

On October 31, 2022 The Spring-Ford Area School District Work Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Wendy Earle, Karen Weingarten, and Dr. Margaret D. Wright  
Region II: Clinton L. Jackson, David R. Shafer, and Colleen Zasowski  
Region III: Erica Hermans and Dr. Jennifer Motzer  
Presiding Officer: Dr. Margaret D. Wright  
Superintendent: Robert W. Rizzo  
Assistant Superintendents: Dr. Kelly M. Murray and Dr. Tina L. Giambattista (Both Absent)  
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink  
Solicitor: Brian Subers, Esq.  
Student Reps.: Aditi Mangal and Arhan Kaul (Both Absent)  
Absent: Abby Deardorff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Crew noted the board members in person are: Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Weingarten, Mrs. Zaskowski, Dr. Wright, Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Earle, and Dr. Motzer.

Dr. Wright announced that the Board needs 5 Board members in person this evening for the voting.

**I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**Mary Jo McNamara, Limerick - GESA Project**

Mr. Shafer arrived at 5:06 p.m. and joined the meeting.

**Toni Patrick, Oaks - Posting of this notice**

**Tom DiBello, Limerick - GESA agreement and previous plan in place**

**Michael Lebedzinski, Limerick - GESA agreement and interest payments**

**Stacey Sollazo, Limerick - Audit Report**

**II. ANNOUNCEMENT**

None

**III. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

Mr. Subers noted that the notice was properly advertised and posted applicable to law.

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL AND AWARD OF GUARANTEED ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BY THE SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to provisions of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, as amended, and Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, as amended, that the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District, at a special

meeting of the Board of School Directors to be held on October 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 857 South Lewis Road, Royersford PA 19468, will take action and award a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act contract to Johnson Controls, Inc. The purpose of the contract is to implement energy saving measures that will lower utility costs, including interior lighting LED upgrades at 10 schools, HVAC upgrades at Royersford and Limerick Elementary, window replacement at Limerick Elementary, and building automation control upgrades at 10 schools. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the Board Meeting as permitted by law. A report by Johnson Controls, Inc. complying with the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act is available for public inspection at the District's Administration Office at 857 S. Lewis Rd., Royersford, PA 19468, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

**IV. ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Mrs. Earle to approve a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) energy performance contract with **Johnson Controls, Inc.** for renovations which include interior lighting LED upgrades at 10 schools, HVAC upgrades at Royersford and Limerick Elementary, window replacement at Limerick Elementary, and building automation control upgrades at 10 Schools. The total amount for this project shall not exceed \$17,000,000.00 and will be funded from the issuance of general obligation bond Series of 2022, seconded by Mrs. Weingarten.

Mrs. Zasowski asked Mr. Fink and Mr. Hunter about the 10 million amount and if it was built in the budget. Mr. Fink said they were in Mr. Hunter's 10 year plan and explained how bundling these projects together and paying for them and Mr. Hunter spoke about the return on energy savings. Mr. Shafer asked about the penalty if the district doesn't move forward. It was explained that it's not really a penalty. If there are additional questions, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Fink could answer those and they can be emailed directly. Further discussion on the budget.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Earle-Yes, Mr. Jackson-Yes, Dr. Motzer-yes, Mr. Shafer-No, Mrs. Weingarten-Yes, Mrs. Zasowski-No, Mrs. Hermans-Yes  
 Motion carries 6-2 (Mr. Shafer and Mrs. Zasowski were the dissenting votes)

- A.** Administration recommends approval of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) energy performance contract with **Johnson Controls, Inc.** for renovations which include interior lighting LED upgrades at 10 schools, HVAC upgrades at Royersford and Limerick Elementary, window replacement at Limerick Elementary, and building automation control upgrades at 10 Schools. The total amount for this project shall not exceed \$17,000,000.00 and will be funded from the issuance of general obligation bond Series of 2022.

**V. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

- Diana Hursh, Royersford** - Final Costs, Mr. Jackson provided information to her
- Michael Lebedzinski, Limerick** - Proposals
- Tom DiBello, Limerick** - Costs of this project that could go towards education
- MaryJo McNamara, Limerick** - What we are spending and why
- Toni Patrick, Oaks** - Asked about the costs incurred per change

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. with a motion from Mrs. Hermans seconded by Mrs. Weingarten.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin G. Crew  
 Assistant Board Secretary