

The Board of Directors for the Spring Grove Area School District met for regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011. This meeting was held at the Educational Service Center, 100 East College Avenue, Spring Grove, PA. Mr. Douglas Stein, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll call by the Board Recording Secretary showed Michael Brookhart, Eric Cable, Mary Dolheimer, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Anne Jones, Stacy Meyer, Emily Sindlinger and Douglas Stein present. Mr. Stein noted one executive session held since the last sunshine meeting, on March 7, 2011, for legal and personnel purposes. Mr. Stein also noted an executive session would be held following adjournment of the evening meeting for personnel and legal matters.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Robert Lombardo, Superintendent, introduced Nancy Daniels and Ruth Benner, Middle School instructors, who shared information concerning this year's Quilt of Valor project and presented Board members with a journal of highlights from 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were involved. Students made the quilt in honor of fallen soldier, Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Cutchall. Students will present the quilt to his widow and two middle-aged sons during an assembly scheduled for April 1.

Dr. Lombardo acknowledged seven Rocket Scientists who participated in the Bridge Building competition at Penn State York. Five of these seven students finished in the top ten. Also acknowledged were two Spring Grove teams that competed in the 19th annual Physics Olympics: Team Joule Hunters placed first overall and Team America finished third overall. Congratulations to all students and to Mr. Hastings for their accomplishments.

Dr. Lombardo noted that March is student art month, and encouraged Board and audience members to stop by display tables in the board room to view art work projects completed by young artists.

Zachary Smeltzer, Student Representative to the Board, shared current events / activities happening around the district. Included in these activities during March was Representative Seth Grove's visit to New Salem Elementary, where he presented students with the Pennsylvania State Flag and was given the honor of raising it on their flagpole. Zack also recognized two High School students for their wrestling achievements during the recent PIAA championship meet: Neil Grudi (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Trey Duncan (6<sup>th</sup> place).

Melissa Bolinger, Music Boosters, shared that two students recently participated in district band and three in district jazz. Upcoming events include indoor guard and drumline, as well as York County Middle School band festival. The spring musical was well received. Melissa invited Board members to join student musicians for "An Evening of Jazz," with dessert, on April 9, 2011. Proceeds will benefit the Spring Grove Area Scholarship Foundation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carolyn Corbin, high school senior, stated how Art IV (elective class) was helpful to her in developing career options. The administration has proposed eliminating level five class electives, if a minimum of 25 students do not sign up. Miss Corbin asked that the administration to reconsider and retain these electives, despite class size.

Robin Russo, Heidelberg Township, spoke against any proposed tax increase to district residents. He requested the board consider carefully any and all options for cutting expenditures. He requested the administration pull from the table, a current proposal to change the computer platform from Novell to Microsoft, citing it is not a need.

Brooke Sparks, high school senior, commented on students' passion to hold graduation outdoors and requested consideration for this venue. Brooke also spoke to the elective classes, stating that students are performing extremely well and these classes are part of the reason.

Joanna Tice, high school senior, shared that her elective classes assisted in building a portfolio resulting in her acceptance to three of the top schools in the country. She requested these classes be reevaluated before removing due to participation.

Harvey Thumma, North Codorus Township, stated his displeasure at the board's decision to expend funds to build the high school stadium, only now to cancel important curriculum options for students because of funding. Mr. Thumma questioned if the board considered probable district growth when building the high school and whether or not the district has rented the stadium to generate income, which was believed to have been a goal when planning the project.

Bob Nivens, Paradise Township resident, zoning officer and planning commission member, asked board members to consider no increase to taxes this year and recognize the hardship this would place on residents, particularly those who do not have a flexible income.

Hunter Harrell, high school senior, requested the board not raise taxes due to the hardship it would place on families. Hunter believes his academic achievements made him what he is today and requested the administration reconsider offering elective classes next year. He also asked the board to have an open mind concerning graduation.

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Brookhart stated when designing and implementing the high school project, the board planned for potential growth to the maximum student capacity allowed by PDE. Building a larger facility was possible, but would not be reimbursable by the state. Wings and expandable portions of the building were built with future modification designs already in place.

Eric Cable confirmed that renting of the stadium does take place for band competitions and to outside sports leagues, etc. Rental does not occur throughout the school year due to use by our athletics department. Doug Stein noted the stadium is used for all sports and is not limited to football. Mike Brookhart indicated that per recommendation by turf management, the field is to be used to maximum capacity, which is why it is an all-purpose field.

Eric Cable noted that building the high school was a five year process. Following plan development, the board took two years for further planning before breaking ground. Doug Stein noted planning included the old middle school conversion to an elementary school; however, the economy turned and the project ceased. Currently, there is room for growth at every level except elementary.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Governor Corbett presented his \$27.3 billion state budget for 2011-2012, reported Cindy Huber. There was no line item for vouchers. Basic Ed subsidy will reset to the 2008-09 level. Existing programs to be eliminated include Accountability Block Grants, reimbursement of Charter Schools, and Dual Enrollment programs, to name a few. Corbett proposed a one-year freeze on pay increases for employees and called for a public referendum to be required for any property tax increase above the state inflation level. On a favorable note, PSERS announced positive investment earnings for the quarter.

Dr. Lombardo cited the district's loss due to elimination of Accountability Block Grant funding is \$500,000; loss due to elimination of Charter Schools reimbursement is \$200,000. The district is required to pay the Charter Schools' tuition; a decision not to pay would initiate a deduction from our state subsidy.

**YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**

Cindy Huber reported passing of the 2011-2012 budget despite four schools voting against. Permission from PDE granted YCST's elimination of the music program. Tim Allwein, legislative associate at PSBA, passed away recently. The spring meeting at PSBA for legislative purposes is scheduled for April 20. Ms. Huber cannot participate and opened the invitation to any board member wishing to attend.

**YORK ADAMS ACADEMY**

Anne Jones reported no board meeting since February. The 2011-2012 proposed YAA budget is on the docket for approval at tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Emily Sindlinger moved and Cindy Huber seconded the approval of the following minutes: Regular Voting Meeting, February 21, 2011, Voting Meeting, March 7, 2011; and Directors' Study Forum, March 7, 2011. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Michael Brookhart presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2011.

2. Mr. Brookhart moved and Anne Jones seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

**BUSINESS/FINANCE REPORTS**

3. Following a report of the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations read by Michael Brookhart, Mr. Brookhart moved and Cindy Huber seconded the following:

- I. Approval of the Accounts Payable lists as presented.
- II. Approval of the Operating Budget for the York Adams Academy for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, with revenues totaling \$788,226, expenditures of \$899,972 (0% increase over 2010-2011), with the difference of \$111,746 to be funded by the projected available Fund Balance.
- III. Approval to dispose of the following list of obsolete / outdated equipment items, in accordance with Board Policy #706.1, by means of competitive bidding on EBAY:

- A. Paslode Cordless Framing Nailer Fuel Cells
- B. Yard-Man Snow Blower
- C. John Deere Snow Blower
- D. Adhesive Anchoring Systems
- E. Elastomeric Sealants
- F. Cove Base Shaw Contract Flooring 4040 (5 cases)
- G. Submersible Stainless Steel Pumps
- H. Tractor Tires
- I. Miscellaneous Technology Equipment (speakers, telephones, CPU fans)
- J. Miscellaneous Motors and Pumps
- K. Miscellaneous Kitchen Equipment

- IV. Approval of the attached, updated 2010-2011 Fund Raising Organizations, noting the addition of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

- V. Approval to engage Arbitrage Rebate Counselors to perform arbitrage calculation for the 2005 Series of General Obligation Bonds, at a cost of \$1,800.00.

Mr. Ioannidis, Business Manager, indicated item V on the agenda is to close out the refinancing action of the Series 2005 GOBs at a lower cost.

Mr. Ioannidis shared a handout with board members which briefly outlined the impact that Governor Corbett’s proposed budget will have on district budget discussions slated for the April 4 Directors’ Study Forum and future meetings. Handouts also highlighted potential adjustments for 2011-2012 and George reminded board members of future budget implications on the heels of this year’s decisions. Adoption of the Preliminary Budget will be an item on April 4 voting meeting agenda.

Vote by roll call on Budget and Finance items resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by board members in favor.

4. Following a report of the Building and Grounds Committee’s recommendations read by Eric Cable, Mr. Cable moved and Cindy Huber seconded the following:

I. Approval, in accordance with Board Policy #707, of the following Use of Facilities request:

A. Spring Grove Assailants Basketball, Maurice Gaskins, Spring Grove, PA.

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| <b>Activity:</b>  | AAU Team Basketball Practice  |
| <b>Facility:</b>  | New Salem Elementary Gym  |
| <b>Date(s):</b>   | Designated Tuesday and Thursdays submitted from March 15- May 26, 2011. |
| <b>Time(s):</b>   | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Insurance:</b> | On File expires 9/1/2011  |
| <b>Fee:</b>       | Waiver of Rental Fee Requested and add to 2011-12 list.                 |

II. Approval for the High School administration to plan and set up for graduation exercises using the venue of an outdoor ceremony in the stadium and set up inside the building as a backup, with the understanding that the Superintendent, at his discretion, will make the final determination by 12:00 Noon on the day of commencement.

Mike Brookhart requested a separate vote on items I and II.

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

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

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

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

I. In accordance with Board Policy #702, Gifts, Grants and Donations, acceptance of a monetary donation in the amount of \$200.00 from the Spring Grove Lion’s Club, specifically in support of the Varsity Science Olympiad team.

II. Approval to deny Level III Grievance #2011-1, as documented in correspondence to Board members, due to no violation of the contract.

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

6. Following a report of the Personnel Committee's recommendations read by Mary Dolheimer, Ms. Dolheimer moved and Cindy Huber seconded the following:
  - I. Approval of the following request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence:
    - A. Intermediate School Custodian – Darla Heiner, beginning February 15, 2011, not to exceed the 12 week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for the restoration of health.
  - II. Approval of the following classified substitute to work in various support capacities during the 2010-2011 school year at an hourly wage as outlined in the Wage & Salary Guidelines:
    - A. John Plonk
  - III. Approval of the service agreement with Hanover Hospital, for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, in order to provide on-site athletic training services for athletes engaged or participating in District athletic programs, on an as-needed basis, at a rate of \$28 per hour.
  - IV. Approval of the following resignation:
    - A. Assistant Superintendent, Grades 7-12 – Scott Deisley, effective June 30, 2011, due to accepting a superintendent position at another school district.

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

Board members congratulated Dr. Deisley on his appointment as Superintendent at Red Lion.

**PROGRAM REPORTS:**

7. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee's recommendations read by Emily Sindlinger, Mrs. Sindlinger moved and Cindy Huber seconded the following:
  - I. Approval for John Jurasic, Business Education teacher, Kathleen Krall, Social Studies teacher, and Abbie Sechrist, World Language teacher to accompany approximately 24 high school students on a trip to Washington, DC on May 10, 2011.

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

Mr. Ioannidis noted the technology infrastructure upgrade will be a voting item on the April 4, 2011 meeting agenda, and highlighted portions of a handout included in board packets for members' perusal.

Mr. Stein noted an executive session would be held following adjournment for personnel and legal purposes.

Mary Dolheimer moved and Cindy Huber seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis  
Business Manager/Board Secretary