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keep the expense because students are required to take the tests at the end of Advanced Placement courses.

Galicki said, while the item was removed from the budget to save money, students getting free and reduced lunch would have their tests paid for by the district and other students would be given the option to start a savings account with the district credit union in order to pay for the tests.

Galicki also said he is unsure how the expense will be funded, but the board will "have to find some extra money to cover for the tests."

In other news, the board...

- Approved the farmstead and homestead real state tax reduction for the 2011-12 school year, which will total \$52.62.

- Approved in a 6-2 vote the formal resignation of Paul Reinert as assistant superintendent. Reinert was hired as the Wycallis Elementary School principal and director of curriculum and instruction last month.

- Appointed Crys Jennings as a long-term substitute English teacher in the high school, replacing Sarah Kashatus at a salary of \$39,074.

- Appointed Lissa Munley as a long-term substitute reading/English teacher in the high and middle schools, replacing Angela Pacini-Carpenter at a salary of \$35,295.

- Appointed Ed Kelly as head driver of the district mini-bus and mini-van fleet with a raise of an extra \$1.50 per hour. Kelly's current rate is \$13.50 per hour.

- Appointed Joan Rakowski as Saturday suspension monitor for the 2011-12 year.

- Appointed the following high school faculty as department chairs for the 2011-12 school year with a stipend of \$499 and an additional \$60 per person in their respective department: Claire Morris, art; Anne Butler, English; Audrey Ide, family and consumer sciences; Candye Fike, foreign language; Raelene Daring, guidance; Laura O'Malley, health services; Louise Roberts, library services; Sandy Sprau, mathematics; Todd Hunter, music; Susan Kotch, science; Tom Gilroy, social science; Mike Cherinka, technology education; and Ruth Skammer, wellness. The following middle school faculty members were appointed as secondary associate department chairpersons: Robin Moore, science; Kathleen Dolan, mathematics; Cynthia Finarelli, social studies; and Firouzeh Razavi, language arts.

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"own fault."

"You can't stop anything from coming," she said. "But we have no control over where it will be because we have no zoning."

Dallas Township residents have publicly protested the placement of the metering station at a location off Hilbrandt Road about 1,800 feet from the four Dallas schools. Dallas Township officials are currently in negotiations with Williams to finalize metering station and pipeline plans for the area.

Sam Hockman, a 36-year Northmoreland Township resident, said his property is less than a quarter-mile away from the proposed site.

"We know that we can't do a thing about it but we're still concerned about the metering station and the chemicals that are going to have to be stored there as part of the process," he said. "...We can't do what Dallas did, which is basically make the process more timely and difficult. That's why they kicked themselves to come here."

Hockman said zoning was studied for about a year and a half about five years ago and the board voted against the measure.

"It's turned around to bite them," he said.

Hockman said he's concerned about losing the tranquility of his neighborhood and seeing it turn into an industrial site.

"Not in my backyard' is a nice thing, but obviously Dallas Township used zoning and public opinion effectively to kick them over to our township, and now we're stuck with it," he said. "I'm a realist - it's a done deal."

Resident Jimmy Sickler had some specific questions - and strong words - for the Williams representatives during the question-and-answer period of the session.

He wanted to know why the proposed pipeline's wall thickness was less in Northmoreland Township than that of proposed pieces in Dallas Township.

The pipeline class proposed in Northmoreland Township is Class 2, which would be 0.465 inches thick, whereas the class planned for Dallas Township is Class 4, the highest federally regulated class. The class level is dependent upon population density and the population's proposed impact on the pipeline - Northmoreland Township has a population of about 1,600 while Dallas Township's population is more than 8,000 residents.

"If there (are) a lot of people in that area, you have a

heavier pipe," said Sickler. "So for us dumb farmers you just put any old thing there."

Williams representative Lee Andrews said other factors contribute to the pipeline's safety other than its class, explaining that external and internal coatings provide protection from corrosion, and its safety is not dependent on wall thickness.

According to the code of federal regulations, a class 2 pipeline is one that is placed in an area in which there are more than 10 but fewer than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy. A class 4 pipeline is meant for an area where buildings with four or more stories are prevalent and should end 220 yards from the nearest 4-story building.

"The reason that it's thicker in more heavily populated areas is due to just more people encountering that pipe and that's why we're more concerned about folks digging into that line accidentally," said Andrews.

While residents continued to ask questions late into the night, some felt that the information wasn't enough to quell their fears.

"My lifestyle might be affected," said resident Elaine McGrady. "I'm not an advocate of this... (my worries are) the impact on the environment and to (my) health."

DAM

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getting better at preparing for flooding on her property.

"I had plastic bags filled with decorations hanging on nails in my basement, so nothing got damaged," she said of the most recent flooding in April.

Huey's basement got washed out in 2006 and the water heater had to be removed from her home because of the extent of the damage.

Now she waits until county officials knock on her door during heavy rain to take action.

"When they tell me to get out, I get out," she said.

Huey's neighbors, Brenda and

Robert Spencer, said they lost much more in 2006, and now they're waiting for a time when they no longer have to worry.

"We had four feet of water," said Robert Spencer. "It ruined our lawn, and we had anything you would see in a basement in our yard, like kids' clothes, cribs, everything."

Brenda Spencer said she's now always on the look out for flooding anytime there's a rainy forecast in the future.

"It's frustrating because we're always bracing ourselves," she said.

The Spencers and Huey did say that the county and the township have been better prepared to deal with the damaged bridge, including piling sandbags near the site and warning homeowners before major issues develop.

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repair(s) needed:	insulation	windows	roofing	siding	doors
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age of home:	1-10 years	11-20 years	21-30 years	over 30 years	

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Address: _____ (last) _____ (first)

_____ (street, city, zip code)

Phone number: _____

Best day/time to reach you: _____

Date of birth (month/day/year): _____ / _____ / _____

3. Are you the sole owner of the property where you reside? (Check appropriate box.)

yes no

If you answered "no", whose name is on the deed? _____

Number of people living in household: _____

4. Has the county you reside in wholly or partially reimbursed you for excess energy use? (Check appropriate box.)

yes no

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