

The Spring Grove Area School Board of Directors met for its regular session on Monday, November 21, 2011. This meeting was held at the Education 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 Eric Cable, Mary Dolheimer, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Anne Jones, Stacy Meyer, Emily Sindlinger, and Douglas Stein present. Mike Brookhart was absent due to a work obligation. Mr. Stein indicated one executive session was held since the last sunshine meeting on November 7, 2011 for legal reasons.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Robert Lombardo, Superintendent, introduced Celeste Barnes, Environmental Science Instructor at the High School, as this year’s District Outstanding Educator, noting her investment of time creating and developing an honors-level program and curriculum for students in Spring Grove. Celeste has been recognized by Representative Seth Grove for wetland sites, a rain garden, and other environmental projects on campus. Ms. Barnes thanked board members and administrators for their support, and stated she is proud of her students’ accomplishments.

Dr. Lombardo introduced mini-grant award recipients. Lisa Crnovic noted her award of \$450 will be used by a small group of male students to participate in Habitat for Humanity and a team-building ropes course. Ashley Kern noted her award of \$1,000 will be used to provide a homework club for elementary-level ESL students. Josh Richard and High School engineering student Sarah Strausbaugh, explained a \$1,000 award will be used by Engineering I students to research, design and build chairs which will be placed in various locations of the high school. Dr. Lombardo noted Amanda Cooper will use a \$450 award to design, create and label trail markers for hiking and mountain biking trails on school property.

Dr. Lombardo extended congratulations to Dr. Rosemary Cugliari, High School Principal, on passing her dissertation and earning her Doctorate.

Doug Stein and Dr. Lombardo presented flowers, gifts and framed certificates to Mary Dolheimer and Anne Jones for their years of service to the Spring Grove Area School District as school board members. Mr. Stein congratulated both women for their assistance in resolving many issues over the years, and thanked them for their service and dedication to the students and staff of the district. They will retire from the board following this evening’s meeting, and newly elected board members will be sworn in to take their seats at the December 5th Reorganization. Mr. Stein invited everyone to remain following adjournment of the meeting to honor both outgoing members.

Haley Miller shared an update of events and activities happening around the district, some of which include Harvest of Hope and other holiday collections, instrumental concerts and rehearsals, and Unity Day at the Middle School. At the High School level, students honored Veterans for Veterans Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Stein noted correspondence received from PDE, approving Plancon Part K documents for lease number 101116, and refinancing of the issuance of the GOB Series 2001 and funding of capital projects.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Cindy Huber reported the Senate passed the voucher bill, which will now move to the House, and gave an update concerning specific requirements and provisions of Act 24 of 2011. Huber noted amended and approved HB 1980, and shared that Governor Corbett recently signed into law SB 296 (effective January, 2013), SB 314 and SB 200.

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huber reported a meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 22, 2011, at which time budget talks will begin. Jeff Royer, from York Suburban, will be leaving York Tech and will be sorely missed.

YORK ADAMS ACADEMY

Anne Jones reported no meeting for November. Jones noted YAA appears to be well tuned, largely due to the efforts of Dave Detzel, Director, who is making sure that all students are successful. Anne noted she will miss sitting on the YAA board. Along with her retirement, many other members of the board will be changing; however, she is confident it will not affect the overall success of the program. Mr. Stein announced the YAA board seat is open and interested board members should notify him as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Cable moved and Sindlinger seconded the approval of the following minutes: Regular Board Meeting, October 17, 2011, Voting Meeting, November 7, 2011, and Directors’ Study Forum, November 7, 2011. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

George Ioannidis presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending October 31, 2011.

2. Cable moved and Jones seconded the approval of the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

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

BUSINESS/FINANCE REPORTS

3. Following a report of the Budget and Finance Committee’s recommendations read by George Ioannidis, Dolheimer moved and Sindlinger seconded the following:

- I. Approval of the Accounts Payable lists as presented.
- II. Approval to exonerate the Spring Grove Area School District from tax bill no. 003235, parcel ID no. 33000GF00660000000, for real estate taxes in the face amount of \$3,797.88.
- III. Approval to accept Per Capita/Occupation tax exonerations from tax years’ 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 per listings from Statewide Tax Recovery:

TAX YEAR	NUMBER OF EXONERATIONS	REASON FOR EXONERATION	DOLLAR AMOUNT EXONERATED
2004	1	Paid Prior	\$27.50
2005	2	Paid Prior/Deceased	\$55.00
2006	1	Non-Resident	\$27.50
2007	4	Non-Resident/Deceased	\$110.00
2008	4	Non-Resident/Deceased	\$110.00
2009	9	Deceased/Low Income	\$247.50
2010	8	Deceased/Low Income	\$220.00
TOTAL:	29		\$797.50

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

George Ioannidis shared that the 2010-2011 Auditor's Report, with corresponding memo, was placed at board members' seats. Acceptance of the report will be sought at the December Reorganization meeting. Mr. Ioannidis indicated there were no findings or material weaknesses. He also noted the district does not yet have a final pronouncement concerning the debt service and exception as discussed during the November 7 DSF meeting. More information will be available and discussed with the board during the January discussion meeting.

4. Following a report of the Transportation Committee's recommendations read by Cindy Huber, Huber moved and Jones seconded the following:
 - I. Approval of the following contracted Durham School Service, Inc. bus/van drivers for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - A. Robin Lawson
 - B. Brenda Hair
 - C. Julie Madoni
 - D. John C. Hooper, Jr.
 - E. Michael DeWald
 - F. Jordan Sterner
 - G. Michelle Yost
 - H. Jordan Sterner

Vote by roll call 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, Hoschar moved and Jones seconded the following:
 - I. Approval of a second reading for the following policies:
 - A. Policy No. 543: CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, Paid Holidays
 - II. Approval of the attached, updated 2011-2012 Fund Raising Organizations, noting addition of items 15 and 23.
 - III. In accordance with Board Policy #702, Gifts, Grants and Donations, acceptance of a Hardman Peck upright piano, estimated in value by the donor at approximately \$1,000, to be used in the Music Department of the Spring Grove Area High School.

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, Dolheimer moved and Jones seconded the following:
 - I. Approval of the following resignation:
 - A. High School Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach – Lindsay McAllister, effective November 22, 2011 due to personal reasons.
 - B. High School Family & Consumer Sciences Instructor – Margaret Jennings, effective at the conclusion of the last day for professional staff for the 2011-2012 school year, due to retirement.

- II. Approval of the following request for family and medical leave:
 - A. Paradise Elementary Kindergarten Instructor – Sharon Akers, beginning November 29, 2011 through approximately December 7, 2011, not to exceed the maximum 12 weeks as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave of absence for the restoration of health.
 - B. Spring Grove Elementary/ Paradise Elementary Learning Support Instructor – Rachel Myers, beginning approximately January 3, 2012, to approximately March 2, 2012, not to exceed the 12 week maximum as outlined in the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for child rearing purposes.

- III. Approval of the following appointments:
 - A. Spring Grove Elementary Custodian – John Longstreet, as a part-time, 4 hour, second shift custodian, effective November 3, 2011. Compensation established at \$9.54 per hour + \$.20 shift differential when applicable.
 - B. Junior High Wrestling Cheer Coach – Nicole Wolf, effective November 22, 2011, for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Compensation established at \$728.00 in accordance with the Spring Grove Education Association.
 - C. High School Co-Assistant Swim Coach – Suzanne Hoffman, effective November 18, 2011. Compensation established at a stipend of \$855.00 for the 2011-2012 season as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.
 - D. High School Co-Assistant Swim Coach – Daniel Brenner, effective November 18, 2011. Compensation established at a stipend of \$834.00 for the 2011-2012 season as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

- IV. Approval of the following classified substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly rate approved in the Classified Wage & Salary Guidelines:
 - A. Sabrina Durgin
 - B. Rachel Rohrbaugh

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

PROGRAM REPORTS:

- 7. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee’s recommendations read by Emily Sindlinger, Sindlinger moved and Cable seconded the following:
 - I. Approval for Jason Baker, high school social studies teacher, and one chaperone to accompany approximately 40 students to Washington, D.C. on December 7, 2011.
 - II. Approval for district science teachers Brian Hastings, Pam Kimber, Catrina Frey, Kim Richard, Cathy Drapiewski, and Debbie Kronsteiner, and gifted teacher Sherry Stambaugh, to accompany approximately 34 middle and high school students to the Science Olympiad State Competition in State College, PA on April 26-27, 2011.

III. Approval of the following new courses beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

- A. Advanced Placement Music Theory
- B. Advanced Placement Physics B
- C. Advanced Placement United States History
- D. SAT Preparation
- E. Computer Applications Level 1
- F. Computer Applications Level 2
- G. Game Programming and Design
- H. Informational Technology (IT) Essentials: PC Hardware Software
- I. Web 2.0 Tools

IV. Approval of the revision of the following courses beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

- A. Advanced Placement Chemistry
- B. Advanced Placement Calculus AB
- C. Algebra 2 Concepts
- D. Geometry Concepts

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

Dolheimer moved and Jones seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager/Board Secretary