

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: October 3, 2011
7:10 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS: School Board: Michael Brookhart, Eric Cable, Mary Dolheimer,
Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Stacy Meyer,
Emily Sindlinger, Douglas Stein

District: Karyn Brown, George Ioannidis,
Robert Lombardo and David Renaut

Absent: Anne Jones

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mr. Douglas Stein, President. Mr. Stein noted that eight Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Lawson, Heidelberg Township, questioned the practice of the increase of the substitute pay and whether it was from consecutive or cumulative days served. (Karyn Brown subsequently determined the correct answer was based on cumulative days served.)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Annette Julies presented a recap of the summer Pre-K program to the Board. After some discussion, Mrs. Julius and Mr. Renaut stated that data would continue to be collected to compare the results of these children against the standards for all students in subsequent grades.

Mrs. Sindlinger presented two major trip proposals for High School students. After discussion about the costs associated with the TARC competition trip, the Board will consider approval of both proposals at the voting meeting.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Cable noted the inclusion of the 2012-13 enrollment projections. Mr. Ioannidis and Dr. Lombardo discussed the comparisons to the PDE projections from consecutive years (2009 and 2010) that suggest an increase in enrollment over the next 7 years. Mr. Ioannidis was directed to bring back proposals to conduct an enrollment study for the board to consider. As there is no immediate need, the Board will also further deliberate the timing of conducting such a study.

Mr. Cable asked Mr. Ioannidis to elaborate on the Bridge Project on Route 116. The project is nearly 100% funded and waiting for PENNDOT action. Glatfelter has been very open with communications on the status of the bridge and their plans to construct an alternate for their traffic. The detouring will require us to consider (a) alternate routes, (b) temporarily adding busses, and/or (c) extending travel times. Administration will keep the Board updated as more is known about the project.

Dr. Lombardo discussed the process he follows for the evaluation of road and weather conditions in determining whether to close or delay school. He shared the information in light of recent weather-related actions due to the severe flooding. The Board thanked Dr. Lombardo for the review and wished continued success with the process.

Mr. Brookhart discussed the proposal for the update of the leases for new copiers at the High School. The new arrangement will **result** in savings of about \$5,000 per year in lease costs and no increase (for the 8th year) in the maintenance costs. The Board will consider approval at the next voting meeting.

Mr. Ioannidis noted the proposed changes to the York Adams Tax Bureau By-laws and Article of Agreement. The YATB solicitor firm who also serve as the School District solicitor has prepared these. Most of the changes are driven by legislative actions that define the collection and distribution process for the earned income tax. The board will consider approval at the next voting meeting.

Dr. Lombardo informed the board that due to the age of many of the School District's classroom technology equipment, the one lease remaining in the current year's budget would most likely be brought for approval in January. Many units will need to be replaced in order to be functional on the upgraded network. More information will be presented in the coming months.

Mr. Ioannidis made the first presentation for the budget preparation process for the 2012-13 fiscal year. This included: a recap fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12; Important Factors for consideration, such as the Act 1 Index, and a new Tax Installment plan requirement; Review of Information about Enrollment, Assessed Values, Debt Service; the increase in the PSERS rate; Special Education Changes; and a look at Tax Rates in York County. Presentations will continue in November with a Review of the 2012-13 Budget Parameters; discussion of Fund Balance Management; and the consideration of the Act 1 Index Resolution.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hoschar presented a modified Policy No. 543: CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, Paid Holidays. The Board will consider approval at the next voting meeting.

Mr. Hoschar also presented the Spring Grove Area Education Fund, 2011-12 Annual Plan Review. After discussion, the Board will consider approval at the next voting meeting.

PLANNING

Mr. Stein noted the items for future discussion: Parental Code of Conduct at/for Extra-Curricular Activities and review of numbers of advisors for band program(s).

Mr. Cable moved for adjournment at 8:29 PM. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Huber, was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary