

On October 21, 2019 the Work Session of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:36 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Dr. Edward T. Dressler, Linda C. Fazzini and Kelly J. Spletzer
Region II: Dawn R. Heine and Clinton L. Jackson
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert and Christina F. Melton
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Reps.: Julianna Lelli

The following Board Member arrived late: **Colleen Zasowski** (arrived at 7:52 p.m.)

The following Student Representative to the Board was absent: **Eshika Seth**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julianna announced that America Safe Schools Week is October 21st to the 27th. She stated that Safe Schools Week provides an opportunity to address safety issues and to take steps to ensure that schools offer students and teachers an environment in which they can perform to the best of their abilities. Julianna invited everyone to view a short video containing the safety tip of the day from the Spring-Ford School Police Department and Ram Country TV.

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments from the public.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-G and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

A. Professional Staff

1. **Diana L. Bilardo**; Special Education Teacher, 8th Grade Center. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 7, \$58,422.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: January 2, 2020.

- B. The Board gave approval for Creative Health Services to administer a pre- and post-assessment to all 3rd grade students in conjunction with the approved Botvin LifeSkills Training. The intent of the pre- and post-assessment is to measure the effectiveness of the program. Data collected will be added to county reports pertaining to research-based alcohol and drug prevention programs.

- C. The Board approved **Resolution 2019-28** commending **Isabel Mejia** and **Riley Burke**, members of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team, for winning the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC) Girls' Tennis Doubles Championship and qualifying for the PIAA District One Girls' Tennis Doubles Tournament. **(Attachment A1)**
- D. The Board approved **Resolution 2019-29** commending **Caitlyn Krause**, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team, for winning the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC) Girls' Singles Championship and qualifying for the PIAA District One Girls' Tennis Tournament. **(Attachment A2)**
- E. The Board approved **Resolution 2019-30** commending the **Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team** and their coaches, **Todd Reagan**, **Devon Staino**, and **Karen Canuso** for winning the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC) Girls' Tennis Championship. **(Attachment A3)**
- F. The Board approved **Resolution 2019-31** commending **Nicole Yun**, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team for winning the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC) Girls' Golf Championship and qualifying for the PIAA District One Girls' Golf Tournament. **(Attachment A4)**
- G. The Board approved **Resolution 2019-32** commending the **Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team** and their coaches, John Brennan and Timothy Hughes for winning the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC) Girls' Golf Championship and qualifying for the PIAA District One Girls' Golf Tournament. **(Attachment A5)**

III. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum/Technology **Dawn Heine** **1st Tues. 6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Heine reported on the Curriculum/Technology Committee meeting that took place on October 1, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Policy **Colleen Zasowski** **2nd Mon. 7:30 p.m.**
Report next week.

Community Relations **Colleen Zasowski** **2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m. (alt. months)**
Report next week.

Finance **Thomas J. DiBello** **2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m.**
Mr. DiBello reported on the Finance Committee meeting that took place on October 8, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Property **Thomas J. DiBello** **2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m.**
Mr. DiBello reported on the Property Committee meeting that took place on October 8, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Mrs. Zasowski arrived at 7:52 PM.

Asst. Superintendent Rpt. Robert Rizzo

Mr. Rizzo provided an overview of the purpose of the Aavidum Club at the 7th -12th grade levels. He advised that on October 18th a group of Aavidum Student Leaders attended a day long program entitled "The Talk" where they learned about the components of a healthy community and working with other youth to develop "I've got your back" school across Pennsylvania where students are accepted, appreciated, acknowledged and cared for. He acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Reigner, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Nuneviller for empowering students to have each other's backs here and at home". Mr. Rizzo spoke about his experience attending the 7th Grade Center's Unity Day Event. He next stated that on behalf of the School Board thanked the presidents of the parent organizations for their attendance at the recently held President's Council Meeting. He commented that the meeting was a great way for him to learn more about what each organization is doing as well as for the individual organizations to collaborate with each other. Mr. Rizzo reported that the Breakfast Program rolled out today in grades 5-8. He added that the cafeterias were fully staffed and ready to receive eager young students. The Breakfast Program is scheduled to roll out to grades 9-12 on November 4th. Mr. Rizzo provided information on upcoming events such as ALICE Night on October 22nd at 6:30 in the High School Auditorium, an Anxiety Discussion on October 23rd at 6:30 PM in the 8th Grade Center, the Town Hall Meeting on October 24th in the High School Auditorium, the Spring-Ford Media, Messaging & Youth Night on November 7th in the High School Auditorium, Math and Literacy Night on November 4th at Upper Providence Elementary School, and the Fall Play on November 15th and 16th in the High School Auditorium. Mr. Rizzo added that additional information on district events can be found on the Spring-Ford website.

Dr. Goodin commented that he would like to bring something to the Board's attention that he would like some direction on. He stated that he was recently contacted by some folks from Upper Providence Township concerning work that they would like to do on township roads, specifically concerning us would be the intersection of Lewis Road and Vaughn Road. He stated that they are looking for the school district to provide a letter of support for the project for a grant they are applying for. Dr. Goodin stated that we would sign this letter of support for the grant and by doing so we would be committing to matching funds for the portion of the grant should they be successful in getting it. Dr. Goodin stated that he does not know what the dollar figure would be but that a response from the district is being requested by October 31st.

The consensus from the Board was that the roads are township roads and as such this should not fall under the school district's responsibility to provide any funding.

Solicitor's Report Mark Fitzgerald

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that last week the PSBA Leadership Conference in Hershey took place during which solicitors met and one surprising topic to note was in regards to the chaos that has surrounded Act 67. He stated that Act 67 was the law that enhanced, changed and created a whole lot of fuzzy areas regarding school resource officers, school police officers, security guards and the like. He added that all school districts are doing things differently and really without much focus or guidance. Mr. Fitzgerald advised that the other issue, which has been an issue for many years but was a hot topic, surrounds prevailing party legal fees with special education due process hearings. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that when a special education due process hearing occurs parents are often represented by a counsel and fees for this counsel can be upwards of \$80,000 which comes out of the school district budget. He advised that there is a lot of initiative in all parts of the state right now to push this issue at the federal level. Dr. Goodin questioned if this is something that would curb the prevailing fees and Mr. Fitzgerald replied yes and that it would most likely be done through case law, court action and litigation.

Mr. DiBello announced that the Board met in an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a legal matter and no action was taken.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Murray stated that she will be presenting the many ways that students have to earn college credit while still being a high school student. Dr. Murray explained the differences between Advance Placement and Dual Enrollment. She advised that the district currently offers 26 AP Courses with additional courses being offered via the Virtual High School. She provided information on the number of AP Exams that were taken last year and how our students scored on those exams. Dr. Murray stated that the Senior High School has made the AP Honor Roll 8 out of 9 times. She next provided information on Project Lead the Way which is a nationally recognized curriculum where students have the opportunity to take rigorous honors-weighted courses where they could potentially be awarded scholarships, admission preference and possibly course credit from post-secondary institutions. Dr. Murray advised that students enrolled in 11th or 12th grade have the opportunity to enroll in dual credit courses offered by Arcadia University and Montgomery County Community College. She added that the district is currently working with West Chester University on the provision of additional course offerings. Dr. Murray spoke about the considerations and limitations that students must be aware of when exploring dual enrollment options such as the colleges requirements, the schedule for those classes, the potential of a student having to pass a placement exam and the cost of the course that the student/family must assume. She next explained the criteria for students to take a dual enrollment courses as specified in Board Policy 217. Dr. Murray advised that approximately 300 students are participating in dual enrollment courses for the 2019-2020 school year with approximately 40 students taking more than one dual enrollment course and several students also being enrolled in AP courses.

Mrs. Benner presented information on how all of these opportunities are communicated to students and families. She provided a month by month listing of how information is disseminated by the Future Planning Center.

Dr. Murray summarized the opportunities that exist for students to earn college credit including the next steps that the district is looking at considering for our students. Also included as part of the discussion were some of the cons that students and families must also consider when contemplating taking dual enrollment courses. The closing message was that there are options for students if they want to be able to take a jump start on their college education.

Julianna commented that she currently is taking a Speech and Communications dual enrollment course and it is one of her favorite courses. She stated that the course helps expose her to what it is going to be like when she goes onto college.

- A. **Dr. Kelly Murray**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, **Dr. Patrick Nugent**, High School 10-12 Principal, **Tricia Benner**, College Career Coordinator, to present on "Opportunities to Earn College Credit".

Mrs. Ritter and Mrs. Korchowsky thanked the Board and Administration for inviting them here this evening and for their support of the AP Capstone Program. They also thanked Dr. Nugent for seeing the value of the program and bringing it to Spring-Ford as well as the entire district including high school faculty and staff as the endeavor to implement this type of program is quite an undertaking which could not succeed without the help of a large number of people. They explained what the AP Capstone Program entails which involves an incredibly fast-paced and rigorous curriculum over the course of the two year program and includes AP Seminar in year 1 and AP Research in year 2. Mrs. Ritter and Mrs. Korchowsky spoke of the advantage of the co-teaching opportunity saying feedback

and mentoring students need for success in this program would not be possible with a single teacher in the room. They spoke about the QUEST Model which students involved in the program know quite well and explained that **QUEST** stands for **Q**uestion and explore, **U**nderstand and analyze, **E**valuate multiple perspectives, **S**ynthesize ideas, and **T**eam, transform and transmit. This is the 3rd year of the program's inception and last year the first group of students completed the 2 year program and there were 15 students who earned AP Diplomas and 10 earned AP Certificates which could be turned into diplomas upon the completion of additional AP credits. Mrs. Ritter invited students who are involved in the program to come forward and speak about their experiences. Students each provided an overview of their how their involvement in this program has impacted them and the benefits they have received as a result of participating in this rigorous program. Mrs. Ritter introduced videos that were sent from 3 recent Spring-Ford graduates who experienced the advantages of this program and they spoke about how the skills they learned through the program have helped them thus far in their freshman year of college.

Dr. Nugent thanked Mrs. Ritter and Mrs. Korchowsky for all their work in preparation of the program and in getting the program up and running. He also thanked the students for coming out and providing their perspective.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Korchowsky, Dr. Nugent and the students for coming out tonight and providing information on this program.

- B. **Jaclyn Ritter** and **Julie Korchowsky**, Gifted Teachers, **Dr. Patrick Nugent**, High School 10-12 Principal, to present an "Update on the AP Capstone Program".

V. MINUTES

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval of the September 16, 2019 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A6)**
- B. Administration recommends approval of the September 23, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A7)**

VI. PERSONNEL

There were no questions or comments.

A. Resignations

1. **Deborah Devine**; Level III - Secretary, Limerick Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: October 18, 2019.
2. **Cheryl S. Heiser**; Level I – Executive Secretary, Senior High School 10-12 Center, for the purpose of retirement. Effective: January 6, 2020.
3. **Gregory S. Huff**; Assistant Swimming Coach, Senior High School. Effective: October 15, 2019.
4. **Vincent E. Terry**; Baseball Coach, 7th Grade Center. Effective: October 10, 2019.

B. Leaves of Absence

1. **Danielle E. Cushman**; Instructional Assistant, Spring City Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence per board policy. Effective: January 6, 2020 through March 20, 2020.
2. **Marisa Moley**; Instructional Assistant, Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence per board policy. Effective: January 15, 2020 through April 30, 2020.
3. **Joanna M. Trautman**; School Counselor, Royersford Elementary School, for an extension of child-rearing leave per the Professional Agreement. Effective: January 27, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

C. Temporary Professional Staff

1. **Joseph J. Robison**; Chemistry Teacher, Senior High School, replacing Stacey Hoffman who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at MS, Step 1, \$49,500.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: October 1, 2019.

D. Tenure Status

1. **Sara Lynn Wanamaker**

- E. Administration recommends approval of the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. **(Attachment A8)**

VII. FINANCE

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.

B. Checks:

1. General Fund Checks
Check No. 208108 – 208572 \$1,403,533.65
2. Food Service Checks
Check No. 1790 – 1805 \$ 30,585.88
3. Capital Reserve Checks
Check No. 2076 – 2077 \$ 469,492.43
4. Capital Projects
Reserve Fund: Check No. 53 – 59 \$ 264,277.31
5. General Fund, Food Service, & Capital Reserve ACHs
ACH 192000274 – 192000441 \$1,915,226.99
6. Procurement Payments and Wires
201900018 – 201900024 \$2,717,734.07
20180248 – 20180813 \$ 174,863.48

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

- Skyward Reports
 - Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, Capital Projects, Procurement, Scholarships and Wires)
 - ACH Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, and Capital Projects)

D. Administration recommends approval of pass through funds from the MCIU for the 2019-2020 Title III Federal Programs Grant in the amount of \$5,528.25, 2019-2020 IDEA Section 619 – Age of Beginners in the amount of \$6,426.00 and IDEA Section 611 in the amount of \$1,476,026.10.

E. Administration recommends approval of the following independent contracts:

1. **Richard J. Caron Foundation – Wernersville, PA.** Provide 3 days of Student Assistance Program (SAP) Training for 40 staff members at the elementary level. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$5,900.00.
2. **Eric Geoffrey Belcher – Philadelphia, PA.** Provide an assembly for students at Spring City Elementary School entitled “Give and Take Jugglers Little Circus”. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$950.00.
3. **Chris Poulos – Wakefield, RI.** Provide 3 assemblies (2 at Upper Providence Elementary School and 1 at Spring City Elementary School) for students in grades 1-4 encouraging students to cultivate a positive school environment while reinforcing Core Values, Good Character and Overall Kindness. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$2,250.00 (Upper Providence \$1,800.00 and Spring City \$450.00).
4. **Herren Talks – Portsmouth, RI.** Provide an assembly for 11th and 12th grade students by Chris Herren, former NBA Player and drug and alcohol prevention advocate. Mr. Herren will deliver an educational and informational message prior to the high school proms regarding the disease of addiction. Funding will be split between a Montgomery County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Project Grant (\$5,000.00) and the General Fund (approximately \$2,500.00). The total shall not exceed \$7,500.00.
5. **Foodplay Productions – Hatfield, MA.** Provide an assembly for students at Spring City Elementary School entitled “To Be Fit, The Juggling Nutrition Magician Show”. Funding will be split between a Phoenixville Community Health Foundation Grant (\$500.00) and the General Fund (\$395.00) and shall not exceed \$895.00.
6. **Valley Forge Educational Services (The Vanguard School) – Malvern, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$64,625.00.
7. **Valley Forge Educational Services (The Vanguard School) – Malvern, PA.** Provide 1-1 support services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$33,752.78.

8. **Camphill Special School** – Provide speech and language and occupational therapy related services during the 2019-2020 school year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$5,292.00.
 9. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide educational services, related services and 1-1 services for five special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$124,879.59.
 10. **Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide educational services for two special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$77,760.00.
 11. **StarHouse Media, LLC. – Fairfax, CA.** Provide two screenings (one for the Spring-Ford Community and one for Spring-Ford Area High School) of the film Screenagers: Next Chapter. Funding will be paid from the Community Relations Budget and shall not exceed \$650.00.
- F. 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. **Mike and Roberta Straka – Bushkill, PA.** Provide a dinosaur presentation and dig for second grade students at Royersford Elementary School entitled “Dino Dig”. Funding will be paid by the Royersford Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$525.00.
 2. **Mike and Roberta Straka – Bushkill, PA.** Provide a dinosaur presentation and dig for second grade students at Oaks Elementary School entitled “Dino Dig”. Funding will be paid by the Oaks Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed \$525.00.
 3. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 4 assemblies for kindergarten classes at Royersford Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$440.00.
 4. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 3 assemblies for kindergarten classes at Limerick Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Limerick Home and School League and shall not exceed \$330.00.
 5. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 5 assemblies for kindergarten classes at Oaks Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Oaks Elementary Parent Teacher Association and shall not exceed \$550.00.
 6. **Linnea McFadden – Wyomissing, PA.** Provide an assembly for all students at Royersford Elementary entitled “End Bullying with Kindness”. Funding will be paid by the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$400.00.

VIII. PROPERTY

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for ICS Consulting, Media, PA to complete an updated comprehensive demographic and enrollment study for a not to exceed cost of \$33,000.00. Funding will come from the Maintenance Budget.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no questions or comments.

The following individuals are recommended for attendance at the following:

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Robert Rizzo**, Assistant Superintendent, and **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to attend the *"PSBA Equity Summit"* in Hershey, PA on October 15, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$275.00 (registration and transportation). No substitutes are needed.
- B. **Mary Davidheiser**, Controller, to attend *"PASBO's 65th Annual Conference"* in Pittsburgh, PA from March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020. The total cost of this conference is \$1,642.00 (registration, transportation, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.
- C. **Robert Catalano**, Director of Technology, to attend *"FET&C (Future of Education Technology Conference)"* in Miami, Florida from January 13, 2020 through January 17, 2020. The total cost of this conference is \$2,584.00 (registration, transportation, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.
- D. **Tracy Bogucki** and **Jessica Kemp**, Child Accounting Administrative Assistants, to attend *"A/CAPA Fall Conference"* in Hershey, PA on November 13 and November 14, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$1,285.00 (registration, transportation and lodging). No substitutes are needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- E. **Ashley Baisch, Seth Jones, Emily McGranahan, and Yvonne O'Dea**, Music Teachers, to attend the *"PMEA District 11 15th Annual Professional Staff Development Conference"* on November 5, 2019 at Montgomery County Community College. The total cost of this conference is \$120.00 (registration). No substitutes are needed as this conference takes place on an in-service day.
- F. **Lori Bignotti**, Principal, **Heidi Rochlin**, Curriculum Supervisor, **Gabrielle Procaro, Stephanie Fitler** and **Jessica Saloky**, Instructional Coaches, to attend *"Be Bold with Weston Kieschnick: Developing a Rigorous and Relevant Digital Learning Environment"* at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown, PA on October 22, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$1,100.00 (registration and transportation). No substitutes are needed.
- G. **Alisa Fleisher** and **Denise Johnston**, School Counselors, **Kelly German** and **Khrystin Herb**, Teachers, to attend the *"SAP Conference 2019"* at the Four Falls Corporate Center in West Conshohocken, PA on November 5, 2019. The total cost

for this conference is \$160.00 (registration). No substitutes are needed as this conference takes place on an in-service day.

HIGH SCHOOL

- H. **Nicole Davenport**, Media Specialist, to attend *"Makerspaces: Creating Motivating, Engaging Work Spaces for Your Library"* at the Sheraton in Frazer, PA on December 11, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$546.42 (registration, transportation and one day of substitute coverage).
- I. **Khrystin Herb**, SAP Coordinator, and **Kristin Rouyer**, Teacher, to attend *"PASAP Southeast Regional Workshop"* at the Caron Foundation in Wernersville, PA on October 30, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$804.00 (registration, transportation and one day of substitute coverage for both teachers).
- J. **Khrystin Herb**, SAP Coordinator, to attend *"PASAP-PAMLE Conference"* in State College, PA from February 23, 2020 through February 25, 2020. The total cost of this conference is \$1,114.00 (Registration, transportation, lodging, meals and 2 days of substitute coverage).

X. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for Yvonne O'Dea (High School Choir Director), Joseph Perry (High School Assistant Choir Director) and Emily McGranahan (Orchestra Director) to take the High School Vocal Ensemble, Golden Voices, Honors Orchestra, 9th Grade Orchestra and 10-12 Grade Orchestra to compete in Virginia from April 30, 2020 through May 2, 2020. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend workshops with professional clinicians. The groups will be travelling by chartered bus and staying at a hotel in Virginia Beach. The cost of the trip shall not exceed \$600.00 per person. The Spring-Ford Music Association and staff will conduct fundraising events to help defray the costs. Students will miss two days of school and will be responsible for making up any missed work. The total cost to the district is \$1,152.00 for two days of substitute coverage for Mrs. O'Dea, Mrs. McGranahan and Mr. Perry.
- B. Administration recommends approval for the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Softball Team to accept the invitation to participate in The Ripken Experience held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 17, 2020 through March 21, 2020. The Team will be traveling via chartered bus and will be staying in a hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC. The cost per student-athlete will be approximately \$600.00. The team will participate in four regular season contests which are part of the 2020 schedule that permits a maximum of 20 contests as per PIAA by laws. 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 any missed work. The total cost to the district is \$1,728.00 for three days of substitute coverage for the three coaches.

XI. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Dehnert thanked the SFEA for providing the picnic after the Homecoming Parade saying they once again did a nice job.

The Board discussed the responsibilities of the district and a student's family to provide guidance on college funding, student loans, the future financial impact of those loans,

career paths and potential income in those chosen careers. It was also stated that the student's themselves have to take the initiative and be proactive in looking for and researching information on the career path that they wish to pursue and that there is much help and information available through the Future Planning Center.

Dr. Murray spoke about the District's 339 Plan with the whole purpose of this being to help promote college and career readiness after high school. She explained that this starts as early as elementary school with assessments that help students determine some potential career paths and build a portfolio so the discussion and guidance is part of the curriculum as early as elementary school.

Discussion also included the extent of guidance the district should provide versus a student's personal choice for their post-secondary plans and careers.

Mr. DiBello spoke about his experience at the PSBA Conference that he along with Linda Fazzini and Colleen Zasowski attended. He encouraged all Board Members to consider attending even for one day. He commented that he is happy to report that Spring-Ford is ahead of many school districts in Pennsylvania when listening to what other districts are thinking about doing or are just starting to implement compared to what we already have in place.

Mrs. Zasowski reported on a session she attended that included a presentation by Siemens regarding a STEM Program where they co-op with high schools to help enhance STEM Programs. Mrs. Zasowski stated that she brought back some information with her that she is happy to share with Dr. Goodin. Mrs. Fazzini added that there are a lot of large companies that do initiatives with high schools. Mrs. Zasowski spoke of a program entitled SWAT that is in place in the Hollidaysburg School District regarding actions and programming they implemented following an unfortunate suicide event. The initiative meshes their safety and mental health programs together. She commented that what they had in place was not as set up or established as what Spring-Ford has in place which is a credit to our district.

Mrs. Fazzini reported that a big part of the what she experienced was that everyone in Pennsylvania is looking at the ESL (Emotional Social Learning) and because of Safe to Say, which Spring-Ford has already been doing previously under a different name, over 80% of those reports involve mental health issues or suicide issues. She advised that Pennsylvania Government is astonished at this figure as they thought it would be violence issues or other issues. Mrs. Fazzini stated that there is a big campaign to address this in schools and once again we are doing very well in this area and are ahead of a lot of schools.

A suggestion was made that Spring-Ford do a future presentation at future meetings on a variety of subjects including safety, health, modernized learning, Aavidum, unity days and the parent speaker series.

Mr. DiBello reminded everyone that the Town Hall Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24th with a lot of information being shared. He encouraged everyone to attend and stated that he knows Ms. Crew has been promoting the event. He asked how we get information out to those members of the public who are not on Facebook and Ms. Crew replied that there was a press release that went out which the Mercury has not yet run but that she reached out to them several times and is waiting to hear back. Ms. Crew added that the advertisement did run in The Patch as well as on Montcotoday.org. She stated that she has also reached out to the Borough Council in Royersford and asked that they publish it on their scrolling sign located on Main Street. Ms. Crew advised that the meeting is also being advertised on the High School sign. Mr. DiBello

reported that topics planned for discussion included school police, vaping, and school start times.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Zasowski made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Crew
Assistant Board Secretary

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary



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RESOLUTION 2019-28

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends **Isabel Mejia** and **Riley Burke**, members of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team, the Spring-Ford Girls' Tennis Team Head Coach Todd Reagan and his Assistant Coaches Devon Staino and Karen Canuso.

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team is a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team members Isabel Mejia and Riley Burke, under the guidance, leadership, and direction of their coaches, were able to win the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Tennis Doubles Championship and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Isabel Mejia and Riley Burke, won the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Tennis Doubles Championship by scoring 6-3, 6-2 in the championship match and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Isabel Mejia and Riley Burke, also qualified for the PIAA District One Girls' Tennis Doubles Tournament,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education recognizes the coaching staff for creating a disciplined and caring environment for the student-athletes and,

Further resolved, that the achievements, the recognition, the accomplishments, and the goals set by the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Tennis Doubles Champions Isabel Mejia and Riley Burke, demonstrated over and over throughout the season the toughness, good-will, sportsmanship, and all that is embodied in being a **SPRING-FORD RAM**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 21st day of October, 2019.

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Board President

By: _____
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RESOLUTION 2019-29

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends **Caitlyn Krause**, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team, the Spring-Ford Girls' Tennis Team Head Coach Todd Reagan and his Assistant Coaches Devon Staino and Karen Canuso.

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team is a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team member Caitlyn Krause, under the guidance, leadership, and direction of her coaches, was able to win the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Tennis Singles Championship and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Caitlyn Krause won the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Tennis Singles Championship by scoring 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the championship match and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Caitlyn Krause also qualified for the PIAA District One Girls' Tennis Singles Tournament,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education recognizes the coaching staff for creating a disciplined and caring environment for the student-athletes and,

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RESOLUTION 2019-30 SPRING-FORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM PAC CHAMPIONS

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Tennis Team and their Coach Todd Reagan and his Assistant Coaches Devon Staino, Karen Canuso for winning the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship with a league record of 11 wins, 0 losses and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Tennis Team is a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Tennis Team under the guidance, leadership, and direction of both its coaches and captains was able to win the Pioneer Athletic Conference final match over Owen J Roberts 6-1 for Pioneer Athletic Conference automatic seed to the PIAA District One Tournament and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Tennis Team won their fourth Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship in school history and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Tennis Team's varsity and junior varsity players all contributed and played a significant role in having a successful and outstanding tennis season and,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education recognizes the coaching staff for creating a disciplined and caring environment for the players and,

Further resolved, that the achievements, the recognition, the accomplishments, the goals and the new records set by the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Tennis Team demonstrated over and over throughout the season the toughness, goodwill, sportsmanship, and all that is embodied in a **SPRING-FORD RAM**.

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SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2019-31

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends **Nicole Yun**, a member of the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team, the Spring-Ford Girls' Golf Head Coach John Brennan and his Assistant Coach Timothy Hughes.

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team is a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team member Nicole Yun, under the guidance, leadership, and direction of her coaches, was able to win the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Golf Championship and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Nicole Yun won the Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Golf Championship by scoring an 82 and,

Whereas, Spring-Ford High School's Nicole Yun also qualified for the PIAA District One Girls' Golf Tournament and,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education recognizes the coaching staff for creating a disciplined and caring environment for the student-athletes and,

Further resolved, that the achievements, the recognition, the accomplishments, the goals set by the 2019 Pioneer Athletic Conference Girls' Golf Champion Nicole Yun, demonstrated over and over throughout the season the toughness, good-will, sportsmanship, and all that is embodied in being a **SPRING-FORD RAM**.

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RESOLUTION 2019-32

SPRING-FORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GOLF TEAM PAC CHAMPIONS

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends Spring-Ford High School Girls' Golf Team and their Coach John Brennan and his Assistant Coach Timothy Hughes for winning the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship with a league record of 9 wins, 1 loss and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Golf Team is a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Golf Team under the guidance, leadership, and direction of both its coaches and captains was able to win the Pioneer Athletic Conference final match over Boyertown 181-217 for Pioneer Athletic Conference automatic seed to the PIAA District One Tournament and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Golf Team won their first Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship in school history and,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Girls' Golf Team's varsity and junior varsity players all contributed and played a significant role in having a successful and outstanding golf season and,

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On September 16, 2019 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: Linda C. Fazzini and Kelly J. Spletzer
Region II: Clinton L. Jackson and Colleen Zasowski
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert and Christina F. Melton
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Reps.: Eshika Seth

The following Board Members were absent: **Dr. Edward T. Dressler** and **Dawn R. Heine**

The following Student Representative was absent: **Julianna Lelli**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eshika announced that school was back in full swing from back to school socials, to the annual Homecoming Weekend, to the first concerts of the year. She urged everyone to check the Spring-Ford website to view all upcoming events and announcements.

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments from the public.

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum/Technology **Dawn Heine** **1st Tues. 6:30 p.m.**
Report next week

Policy **Colleen Zasowski** **2nd Mon. 7:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Zasowski reported on the Policy Committee meeting that took place on September 9, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

The Board briefly discussed the topic discussed at the Policy Committee meeting regarding the pros and cons of instituting fines for vaping offenses.

Mr. Fitzgerald added that a number of districts are considering class action suits against manufacturers like JUUL for public nuisance for the amount of time taken away and the monetary impact it causes to school entities for administrators to deal with these issues. Mr. Fitzgerald also commented on the topic of moving away from written absence notes and towards a secure electronic version. He stated that he felt this could be accomplished but that the district wants to make sure that it adheres to any FERPA obligations under the circumstances to make sure that the only individuals seeing the notes are those on a need to know basis.

Extracurricular
Report next week.

Christina Melton

2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m. (alt. months)

Finance

Thomas J. DiBello

2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m.

Mr. DiBello reported on the Finance Committee meeting that took place on September 10, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Property

Thomas J. DiBello

2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Mr. DiBello reported on the Property Committee meeting that took place on September 10, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Asst. Superintendent Rpt. Robert Rizzo

Mr. Rizzo provided a district-wide enrollment update which revealed current enrollment at 8,060 students with elementary buildings seeing a decrease of approximately 6 total students, an increase in grade levels of 5-8 of approximately 50 total students, and an increase at the 9-12 grade level of approximately 25 students. He next reported on QPR Training, Resiliency and Team Building saying that 9th grade students will participate in Team Building and Resiliency activities led by 10-12 grade Resiliency and Aevdum Clubs as well as specially designed "student focused" QPR training. He reminded everyone that QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer and is a set of steps to help peers, friends, and anyone with proven suicide prevention strategies. He added that the mission of QPR is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives. Mr. Rizzo acknowledged Dr. Weidenbaugh, Dr. Ruppert and Mr. Reigner as well as their staff for working together to change the lives of students. Mr. Rizzo provided an update on fall sports and advised that he has been making the rounds to try and attend as many events as possible. He recognized the student-athletes on the wonderful job they were doing representing the district and thanked the coaches for creating great opportunities for the students and being great role models. Mr. Rizzo reminded everyone that this Saturday is Spring-Ford's Marching Band Home Show where many local bands will begin their competition season on our field. He thanked Mr. Jones and his staff as well as the band boosters for all of their work in preparing for this event. Mr. Rizzo stated that it has been an exciting time not only for Spring-Ford but also for our supporting communities and reported that he attended community days and events and also had the opportunity to meet the Spring City Elementary School community at their pavilion dedication last week. He stated that he was happy to see that while Spring-Ford is a large district it sees the value in supporting the idea of "small town community". Mr. Rizzo advised that this is the season for our schools to open their doors to our families so that they can meet the teachers and see their student's learning spaces. Mr. Rizzo commented that the board committees have continued for the upcoming school year and he encouraged community members and staff members to attend a meeting from time to time adding that it is a great opportunity to sit side-by-side with Board Members and Administration as the business of running a school district is discussed.

Solicitor's Report

Mark Fitzgerald

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that there has been a lot of changeover on the pupil services side in the district such as a new special education supervisor and a new assistant superintendent and he advised that his office will be interfacing with those new individuals especially with some of the transition issues that come with the delivery of special education. He added that he will keep the Board updated going forward.

The Board spoke about vaping and media hysteria with regards to the need to separate fact from fiction. There was discussion on the need to educate students on this.

III. MINUTES

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval of the August 19, 2019 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A1)**
- B. Administration recommends approval of the August 26, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A2)**

IV. PERSONNEL

Mr. Dehnert questioned Item C1 saying he has requested that the Board receive a rationale every time for any professional staff hired above Step 1. He asked if they could get this for this motion. Dr. Goodin advised that it was sent home to the Board in their weekly memo.

A. Resignations

- 1. **Vincent E. Terry**; Soccer Coach-Boys', 7th Grade Center. Effective: September 9, 2019.
- 2. **Edward Nugent**; Maintenance III for the purpose of retirement. Effective: November 12, 2019.

B. Leave of Absence

- 1. **Robert St. Ledger**; Instructional Assistant, Evans Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence per board policy. Effective: January 6, 2020 through April 10, 2020.

C. Professional Staff

- 1. **Jacqueline M. Thompson**; Elementary Teacher, Evans Elementary School, replacing Joanne D. Camlin who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at MS+18, Step 2, \$54,545.00 with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: To be determined.

D. Support Staff

- 1. **Kimberly M. Baier**; Executive Secretary, District Office, replacing Connie L. Iannetta who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$21.75/hour with benefits per the Administrative Support Benefit Summary. Effective: September 23, 2019.
- 2. **Alexander M. Kraft**; Instructional Assistant, Senior High School, replacing Timothy J. Hunsberger who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants Benefit Summary. Effective: To be determined.

3. **Deborah E. Malack**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Erin Hughes who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants Benefit Summary. Effective: September 11, 2019.
4. **Vincenzo Selli**; Part-time Food Service (4 hour/day), Oaks Elementary School, replacing Anne Marie Falcone who retired. Compensation has been set at \$12.91/hour per the Food Service Plan. Effective: To be determined.
5. **Amanda M. Weckerly**; Instructional Assistant, Brooke Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistant Benefit Summary. Effective: To be determined.

E. Tenure Status

1. **Kiera M. Phillips**

- F. Administration recommends approval of the attached extra-curricular contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. **(Attachment A3)**

V. FINANCE

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for next month's payroll, taxes, all benefits, transportation contracts, IU contracts, Vo-Tech payments, debt service payments, utility bills, maintenance agreements, copier leases, equipment maintenance, federal grants, insurance, and discounted invoices.

B. Checks:

1. General Fund Checks
Check No. 201800 – 208107 \$1,654,179.82
2. Food Service Checks
Check No. 1781 – 1789 \$ 857.53
3. Capital Reserve Checks
Check No. 2074 – 2075 \$ 105,375.00
4. General Fund, Food Service, & Capital Reserve ACHs
ACH 192000145 – 192000273 \$2,767,598.48
5. Procurement Payments and Wires
201900008 – 201900017 \$1,621,773.59

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

- Skyward Reports
 - Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, Capital Projects, Procurement, Scholarships and Wires)
 - ACH Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, and Capital Projects)

D. Administration recommends approval of the following independent contracts:

1. **Academic Entertainment – Snohomish, WA.** Provide 2 assemblies for students in grades 1-4 at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Laugh Factory”. Funding will come from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$1,395.00.
2. **Renee S. McClure – Anam Cara Farm LLC – Douglasville, PA.** Provide a 60-90 minute speaking engagement for parents of 8th Grade students entitled “Anxious or Uncomfortable – Helping Our Preteens/Teens Become More Resilient”. Funding will come from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$500.00.
3. **Camphill Special School – Glenmoore, PA.** Provide educational and related services including speech and language, occupational therapy and a 1:1 aide for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$84,240.00.
4. **The Vanguard School – Malvern, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$64,625.00.
5. **Personal Health Care – Valley Forge, PA.** Provide nursing services during the Extended School Year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$4,136.00.
6. **Carol Gorshe – Limerick, PA.** Provide specialized reading services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$10,800.00.
7. **Valley Forge Educational Services (Vanguard School) – Malvern, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$8,460.00.
8. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide educational services for 7 special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$312,000.00.
9. **Lakeside Youth Service – North Wales, PA.** This is an addendum to the previous contract approved at the June 24, 2019 Board Meeting. This addendum is necessitated due to the need for an additional 10 hours per week of counseling support during the 2019-2020 school year. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$20,500.00.
10. **The Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide educational and related services for 2 special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$137,041.71.
11. **The Pathway School – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide educational services during the Extended School Year for 4 special needs students as per their IEPs. This motion is a replacement to the previous contract that was approved at the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$35,990.00.

- E. 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. **SPCA – Conshohocken, PA.** Provide an assembly for 2nd grade classes at Spring City Elementary School entitled “Pet Care Assembly”. There is no cost for this assembly.
 2. **Science Explorers – Mohonton, PA.** Provide an assembly for all students in grades 1-4 at Spring City Elementary School in conjunction with the kick off for the Science Explorer Club. There is no cost for this assembly.
 3. **The Magic of Joe Romano – Alexandria, VA.** Provide 2 assemblies for students at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “A Performance of Books! The Magic is Real!”. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$1,190.00.
 4. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 4 assemblies for the kindergarten classes at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$440.00.
 5. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 2 assemblies for kindergarten classes at Spring City Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Spring City Home and School League and shall not exceed \$220.00.
 6. **National Circus Project – Westbury, NY.** Provide a five day Artist in Residence Program related to the Benefits of Physical Fitness for all students at Upper Providence Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$6,500.00.
 7. **Katey Howes – New Hope, PA.** Provide an Author Day visit to all students at Royersford Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$800.00.
- F. Administration recommends approval of an addendum to our contact with Pediatric Therapeutic Services, Inc. (PTS) from June 26 2017. This addendum is necessary due to additional services that are needed to provide 1:1 behavioral services per the IEPs for special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$229,959.00.
- G. Motion to approve the transfer of \$66,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund to be used for additional approved classroom supplies.

VI. PROPERTY

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for Recreation Resource USA to install an autistic support sensory/play area at Limerick Elementary School. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve and shall not exceed \$102,049.00, COSTARS 14-74.

- B. Administration recommends approval to purchase from Hillyard a ride-on scrubber for the Senior High School. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve and shall not exceed \$18,901.06, COSTARS 005-057.

VII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval of a 4 year contract renewal between the Spring-Ford Area School District and SLC Technologies of New Holland, PA for Technology Professional services. Funding will come from the Technology Budget and shall not exceed \$20,000.00.

VIII. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no questions or comments.

The following individuals are recommended for attendance at the following:

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Thomas J. DiBello, Linda Fazzini, and Colleen Zasowski**, Board Members, to attend the *"PSBA 2019 School Leadership Conference"* at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from October 16, 2019 through October 18, 2019. Mrs. Fazzini will attend the entire conference and serve as the district's voting delegate at the PSBA Delegate Assembly and Mr. DiBello and Mrs. Zasowski will attend one-day on October 17, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$1,900.66 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitutes are needed.
- B. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to attend the *"AASPA National Conference"* in New Orleans, LA from October 8, 2019 through October 11, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$2,675.00 (registration, transportation, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- C. **Julie Caterson**, Home and School Visitor/School Liaison, to attend the *"2019 Foster Care/ECYEH Conference 'Paving the Way to Educational Success'"* at the Kalahari Convention Center in Pocono Manor, PA from October 15, 2019 through October 17, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$445.00 (mileage, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no questions or comments.

- A. Administration recommends approval for the Spring-Ford Area High School Boys' Baseball Team to accept the invitation to participate in the KSA (Kaylee Scholarship Association) Baseball Spring Training from March 12, 2020 through March 17, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. The cost per student-athlete will be approximately \$1,100.00 plus transportation. The High School Boys' Baseball Program and staff will conduct fund-raising events to help defray the costs. Student-athletes will miss four school days. The total cost to the district will be \$1,536.00 for 4 days of substitute coverage for the 2 coaches.

- C. A Board majority vote is needed to select a candidate for the office of PSBA President-Elect. There is only one candidate running for this office: **Art Levinowitz**.
- D. A Board majority vote is needed to select a candidate for the office of PSBA Vice President. There is only one candidate running for this office: **David Hein**.
- E. A Board majority vote is needed to select two candidates for the office of PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees. There are only two candidates running for these two spots: **Kathy K. Swope** and **Mark B. Miller**.

X. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Dehnert commented that in light of the Board's discussion tonight on vaping he felt that a good goal to add to Dr. Goodin's goals and objectives would be to add a formal education program for the hazards of vaping, the dangers and why kids should not be doing it. He added that instituting fines would not help to inform students of the hazard.

Mrs. Spletzer asked the students in the audience if they had heard about the dangers of vaping and many of them raised their hands. Mrs. Spletzer stated that she felt that this was part of the standard health education curriculum.

Mr. Dehnert stated that most of the health curriculum is in 11th grade. Eshika advised that there are student assemblies on this so the information is out there. Mr. Dehnert felt that a formal program was needed for something that was becoming an epidemic and creating a lot of health hazards.

Dr. Goodin spoke to the students in the audience and said that many students think that students who are having medical issues are having them due to the fact that they used an inferior product or a vape cartridge that had been tainted. He added that he has been told that if you use a JUUL then it is okay. Dr. Goodin stated that they definitely want to focus on those misconceptions as well as not just the disciplinary piece but rather the educational piece as well.

Mr. Jackson commented that he has 2 students in the district and there is a lot of discussion regarding vaping and the manufacturers. He stated the he felt that the Board should be focusing on the policy structure first and then look at the bigger picture as the policy is what they control. Mr. Jackson said he has had a couple parents talk to him with regards to graduation day wondering what was happening with this date and if it was a fixed date. Mrs. Melton replied that the Board normally votes on this in April. Mr. Jackson said he understood that but wondered what the date was. Dr. Goodin replied that the date is not known yet because they have 3 emergency days built into the calendar and if they are not used then the calendar is backed up by that number of days. Dr. Goodin did express concern over the way the calendar fell this year as if we use all 3 emergency days then the last day of school would fall on a Monday. Dr. Goodin indicated that he would guess that if this were the case then the administration would recommend that graduation for seniors be held on Friday night with the rest of the students K-11 coming to school through Monday.

Mr. DiBello commented that the Board has not done a town hall meeting in a while and he suggested that one be held in October. He suggested that there were a couple topics they could talk about with vaping being one of them. He asked if the Board would be receptive to doing something like this and Mrs. Melton replied that she would like to know what the topics would be before she commits in order to have an understanding of the thought behind this. Mr. DiBello said he has some ideas such as vaping, school start

times and a security overview of what we have been putting in the district. Mrs. Melton stated that in the past when she attended a town hall meeting normally there was a specific topic that the Board was looking for community input on and she stated that this one sounded like it was more of an informational meeting and she asked if that was correct. Mr. DiBello responded that the only one they had that was very specific was the one pertaining to the high school expansion but there were ones in the past where there were 2 or 3 different major topic items that they talked about from a board perspective. Mr. DiBello spoke of the success of the previous town hall meetings saying they averaged over 700+ in attendance. Mr. DiBello stated that if the Board was receptive then he would like to see them look at the 3rd week of October.

Mr. Jackson asked if they were looking to keep this in-house or bring in an outside commentator who may be able to speak from a medical perspective to talk about the true nature of the impact and effect of vaping. Mr. DiBello suggested that they could work with administration to figure out what we have to share and determine if we want to bring someone in. Mr. DiBello indicated that for now he was trying to start at the level with getting this scheduled and on the books.

The Board indicated that the 4th week of the month would be better as some board members are attending a conference in Hershey. The suggestion was to hold it on October 24, 2019.

Mr. Dehnert questioned that it was stated that the justification for the personnel motion that had an individual being hired at Step 2 was in the weekly board memo and he checked last week's memo but did not see it. Mrs. Leiss advised that it was in the August 29th and September 6th memo from her that was included in those weekly memos. Mr. Dehnert expressed that he has wanted something other than just listing it at the bottom of a spreadsheet.

Mr. Jackson asked if the 24th of October also worked for administration and Dr. Goodin replied yes.

XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Wendy Earle, Collegeville, PA, questioned where the town hall meeting will be held and Mr. DiBello replied in the High School Auditorium.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Melton made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary

On September 23, 2019 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: Linda C. Fazzini and Kelly J. Spletzer
Region II: Dawn R. Heine, Clinton L. Jackson and Colleen Zasowski
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert and Christina F. Melton
Presiding Officer: Thomas J. DiBello
Asst. Superintendent: Robert W. Rizzo
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Reps.: Julianna Lelli and Eshika Seth

The following Board Member was absent: **Dr. Edward T. Dressler**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

I. PRESENTATION

Sarah Thurber, Campaign Manager from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, spoke about the number of people that are diagnosed each year with a form of blood cancer. She highlighted the work of the organization and acknowledged the efforts of the 7th Grade Center, the 9th Grade Center and the 10-12 Grade Center in raising \$14,896.05 during the 2019 Pennies for Patients Campaign.

- A. Recognition of the Spring-Ford Area School District by **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)** on the district's outstanding fundraising achievement in the **"2019 Pennies for Patients Campaign"**.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the public.

III. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Rep. Report Julianna Lelli/Eshika Seth

Julianna reported that events taking place earlier this month were back to school nights, picture day, the 5th/6th grade socials, and Spring-Ford High School was named as one of the top 40 public schools in Philadelphia Magazine. She added that the list gave the top 20 city schools and the top 20 suburban schools and Spring-Ford High School received the honor of being one of the top suburban schools. Julianna thanked the students, staff, parents and the school board for all of their support. Eshika reported on what is coming up which included spirit week, no school on September 30th and October 9th, the homecoming game and parade, homecoming dance, the powder puff game and at the elementary level there will be book fairs taking place. Julianna invited the Student Ambassadors to come forward and she provided a brief recap of the Student Ambassador

Program. She asked each student to introduce themselves and give their grade level. Julianna thanked the Board for their support of the program.

Curriculum/Technology Dawn Heine 1st Tues. 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Heine reported on the Curriculum/Technology Committee meeting that took place on September 11, 2019. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

WMCTC Dehnert, Dressler, Heine 1st Mon. 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Heine reported that the Joint Operating Committee met on September 9, 2019. She advised that they took the opportunity to thank State Representative Joseph Ciresi for his assistance in helping the Western Center to receive a \$40,000 grant that will be used to assist with co-op transportation among several other things. Mrs. Heine stated that the startup of the school year has been great thus far as the staff have been actively engaged with the in-service days based on a book by Simon Sinek entitled "Starts With Why". She added that the staff was also lucky enough to have Brooks Harper give a presentation during one of the in-service days on self-marketing and motivational concept for students. Mrs. Heine reported that the WMCTC will once again be hosting the Boy Scout merit badge in mid-October where troops can come and sign up to work towards receiving merit badges for some hard to find requirements. Mrs. Heine encouraged current and perspective students to come out for an open house on December 11th. She also invited girls to come out and participate in Girls' Night Out on November 14th to learn about exciting non-traditional career training opportunities for girls in grades 5-11. Mrs. Heine reported that the enrollment numbers have fluctuated as they normally do at the start of a school year. She added that they will be able to provide better enrollment figures following their November JOC Meeting as they do not meet in October.

PSBA Liaison Dr. Edward Dressler

There was no report.

Extracurricular Christina Melton 2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m. (alt. months)

Mrs. Melton reported on the Extracurricular Committee meeting that took place on September 9, 2019. She also recognized the band and the Music Association on their efforts this past weekend in hosting 16 bands. The minutes will be posted on the district-wide website once approved at the committee level.

Legislative Committee Christina Melton 3rd Weds. 7:30 p.m.

There was no report.

MCIU Thomas J. DiBello 4th Weds. 7:00 p.m.

There was no report.

Superintendent's Report Dr. David R. Goodin

Mr. Rizzo reported that he attended the band competition on Saturday night and heard all 16 bands perform. He added that all of the bands were excellent and thanked all involved with the work behind the scenes in hosting the show. Mr. Rizzo next acknowledged the work of Mr. Hunter and his staff in moving all of the band equipment into the newly constructed space at the high school. He welcomed Dr. Purcell Whittaker to the district on his official start this week and stated that it is nice to have the Special Education Supervisor's Team fully staffed. Mr. Rizzo reminded everyone that Monday, October 30th, Wednesday, October 9th and Monday, October 14th are days off from school.

Mrs. Zasowski spoke about the graduation date for this school year and the fact that if it is the last student day then it would fall on a Monday. She commented that the state requirement for students school days is 178. Mrs. Zasowski suggested that the Board consider holding graduation on Friday, June 12th rather than Monday, June 15th as this would still meet the needs of the state for required student days for seniors. Mr. Dehnert agreed and said if we had a bad winter and students needed to go longer than the cost of state funding we would not receive per senior for losing a day or two would not be that big. Dr. Nugent cautioned the Board that if we had a mild winter and did not use any snow days then potentially the last student day could actually occur prior to June 12th and graduation. Mrs. Zasowski responded that Dr. Goodin had sent home in the weekly memo information reflecting the number of snow days used over a number of previous years. Dr. Nugent replied that he just wanted to make the Board aware of that scenario. Mr. DiBello felt that they could set the graduation date and if in March it appeared that we would not be using all of our snow days then the Board could opt to move the graduation date back as well. Mr. Rizzo cautioned that he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that no snow closing decisions would be made based on trying to preserve the final student day. Everyone agreed that student safety came first.

Mr. Fitzgerald advised that a motion could be made this evening to set the graduation date. Mrs. Zasowski made a motion to move graduation to Friday, June 12th, 2020 and Mr. Jackson seconded it. There were no board comments and no comments from the Public. The motion passed 8-0.

Solicitor's Report Mark Fitzgerald

There was no report.

IV. MINUTES

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

A. The Board approved the August 19, 2019 Work Session minutes. **(Attachment A1)**

B. The Board approved the August 26, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. **(Attachment A2)**

V. PERSONNEL

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-F and Mrs. Heine seconded it. Mr. Dehnert thanked Mrs. Leiss for providing the information he requested in the memo on Friday. The motion passed 8-0.

A. Resignations

1. **Vincent E. Terry**; Soccer Coach-Boys', 7th Grade Center. Effective: September 9, 2019.
2. **Edward Nugent**; Maintenance III for the purpose of retirement. Effective: November 12, 2019.

New Resignations

3. **Cathy E. Bradfield**; Department Head - Health Services Coordinator, 8th Grade Center. Effective: October 3, 2019.

4. **Mary A. Frassenei**; Part-time Food Service, Senior High School. Effective: September 20, 2019.
5. **Joan E. Kenney**; Lacrosse Coach-Girls, 8th Grade Center. Effective: September 18, 2019.
6. **Sofia G. Soares**; Marching Band Condition Facilitator-HS (1/2 Contract), Senior High School. Effective: September 18, 2019.

B. Leave of Absence

1. **Robert St. Ledger**; Instructional Assistant, Evans Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence per board policy. Effective: January 6, 2020 through April 10, 2020.

C. Professional Staff

1. **Jacqueline M. Thompson**; Elementary Teacher, Evans Elementary School, replacing Joanne D. Camlin who had a change of assignment. Compensation has been set at MS+18, Step 2, \$54,545.00 prorated with benefits per the Professional Agreement. Effective: To be determined.

D. Support Staff

1. **Kimberly M. Baier**; Executive Secretary, District Office, replacing Connie L. Iannetta who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$21.75/hour with benefits per the Administrative Support Benefit Summary. Effective: September 23, 2019.
2. **Alexander M. Kraft**; Instructional Assistant, Senior High School, replacing Timothy J. Hunsberger who resigned. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants Benefit Summary. Effective: September 23, 2019.
3. **Deborah E. Malack**; Instructional Assistant, Upper Providence Elementary School, replacing Erin Hughes who had a change of status. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistants Benefit Summary. Effective: September 11, 2019.
4. **Vincenzo Selli**; Part-time Food Service (4 hour/day), Oaks Elementary School, replacing Anne Marie Falcone who retired. Compensation has been set at \$12.91/hour per the Food Service Plan. Effective: September 16, 2019.
5. **Amanda M. Weckerly**; Instructional Assistant, Brooke Elementary School. Compensation has been set at \$17.36/hour (degree rate) with benefits per the Instructional Assistant Benefit Summary. Effective: September 17, 2019.

New Support Staff

6. **Matthew J. Stem**; Maintenance III, replacing Dominico Tammaro who retired. Compensation to be set at \$30.00/hour with benefits per the Maintenance Benefit Summary. Effective: To be determined.

E. **Tenure Status**

1. **Kiera M. Phillips**

- F. The Board approved the attached extra-curricular contracts for the school year.
*Designates new additions since the Work Session. (**Attachment A3**)

VI. **FINANCE**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-G and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- 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:

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| 1. <u>General Fund Checks</u> | |
| Check No. 201800 – 208107 | \$1,654,179.82 |
| 2. <u>Food Service Checks</u> | |
| Check No. 1781 – 1789 | \$ 857.53 |
| 3. <u>Capital Reserve Checks</u> | |
| Check No. 2074 – 2075 | \$ 105,375.00 |
| 4. <u>General Fund, Food Service, & Capital Reserve ACHs</u> | |
| ACH 192000145 – 192000273 | \$2,767,598.48 |
| 5. <u>Procurement Payments and Wires</u> | |
| 201900008 – 201900017 | \$1,621,773.59 |

- C. The following monthly Board reports were approved:

- Skyward Reports
 - Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, Capital Projects, Procurement, Scholarships and Wires)
 - ACH Check Register (General Fund, Food Service, Capital Reserve, and Capital Projects)

- D. The Board approved the following independent contracts:

1. **Academic Entertainment – Snohomish, WA.** Provide 2 assemblies for students in grades 1-4 at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled "Laugh Factory". Funding will come from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$1,395.00.
2. **Renee S. McClure – Anam Cara Farm LLC – Douglasville, PA.** Provide a 60-90 minute speaking engagement for parents of 8th Grade students entitled "Anxious or Uncomfortable – Helping Our Preteens/Teens Become More Resilient". Funding will come from the General Fund and shall not exceed \$500.00.

3. **Camphill Special School – Glenmoore, PA.** Provide educational and related services including speech and language, occupational therapy and a 1:1 aide for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$84,240.00.
4. **The Vanguard School – Malvern, PA.** Provide educational services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$64,625.00.
5. **Personal Health Care – Valley Forge, PA.** Provide nursing services during the Extended School Year for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$4,136.00.
6. **Carol Gorshe – Limerick, PA.** Provide specialized reading services for a special needs student during the 2019-2020 school year as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$10,800.00.
7. **Valley Forge Educational Services (Vanguard School) – Malvern, PA.** Provide Extended School Year Services for a special needs student as per the IEP. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$8,460.00.
8. **The Timothy School – Berwyn, PA.** Provide educational services for 7 special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$312,000.00.
9. **Lakeside Youth Service – North Wales, PA.** This is an addendum to the previous contract approved at the June 24, 2019 Board Meeting. This addendum is necessitated due to the need for an additional 10 hours per week of counseling support during the 2019-2020 school year. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$20,500.00.
10. **The Chester County Intermediate Unit – Downingtown, PA.** Provide educational and related services for 2 special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year as per their IEPs. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$137,041.71.
11. **The Pathway School – Jeffersonville, PA.** Provide educational services during the Extended School Year for 4 special needs students as per their IEPs. This motion is a replacement to the previous contract that was approved at the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$35,990.00.

New Independent Contract

12. **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Norristown, PA.** Provide 1 half-day and 2 full-day English Language Learners Professional Development training workshops for teachers at Brooke Elementary School. Funding will be paid from Title III Funds and the General Fund and shall not exceed \$2,100.00 (mileage for MCIU staff and materials).

- E. 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. **SPCA – Conshohocken, PA.** Provide an assembly for 2nd grade classes at Spring City Elementary School entitled “Pet Care Assembly”. There is no cost for this assembly.
 2. **Science Explorers – Mohonton, PA.** Provide an assembly for all students in grades 1-4 at Spring City Elementary School in conjunction with the kick off for the Science Explorer Club. There is no cost for this assembly.
 3. **The Magic of Joe Romano – Alexandria, VA.** Provide 2 assemblies for students at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “A Performance of Books! The Magic is Real!”. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$1,190.00.
 4. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 4 assemblies for the kindergarten classes at Upper Providence Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$440.00.
 5. **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Schwenksville, PA.** Provide 2 assemblies for kindergarten classes at Spring City Elementary School entitled “Winter Secrets – Animals in Winter”. Funding will be paid by the Spring City Home and School League and shall not exceed \$220.00.
 6. **National Circus Project – Westbury, NY.** Provide a five day Artist in Residence Program related to the Benefits of Physical Fitness for all students at Upper Providence Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Upper Providence Elementary Home and School Association and shall not exceed \$6,500.00.
 7. **Katey Howes – New Hope, PA.** Provide an Author Day visit to all students at Royersford Elementary School. Funding will be paid by the Royersford Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and shall not exceed \$800.00.
- F. The Board approved an addendum to the contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services, Inc. (PTS) from June 26 2017. This addendum is necessary due to additional services that are needed to provide 1:1 behavioral services per the IEPs for special needs students during the 2019-2020 school year. Funding will be paid from the Special Education Budget and shall not exceed \$229,959.00.
- G. The Board approved the transfer of \$66,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund to be used for additional approved classroom supplies.

VII. **PROPERTY**

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-B and Mrs. Zasowski seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved Recreation Resource USA to install an autistic support sensory/play area at Limerick Elementary School. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve and shall not exceed \$102,049.00, COSTARS 14-74.

- B. The Board approved the purchase from Hillyard of a ride-on scrubber for the Senior High School. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve and shall not exceed \$18,901.06, COSTARS 005-057.

VIII. PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Item A and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. The Board approved a 4 year contract renewal between the Spring-Ford Area School District and SLC Technologies of New Holland, PA for Technology Professional services. Funding will come from the Technology Budget and shall not exceed \$20,000.00.

IX. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Dehnert made a motion to approve Items A-C and Mrs. Melton seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

The following individuals were approved for attendance at the following:

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

DISTRICT OFFICE

- A. **Thomas J. DiBello, Linda Fazzini, and Colleen Zasowski**, Board Members, to attend the *"PSBA 2019 School Leadership Conference"* at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from October 16, 2019 through October 18, 2019. Mrs. Fazzini will attend the entire conference and serve as the district's voting delegate at the PSBA Delegate Assembly and Mr. DiBello and Mrs. Zasowski will attend one-day on October 17, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$1,900.66 (registration, mileage, lodging and meals). No substitutes are needed.
- B. **Elizabeth Leiss**, Director of Human Resources, to attend the *"AASPA National Conference"* in New Orleans, LA from October 8, 2019 through October 11, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$2,675.00 (registration, transportation, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- C. **Julie Catterson**, Home and School Visitor/School Liaison, to attend the *"2019 Foster Care/ECYEH Conference "Paving the Way to Educational Success"* at the Kalahari Convention Center in Pocono Manor, PA from October 15, 2019 through October 17, 2019. The total cost of this conference is \$445.00 (mileage, lodging and meals). No substitute is needed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dehnert asked that all Items under Other Business be separated.

Mrs. Heine made a motion to approve Item A and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

- A. Administration recommends approval for the Spring-Ford Area High School Boys' Baseball Team to accept the invitation to participate in the KSA (Kaylee Scholarship Association) Baseball Spring Training from March 12, 2020 through March 17, 2020

in Orlando, Florida. The cost per student-athlete will be approximately \$1,100.00 plus transportation. The High School Boys' Baseball Program and staff will conduct fund-raising events to help defray the costs. Student-athletes will miss four school days. The total cost to the district will be \$1,536.00 for 4 days of substitute coverage for the 2 coaches.

There was no Item B on the agenda. Mr. DiBello asked for a motion on Item C since there was no Item B. Mr. Dehnert made a motion for Item C and Mrs. Zasowski seconded it.

Mr. Dehnert commented that at the Western Center JOC Meeting they had discussed abstaining from voting on this. He stated that he does not know any of the candidates and he does not feel comfortable voting for people he does not know. Mr. Dehnert stated that he would prefer to abstain from voting on C, D and E. Discussion took place on whether the Board had the option to abstain and Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that they could certainly do this. Mr. Dehnert withdrew his original motion.

There was no motion for C, D or E.

- C. The Board abstained from voting to select a candidate for the office of PSBA President-Elect. There is only one candidate running for this office: **Art Levinowitz**.
- D. The Board abstained from voting to select a candidate for the office of PSBA Vice President. There is only one candidate running for this office: **David Hein**.
- E. The Board abstained from voting to select two candidates for the office of PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees. There are only two candidates running for these two spots: **Kathy K. Swope** and **Mark B. Miller**.

XI. BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Zasowski reminded everyone about the trailer that she secured for the Board to all ride together in for the Homecoming Parade. She expressed hope that everyone would be there to participate. Mrs. Zasowski commented that each year her office and the Board does a fundraiser for Spring-Ford and in the past they have supported SNAP. Mrs. Zasowski stated that she had not heard too much from SNAP as of yet in terms of the prom being split this year so her office has decided to go with having the fundraiser for a scholarship fund to support a student that has been identified as planning on moving forward with some type of training in either real estate or any home improvement trade. Mrs. Zasowski advised everyone to save the date which is November 8th and more information on the event is coming.

Mr. DiBello reported that last week he along with Mr. Dehnert and Mr. Rizzo attended the Spring City Elementary Ice Cream Social for the ribbon cutting to unveil their new pavilion. He stated that Spring City Elementary expressed their thanks to the Board for the gift of providing them with this pavilion. He added that all of the parents and students were very appreciative.

Mr. DiBello stated that he knows they had been talking about looking at the Dual Enrollment Associates Degree and stated that he would like to at some point in the near future get an update on this and find out when it might be possible to present some preliminary information at a Board Meeting. Mrs. Zasowski reported that she has had some conversations with Erin Crew about dual enrollment and she will be happy to get some of that information over to Dr. Goodin and Mr. Rizzo so that it can be shared in the Board Memo for next week.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Tony Dieciedue, Royersford, said he wanted to speak about charter schools. He referenced an article he read in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding a dispute in Allentown over paying for a new charter school using public money. He stated that he was very disturbed by the article. Mr. Dieciedue stated that he pays his public money to provide for schools like Spring-Ford and not for charter schools. He asked if any of the costs are paid for by the owners of the charter schools. Mr. DiBello replied that the owners through business investment pay to get the school opened and then the school district pays a lot of money for students to go there.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that about 95% of charter school funding comes exclusively through taxpayer dollars and the school district is a pass through of those dollars which go directly to the charter school. He added that there is very little startup money that is utilized because the process under the charter school law requires any school entity including Spring-Ford be required under statute to consider any charter application. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the Pennsylvania Appeals Board determines whether a charter school can be placed here or not. He advised that all of the revenue is almost exclusively through local funding through the schools.

Mr. Dieciedue commented that as a senior he does not want to pay this and he asked if we support the charter school. The Board Members all responded no. Mr. DiBello advised Mr. Dieciedue that what he needs to do is to contact the state legislators as they as a Board have been fighting this for all of the 10 years he has been on the Board. Mr. DiBello stated that the district pays about \$3.5 million now of taxpayer money to the charter schools. Mr. DiBello agreed that this is a problem and that charter schools are absolutely a business as there are people who own charter schools and are making millions and millions of dollars of taxpayer money. Mr. DiBello stated that unfortunately this Board has no control over what we can and cannot do with charter schools as it is basically all mandated and dictated by the state.

Mrs. Fazzini said that the Board's grievance has always been that the charter schools do not have to meet the academic requirements that the public schools do.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary

**2019-2020 EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACTS
OCTOBER 2019**

	Contract Title	Season	Last	First	Stipend
1	5/6 Club #10	Fall	Ahlberg	Alix L.	\$402.00
2	Indoor Percussion Asst. Director - HS	Winter	Benner	Adam F.	\$2,215.00
3	Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach - Girls'-MS	Fall	Bronsonski	Adam C.	Volunteer
4	Fitness Room Supervisor-Spring-HS	Spring	Brubaker	Chadwin R.	\$679.00
5	Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach - Girls'-MS	Fall	Bucks	Christopher W.	Volunteer
6	Asst. Track Coach-Girls' & Boys'-Winter-HS	Winter	Cain	David W.	\$5,189.00
7	Chorus - 7th & 8th Grade (1/2 Contract)	Year	Cifelli	Alexander	\$936.50
8	Blue & Gold Director - Grade 8 (1/2 Contract)	Year	Cifelli	Alexander	\$936.50
9	Reading Olympics – 5/6	Winter	Gebhard	Kathleen D.	\$402.00
10	Indoor Percussion Asst. Director - HS (1/2 Contract)	Winter	Hapstack	Kelli T.	\$1,107.50
11	Asst. Wrestling Coach (7/8/9th Grade) (1/2 Contract)	Winter	Hayes	Ryan C.	\$2,117.00
12	Reading Olympics – Brooke Elementary	Year	Heffner	Keith A.	\$402.00
13	Soccer Coach - Boys' (7th Grade)	Fall	Hoff	Daniel J.	\$2,772.00
14	Reading Olympics – 5/6	Winter	Kraeer	Brian J.	\$402.00
15	Reading Olympics – Brooke Elementary	Year	McCoy	Kathleen H.	\$402.00
16	Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach- HS	Spring	Miscavage	Daniel A.	Volunteer
17	Co-Ed Fitness Intramural # 11 - Grade 5-6	Year	Parsia	Amy L.	\$402.00
18	Reading Olympics – Brooke Elementary	Year	Romanelli	Gina M.	\$402.00
19	Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach - Boys'- HS	Winter	Rosenfeld	Karl	Volunteer
20	Game Announcer (as needed)	Year	Shafer	Barry L.	\$50/game
21	HS Club #30	Year	Smith	Rebekah J.	\$402.00
22	Health Services Department Head (1/2 Contract- prorated)	Year	Smith	Trisha	\$1,638.81
23	Reading Olympics – Brooke Elementary	Year	Steiner	Rebecca H.	\$402.00
24	Asst. Baseball Coach-HS	Spring	Terry	Vincent E.	\$3,991.00
25	Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach -HS	Winter	Zimmie	Brendan S.	Volunteer