Bond Counsel") as to investments, which may be made in compliance with this covenant. The appropriate officers of the School District are hereby authorized to execute a tax compliance agreement (the "Tax Compliance Agreement") to carry out the foregoing covenants. The Tax Compliance Agreement shall be in a form acceptable to Bond Counsel, with such changes as may be approved by the officer executing the Tax Compliance Agreement, upon the advice of Bond Counsel, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such officer's execution of the Tax Compliance Agreement. If required under the Tax Compliance Agreement, there shall be established a "bond rebate fund,"

which shall be held and maintained by the School District in accordance with the Tax Compliance Agreement, separate and apart from other funds of the School District. The foregoing tax covenants in this Section 15 may be excused or modified if, and to the extent that, the School District receives an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such absence of compliance will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds.

SECTION 17. Continuing Disclosure. The School District covenants to provide, pursuant to Rule 15c2-12(b) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds certain financial and operating data in accordance with the terms of a continuing disclosure agreement to be executed by the School District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, upon terms and in the form approved by the solicitor and bond counsel to the School District.

SECTION 18. Approval of Official Statement. The appropriate officers of the School District authorized by Section 1 of this Resolution to accept the final terms of each series of the Bonds in accordance with such Section 1 are hereby authorized to approve the Preliminary Official Statement for each applicable series of the Bonds in the form to be prepared in connection with the public offering and sale of the Bonds by the Purchaser, and such Preliminary Official Statement as so approved shall be “deemed final” by the School District as of its date for purposes of United States Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. A final Official Statement to be dated on or about the date of each Addendum to the Proposal setting forth the final terms of each series of the Bonds within the parameters established hereunder as accepted by the School District, substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement with such additions and other changes, if any, as may be approved by the appropriate officers of the School District, with the advice of the School District Solicitor, and containing the final terms of each series of the Bonds, shall be prepared and delivered to the Purchaser within seven (7) business days from the date of the applicable Addendum to the Proposal, and the School District hereby approves the use thereof in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 19. Bond Insurance. If the proposal for the purchase of any series of the Bonds offering the lowest interest cost to the School District is based on insurance for such Bonds, the officers of the School District are hereby authorized to purchase a policy of insurance guaranteeing the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds, to pay the premium for such policy from the proceeds of such Bonds and to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the issuance of such policy. If applicable, the Bonds issued under this Resolution may include a statement of the terms of such insurance policy and the Authentication Certificate of the Paying Agent appearing on each Bond may include a statement confirming that the original or a copy of the insurance policy is on file with the Paying Agent.

SECTION 20. Refunding of Refunded Obligations. The proper officers of the School District, with respect to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, are hereby authorized and directed to contract with the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds (the “2007 Bonds Paying Agent”) as the true and lawful attorney and agent of the School District to effect the redemption and

payment, including payment of interest, of the Refunded Bonds. The 2007 Bonds Paying Agent, in the name, place and stead of the School District, shall mail, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, a notice of redemption as required by the terms of the Refunded Bonds. The School District hereby agrees to provide for payment of the expenses of such mailings from proceeds of the Bonds or from moneys otherwise made available by the School District and gives and grants the 2007 Bonds Paying Agent full authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to effectuate said purposes as the School District might do on its own behalf, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that said agent shall do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Subject only to completion of delivery of, and settlement for, the Bonds, the School District hereby calls for redemption and payment of the Refunded Bonds as of June 30, 2017, or such other date as may be approved by the President or Vice President of the School District with the advice of the School District Solicitor and Bond Counsel. The President and Vice President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary (or any Acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary appointed for such purpose), or any duly appointed successors, as the case may be, are hereby authorized to execute any agreements or documents deemed appropriate concerning the same, including, but not limited to, a Tax Compliance Agreement and/or Escrow and Pledge Agreements.

SECTION 21. Application of Bond Proceeds. The purchase price of the Bonds and any accrued interest payable by the Purchaser shall be paid to the Paying Agent on behalf of the School District. In addition, the School District shall deposit with the Paying Agent any deposits from Purchaser and make such additional deposits of cash from the funds of the School District as shall be necessary to cover all of the issuance costs of the Bonds. Upon receipt of such funds, the Paying Agent shall deposit the same in a settlement account. From the settlement account, the Paying Agent shall transfer to the 2007 Bonds Paying Agent, the amounts required to effect the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and to effect the Refunding Project as provided in Section 20 hereof and shall then pay the issuance costs on behalf of the School District upon presentation of proper invoices therefor and deposit the remaining proceeds of the Bonds, if any, in the Sinking Fund.

SECTION 22. Further Actions. The President and Vice President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary (or any Acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary appointed for such purpose), or any duly appointed successors, as the case may be, in the name of and on behalf of the School District are hereby authorized to execute any agreements, instruments or documents and to do or cause to be done any and all acts and things deemed necessary or appropriate for the carrying out of the purposes of this Resolution and to comply with the Act.

SECTION 23. Severability. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of the School District that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 24. Repealer. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 25. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date permitted by the Act.

(signature page to follow)

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Fern Thomas J. DiBello  
Board Secretary Board President

SCHEDULE A

BOND INTEREST RATES & MATURITY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>
06/30/2017	675,000	6.000%
06/30/2018	1,775,000	6.000%
06/30/2019	3,830,000	6.000%
06/30/2020	3,950,000	6.000%
06/30/2021	4,120,000	6.000%
06/30/2022	4,295,000	6.000%
06/30/2023	4,485,000	6.000%
06/30/2024	5,280,000	6.000%
06/30/2025	5,540,000	6.000%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,950,000</b>	

SCHEDULE B

FORM OF BONDS

*Unless this certificate is presented by an Authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL in as much as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.*

NO: R-1

\$000,000

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONTGOMERY AND CHESTER COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
SERIES OF \_\_\_\_\_**

<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>DATED DATE OF SERIES</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
0.000%	June 30, 20____	_____, 20____	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL SUM:

DOLLARS

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery and Chester Counties, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (the "School District"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered owner named above, or registered assigns, on the maturity date specified above, unless this Bond shall have been previously called for redemption in whole or in part and payment of the redemption price shall have been duly made or provided for, the principal sum shown above and to pay interest thereon calculated on the basis of a 360-day year, at the annual rate specified above from the interest payment date next preceding the date of registration and authentication of the Bond, unless: (a) such Bond is registered and authenticated as of an interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from said interest payment date, or (b) such Bond is registered and authenticated after a Record Date (hereinafter defined) and before the next succeeding interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or (c) such Bond is registered and authenticated on or prior to the Record Date preceding the first payment date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, or (d) as shown by the



records of the Paying Agent, interest on such Bond shall be in default, in which event such Bonds shall bear interest from the date to which interest was last paid on such Bond. Interest shall be paid initially on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and thereafter, semi-annually on June 30 and September 1 of each year, until the principal sum is paid. The principal or redemption price of and interest on this Bond may be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America, which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public or private debts.

The principal or redemption price of this Bond is payable upon presentation and surrender hereof at the principal corporate office of U.S. Bank National Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as Paying Agent (the "Paying Agent"). Interest shall be paid by check mailed to the registered owner hereof as shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent as of the close of business on the applicable Record Date (as hereinafter defined) or at the election of such registered owner of a Bond in a denomination of \$500,000 or more, by wire transfer to a designated account, provided that any such election shall be received by the Paying Agent in writing not less than 10 days prior to the first payment of interest to which it relates.

Interest on each Bond is payable by check drawn on the Paying Agent which shall be mailed to the registered owner whose name and address shall appear at the close of business on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the month (whether or not a day on which the Paying Agent is open for business) next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"), on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent, irrespective of any transfer or exchange of the Bond subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such interest payment date, unless the School District shall be in default in payment of interest due on such interest payment date. In the event of any such default, such defaulted interest shall be payable to the person in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such defaulted interest established by notice mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owners of such Bonds not less than fifteen (15) days preceding such special record date. Such notice shall be mailed to the persons in whose names such Bonds are registered at the close of business on the fifth (5th) day preceding the date of mailing.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of such principal or interest shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date established for such payment

This Bond is not insured.

This Bond is one of a duly authorized issue of \$\_\_\_\_\_ principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 20\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bonds") of the School District consisting of

Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof maturing on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and then on each June 30 thereafter to and including June 30, 20\_\_\_\_. The Bonds are issued in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as codified by the Act of December 19, 1996 (P.L. 1158, No. 177) (the “Act”), without the assent of the electors, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of School Directors of the School District adopted October 24, 2016 (the “Resolution”) which authorized issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds have been issued by the School District for the purposes of financing the current refunding of all or a portion of the School District’s remaining General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007 and paying the costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds.

Reference is hereby made to the Resolution and the Act for a complete statement of the right of the holders hereof, which by acceptance of this Bond, such holder accepts.

Reference is hereby also made to the further provisions of this Bond set forth in the terms and conditions, which provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth in full herein.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose unless the Certificate of Authentication shall have been signed by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Paying Agent.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the School District has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the signature of its President and attested by the signature of its Secretary.

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Fern  
Board Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. DiBello  
Board President

(SEAL)

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The Bonds stated to mature on or after June 30, 20\_\_\_\_, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the School District, as a whole, or from time to time, in part (and if in part, in any order of maturity as selected by the School District and within a maturity, by lot) on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, or on any date thereafter in either case upon payment of a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of such Bonds, together with accrued interest to the redemption date.

### MANDATORY REDEMPTION

The Bonds stated to mature on June 30, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “Term Bonds”) are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity, in direct order of maturity, in the amounts shown below, upon payment of a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
	\$	June 30, 20____

### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Notice of any redemption shall be given by depositing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, not more than forty-five (45) days and not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption addressed to each of the registered owners of Bonds to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the addresses shown on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent. Such notice shall also be posted on the Electronic Municipal Market Access system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (EMMA). Such notice shall be given in the name of the School District, shall identify the Bonds to be redeemed (and, in the case of a partial redemption of any Bonds, the respective principal amount thereof to be redeemed), shall specify the redemption date and the redemption price, and shall state that on the redemption date the Bonds called for redemption will be payable at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent and that from the date of redemption interest will cease to accrue. The Paying Agent shall use “CUSIP” numbers (if then generally in use) in notices of redemption as a convenience to Bond owners, provided that any such notice shall state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Bonds or as contained in any notice of redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the identification numbers prefixed “R-” printed on the Bonds. Failure to give such notice by mailing, or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity of any proceeding for

redemption of other Bonds called for redemption as to which proper notice has been given.

With respect to any optional redemption of Bonds, if at the time of mailing such notice of redemption, the School District shall not have deposited with the Paying Agent moneys sufficient to redeem all the Bonds called for redemption, such notice may state that it is conditional, that is, subject to the deposit of the redemption moneys with the Paying Agent not later than the redemption date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such moneys are so deposited.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been provided as aforesaid, and money for payment of the principal and accrued interest being held by the Paying Agent, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue and such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution, and registered owners of such Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall have no rights with respect to such Bonds, except to receive payment of the principal of and accrued interest on such Bonds to the date fixed for redemption. Any notice of redemption of Bonds may state that the redemption is conditioned upon the deposit of sufficient funds prior to the redemption date. If sufficient funds are not received, such notice of redemption shall be of no effect.

If a Bond is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond may be redeemed. For the purposes of redemption, a Bond shall be treated as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount thereof by \$5,000, each \$5,000 portion of such Bond being subject to redemption. In the case of partial redemption of a Bond, payment of the redemption price shall be made only upon surrender of such Bond in exchange for Bonds of authorized denominations in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the principal amount thereof.

If the redemption date for any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of the principal, if any, and interest upon such redemption shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of redemption.

If the School District deposits with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal or redemption price of any Bonds becoming due at maturity, by call for redemption or otherwise, together with interest accrued to the due date, interest on such Bonds will cease to accrue on the due date, and thereafter the holders shall have no rights with respect thereto, except to receive payment of principal to be redeemed and accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

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This Bond is registered as to both principal and interest on the registration books to be kept for that purpose at the principal office of the Paying Agent, and both principal and interest shall be payable only to the registered owner hereof. This Bond is transferable or exchangeable by the registered owner thereof upon surrender of the Bond to the Paying Agent, at its principal

corporate trust office, accompanied by a written instrument or instruments in form, with instructions, and with guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner of such Bond in the registration books, or his/her attorney-in-fact or legal representative. The Paying Agent shall enter any transfer of ownership of Bonds in the registration books and shall authenticate and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered bond or bonds of authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate for its aggregate principal amount which the registered owner is entitled to receive at the earliest practicable time. The School District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (a) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bonds then considered for redemption during a period beginning at the close of business on the fifteenth (15) day next preceding any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day on which the applicable notice of redemption is mailed or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any portion of any Bond selected for redemption until after the redemption date. Bonds may be exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of other authorized denominations of the same series, maturity and interest rate. The School District and Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner of this Bond as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Bond shall be overdue, and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Bond is not valid unless the Paying Agent Authentication Certificate endorsed hereon is duly executed.

The School District, pursuant to recommendations made by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Bonds, and has directed the Paying Agent to use such numbers in notices of redemption and other notices, if any, as a convenience to bondholders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Bonds or as contained in any notice and reliance may be placed only on the identification number printed hereon.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of, or interest on this Bond, or for any claim based hereon or on the Resolution against any director, officer, or employee, past, present, or future, of the School District or of any successor body, as such, either directly or through the School District or any such successor body, under any constitutional provision, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, and all such liability of such directors, officers or employees is released as a condition of and as consideration for the issuance of this Bond.

It is hereby certified that the approval of the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the School District to issue and deliver this Bond has been duly given pursuant to the Act; that all acts, conditions and things required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond or in the creation of the debt of which this Bond is evidence, exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form and manner as required by law; that this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the School District, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution and the statutes of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that the School District has established with the Paying Agent as Sinking Fund Depositary a sinking fund for the Bonds and shall deposit therein amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

This Bond is hereby declared to be a general obligation of the School District. The School District, in the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the series of Bonds of which this Bond is one, has covenanted with the holders from time to time, of the Bonds of said series that, to the fullest extent authorized by law, the School District will include the amount of the debt service charges on the same for each fiscal year in which such sums are payable, in its budget for that year, that it will appropriate such amounts to the payment of such debt services, and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of every Bond, and the interest thereon and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the maturity amount of every Bond, at the dates and places and in the manner stated in the Bonds, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment, the School District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power. This covenant is specifically enforceable.

## AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

This Bond is one of the Spring-Ford Area School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016 described in the within mentioned Resolution. Printed on the reverse hereof is the complete text of the opinion of Fox Rothschild LLP, 10 Sentry Parkway, Suite 200, Blue Bell, PA 19422, Bond Counsel to the Spring-Ford Area School District, a signed copy of which is on file with the undersigned, which was dated the date of initial delivery of, and payment for, the Bonds.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016



(FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

ASSIGNMENT

For value received \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_ (please insert social security or taxpayer-identification number) the within Bond issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably appointing \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney to transfer said Bond on the Bond Register, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Notice: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an approved eligible guarantor institution, an institution which is a participant in a Securities Transfer Association recognized signature guarantee program.

Notice: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular without alteration or any change whatsoever.

(FORM OF ABBREVIATIONS)

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Bond shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common  
TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties  
JT TEN - as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIFORM GIFT MIN ACT - \_\_\_\_\_ Custodian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cust) (Minor)  
under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list

PURCHASER'S PROPOSAL

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District, Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), certify that: the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution that was duly adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of School Directors of the School District at a meeting duly held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, said Resolution has been duly recorded in the minute book of the Board of School Directors of the School District; a notice with respect to the intent to adopt said Resolution has been published as required by law; said Resolution was available for inspection by any interested citizen requesting the same in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Unit Debt Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and such notice; and said Resolution has not been amended, altered, modified or repealed as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of School Directors of the School District met the advance notice requirements of Act No. 175 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 19, 1974, as amended, by advertising the time and place of said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the public building in which said meeting was held.

I further certify that: the total number of members of the Board of School Directors of the School District is nine (9); the vote of members of the Board of School Directors of the School District upon said Resolution was called and duly was recorded upon the minutes of said meeting; and members of the Board of School Directors of the School District voted upon said Resolution in the following manner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Thomas J. DiBello	
Joseph P. Ciresi	
Mark P. Dehnert	
Dr. Edward Dressler, Jr.	
Dawn R. Heine	
Bernard F. Pettit	
Kelly J. Spletzer	
Todd R. Wolf	
Colleen Zasowski	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the School District this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

(SEAL)

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Fern, Secretary  
Board of School Directors