

TO: Board of School Directors

FROM: George W. Ioannidis, Business Manager / Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Voting Meeting

DATE OF MEETING/ April 4, 2011  
DATE/TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS:

School Board: Mike Brookhart, Eric Cable, Mary Dolheimer, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Anne Jones, Stacy Meyer, Emily Sindlinger

District: Karyn Brown, Scott Deisley, George Ioannidis, Robert Lombardo

Absent: Doug Stein

The voting meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mary Dolheimer, Board Vice President. Following the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call indicated eight Board members present. Mary noted Mr. Stein was absent due to a business commitment.

Ms. Dolheimer announced one executive session held since the last sunshine meeting, on March 21, 2011, for legal and personnel purposes. She indicated there would be an executive session for legal purposes immediately following adjournment of the discussion meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Robin Russo, Heidelberg Township, read a statement found on the district website. Mr. Russo requested that non-essential district spending be justified to the public, to clarify there is a good return on tax dollar investments, which continue to increase at a high rate.

Mr. Edward Mundorff, New Salem Borough, spoke to the issue of spending and referred to various reports from the district website dated March, 2010. He shared his findings appear to reveal a steady increase in expenditures from year-to-year, which does not indicate an effort to cut spending. He stated his displeasure with the Legislative Report being read each month with partiality, in his opinion.

#### **BOARD and ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE**

Cindy Huber commented that she does in fact read the Legislative Report each month, but shows no partiality.

Ms. Dolheimer read three pieces of correspondence addressed to Mr. Stein, Board President, from the following groups of individuals: ESC central office administrators (3); Act 93 Administrative Team (16); and Level V employees (9). Each letter requested a wage freeze for the 2011-2012 school year by the groups represented. Board members recognized each group of individuals for their willingness to help meet the pressing financial needs of the district and for their commitment to the staff, students and residents of Spring Grove.

## **BUSINESS AND FINANCE REPORT**

George Ioannidis, Business Manager, presented the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget, listing options for potential revenue / expenditure modifications for the board to consider prior to the vote. A spreadsheet of the various options was discussed in detail, with Mr. Ioannidis showing calculation adjustments based on differing scenarios.

1. Following a report of the Budget & Finance Committee's recommendations read by Mike Brookhart, Mr. Brookhart moved and Cindy Huber seconded the following:
  - I. Approval of the Proposed Nutrition Services Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, with total revenues of \$2,021,250 and total expenditures of \$2,050,550, with the shortfall of \$29,300 to be funded from the Food Service Unreserved Fund Balance. There is no increase in lunch prices proposed.
  - II. Approval of the Proposed General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, with total revenues of \$53,268,878 and total expenditures of \$57,569,465, with the shortfall of \$4,300,587 to be funded from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, and setting the real estate tax millage rate at 19.47 mills, an increase of .34 mills.
  - III. Approval of the attached Final Budget Notice and Per Capita Tax Notice, which gives notification to the public that the 2011-2012 Proposed Final Budget is available for public inspection, and states intention to present for adoption as a Final Budget at the May 16, 2011 school board meeting, allowing for amendments before final adoption.
  - IV. Approval of the attached Resolution Authorizing Proposed Final Budget Display and Advertising and Per Capita Tax Notice, supporting the Final Budget Notice and Per Capita Tax Notice.
  - V. Approval to upgrade the technology infrastructure of the school district, providing greater support to our instructional programs and district operations, using IntegraONE at a cost of \$198,254.

Mr. Brookhart clarified that item II as presented reflects reductions to the Preliminary Budget figures approved in February, 2011, and includes items E-1 through E-12 on the worksheet, an Index increase of 1.8% (rounded from 1.78%), no PSERS exception, and maintaining the current PC and OC tax.

Anne Jones requested a separate vote on item II.

Brent Hoschar requested a separate vote on item V.

Vote by roll call on item II resulted in the motion failing, with Dolheimer, Cable, Hoschar and Huber voting in favor. Brookhart, Meyer, Sindlinger and Jones voted against.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Brookhart made a motion to amend item II to read as follows:

- II. Approval of the Proposed General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, with total revenues of \$53,268,878 and total expenditures of \$57,569,465, with the shortfall of \$4,300,587 to be funded from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, and setting the real estate tax millage rate at 19.67 mills, an increase of .54 mills.

Mr. Brookhart clarified that item II as amended reflects reductions to the approved Preliminary Budget figures, includes items E-1 through E-12 on the worksheet, an Index increase of 1.8% (rounded from 1.78%), an allowance of the PSERS exception to an amount of \$303,000, and a repeal of the PC and OC tax (totaling \$303,000).

Vote by roll call on item II as amended resulted in the motion failing, with Brookhart voting in favor. Huber, Meyer, Hoschar, Dolheimer, Jones, Sindlinger and Cable voted against.

Mr. Brookhart made a motion to table items III and IV. Cindy Huber seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Vote by roll call on item I resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by Board members in favor.

Vote by roll call on item V resulted in the motion carrying, with Cable, Sindlinger, Brookhart, Dolheimer, and Huber voting in favor. Jones, Hoschar and Meyer voted against.

## **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

2. Following a report of the Policy Committee's recommendations read by Brent Hoschar, Mr. Hoschar moved and Anne Jones seconded the following:

- I. Approval of the High School Administration and Superintendent's recommendation that the Admission and Waiver Agreement dated March 30, 2011 be approved as documented.

Vote by roll call resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by Board members in favor.

3. Following a report of the Personnel Committee's recommendations read by Cindy Huber, Ms. Huber moved and Emily Sindlinger seconded the following:

- I. Approval of the following resignations:

- A. Spring Grove Elementary Instructor – Stacey Gottsch, effective March 14, 2011, due to personal reasons.
- B. Middle School Learning Support Aide – Jessica Brunner, effective at the conclusion of the day, April 8, 2011, due to accepting another position outside of the district.
- C. High School Marching Band Drill Instructor – Scott Muenz, effective March 18, 2011, due to personal reasons.

- II. Approval of the following requests for Family and Medical Leave of Absence:

- A. High School Special Education Instructor – Sonya Duncan, beginning March 22, 2011, not to exceed the 12-week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for restoration of health.

- B. Intermediate School Special Education Instructor – Kelly Messinger, beginning April 21, 2011, not to exceed the 12-week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for restoration of health.
- C. High School Special Education Instructor – Lori Hollick, beginning August 22, 2011, not to exceed the 12-week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for child rearing.

III. Approval of the following classified substitutes to work in various support capacities during the 2010-2011 school year at an hourly wage as outlined in the Wage & Salary Guidelines:

- A. Kimberlie Hagan
- B. Jayne Harman

Vote by roll call on all items presented resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by Board members in favor.

Eric Cable moved for adjournment at 8:11 PM. The motion was seconded by Cindy Huber and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis  
Business Manager / Board Secretary