SPARK program comes to Fairless

The school district heard from the administrator of the kindergarten readiness program during Tuesday’s Board of Education meeting.

Tuesday meeting

KEY DISCUSSION Ryan Murphy, Fairless SPARK administrator, explained the program and its purpose. Deb Husted, is the parent partner, and will visit the homes of children ages 3 and 4. The program has been in effect for 15 years, however it is new to Fairless at no cost to the district.

Murphy said the kindergarten-readiness program helps children, families, schools and the community to ensure that children are ready for school. The parents will be educated on how to get children reading for kindergarten, evaluate children’s skills levels and enhance parents’ ability to be their child’s first and most important teacher.

The children will have 12 lessons and receive a book each time. Sponsors of the program are Fairless Alumni Association and Fairless Helping Fairless, Earl Childhood Resource Center, Stark Education Partnership, Fairless Elementary and administrators. Also, Canton Local schools donated materials.