

The Spring Grove Area School Board of Directors met for its regular session on Monday, April 16, 2012. This meeting was held in the Gymnasium of the Spring Grove Intermediate School, 1480 Roth's Church Road, 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 Mike Brookhart, Eric Cable, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Stacy Meyer, Emily Sindlinger, Douglas Stein, David Trettel, and Douglas White present. Mr. Stein indicated one executive session was held since the last sunshine meeting on April 2, 2012 for personnel reasons.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Robert Lombardo, Superintendent, asked Jason Baker, High School Social Studies instructor, to introduce students of this year's Mock Trial team. Baker gave a summary of this year's topic and shared that the team took Districts, but lost to a team that finished second among 350 districts competing in the state. Students were introduced and Mary Buckmaster presented a simulation of her closing statement for the board and audience members. Students and Baker were applauded for their diligent efforts and hard work.

Dr. Lombardo recognized and congratulated Dr. Michael Holtzapple on recent completion of his dissertation and achievement of his Doctorate degree.

Haley Miller gave the Student Representative Report, noting building activities throughout the past month, which included building assemblies, game days, etc., at the elementary levels. Miller noted the Middle School recently held its Mini-THON, and raised just over \$62,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund. Fund raisers will be taking place at the High School, one of which includes a prom gown sale for the National Honor Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Myers, Music Boosters, reported that May is a very busy month with scheduled concerts. Scholarship fundraisers have concluded, and the Jazz Festival is to be held on May 5th with bands coming from the county to participate. Eight bands are committed to compete in the Cavalcade of Bands for the fall. Myers noted if the school board wishes to support the event with an ad for the bulletin or a trophy to present, Mrs. Sterner has the information.

Robin Russo, Heidelberg Township, read a portion of minutes on the agenda to be approved from the April 2, 2012 meeting. Russo referenced revenue and expense figures presented during that meeting on a slide showing year-to-year comparisons for budgetary purposes. Reading language from board action included on the evening's budget and finance agenda, Russo stated what appeared to him to be a discrepancy.

Ray Lawson, Heidelberg Township, questioned if anything has been done to offer a compensation package to teachers who are eligible for retirement. Lawson commended students from the Mock Trial Team. He encouraged board members to represent the district by accepting invitations to participate in meetings held by local organizations.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Lombardo noted one of the duties of a Superintendent is to represent the district and attend school-affiliated organization meetings on behalf of the school board. He has done this on a number of occasions in Spring Grove.

Mr. Stein called for executive session for personnel reasons at 7:26 PM. He reconvened the meeting at 7:39 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Cindy Huber reported the Governor's proposed budget includes a moratorium on district construction projects. Budget negotiations have begun, with legislators returning for session at the end of April. The Governor signed Act 31 of 2012 into action, allowing districts to contract with private driver training schools for classroom instruction. The state Legislative Reapportionment Commission adopted a revised preliminary plan for new maps of Senate and House legislative districts, slated to take effect with the 2014 election cycle.

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Cindy Huber reported all 14-member school districts have now approved the 2012-2013 YCST budget. Summer school classes for online courses will be offered.

YORK ADAMS ACADEMY

Stacy Meyer reported things are going well, and YAA is being looked at as a role model for the state. There is no meeting in April.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Sindlinger moved and Huber seconded the approval of the following minutes: Regular Board Meeting, March 19, 2012, Voting Meeting, April 2, 2012, and Directors' Study Forum, April 2, 2012. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michael Brookhart presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2012.

2. Brookhart moved and Huber 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 Mike Brookhart, Brookhart moved and Trettel seconded the following:
 - A. Approval of the Accounts Payable lists as presented.
 - B. Approval of two (2) Resolutions authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2012, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,280,000, General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2012, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,240,000, and General Obligation Bonds, Series AAA of 2012, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,260,000, for the purpose of: (1) currently refunding the Spring Grove Area School District General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2007; (2) currently refunding the Spring Grove Area School District General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2007; (3) currently refunding the Spring Grove Area School District General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2006; and (4) paying all costs and expenses of issuance of the Bonds.
 - C. Approval of the Proposed General Fund Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, with total revenues of \$55,240,389 and total expenditures of \$59,130,470, with the shortfall of \$3,890,081 to be funded from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, and setting the real estate tax millage rate at 20.0831 mills, an increase of .6788 mills from the restated millage rate of 19.4043 (based upon the rescission of mills due to refinance of debt exception).

- D. Approval of the attached Final Budget Notice, which gives notification to the public that the 2012-2013 Proposed Final Budget is available for public inspection, and states intention to present for adoption as a Final Budget at the May 21, 2012 school board meeting, allowing for amendments before final adoption.
- E. Approval of the attached Resolution Authorizing Proposed Final Budget Display and Advertising, supporting the Final Budget Notice.
- F. Approval to dispose of surplus technology equipment as outlined on the attached listing, through Egreen, who will recycle the district’s electronic waste and reimburse the district a sum of \$940.
- G. Approval of the attached and updated listing of 2011-2012 fund raising organizations, noting the addition of Spring Grove Wrestling Club.

Chris Gibbons with Concord Public Finance, Bond Underwriter, presented details surrounding action item (B), refinancing existing debt for 2007 A & B Series Bonds and 2006 Series A Bonds. Mr. Gibbons noted the district is currently reflecting a 7.27% savings threshold of refunded principal, and would yield a present value of savings of \$617,627.74. Steve Hovis, Bond Counsel, noted for the record there are two separate resolutions before the board for approval; one for the 2007 Series A and B Bonds, and a separate for the remaining 2006 Series A Bonds. Hovis discussed the parameters resolution in detail. Steve Flaherty, RBC Capital Markets, presented information as Bond Underwriter. If the resolution before the board is signed this evening, it will effectively enact and authorize the president to enter in agreement with RBC on the refinancing, but could not be settled until June 5, 2012 due to time limitations, which could affect the savings up or down depending on interest rates.

George Ioannidis presented two handouts for review regarding the proposed budget action listed in item (C). Ioannidis reviewed millage rates and PSERS rate projections and noted the net affect year over year would be a 2.1% increase in the millage rate and subsequent property tax bills. The action calendar indicates final budget adoption for May 21, 2012. This is the proposed final adoption, with changes open until that final adoption and further discussion planned for the May DSF meeting.

Vote by roll call resulted in the motion carrying with Hoschar, Sindlinger, Brookhart, White, Trettel, Cable, Huber and Stein voting in favor. Meyer voted against.

- 4. Following a report of the Building and Grounds Committee’s recommendations read by Eric Cable, Cable moved and Sindlinger seconded the following:
 - A. Approval to enter into a right of way agreement with Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company for Glatfelter to harvest and remove timber from property adjacent to the Spring Grove Area High School owned by Robert Strausbaugh, and load on district property, with the understanding this right of way will be restored to a condition comparable to its present condition.
 - B. Approval to submit form PDE-3074, Non-Reimbursable Work Subject to Advertising and Bidding Requirements, to move forward with the Spring Grove Intermediate chiller project.
 - C. Approval, in accordance with Board Policy #707, of the following Use of Facilities request:
 - a. MgM Dance Studio, Mary Mock, New Freedom, PA 17349.

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| Activity: | Dance rehearsals and recital. |
| Facility: | High School Auditorium and Choral Room. |
| Date(s): | June 12-17, 2012. |

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| Time(s): | June 12-14 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.; June 15 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and June 16-17 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Insurance: | On file expires 4/11/13. |
| Fee: | Rental fee \$425.00 per use plus AV and custodial fees. |

Ioannidis introduced Mr. Rader, Barton Associates, who shared an executive summary listing four options for replacement of the Intermediate School chiller and noted costs, life expectancy and potential differences of each. The district’s plan is to begin advertisement and move forward to have the new system in place prior to start of the 2012-2013 school year.

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 Sindlinger seconded the following:

A. Acceptance of the following donations in accordance with Board Policy No.702, Gifts, Grants and Donations:

- a. Bundy Trumpet, in fair condition, serial number 141895 – received from Steven Bretherick
- b. Flute, in good condition, serial number H55760 – received from Dawn Chaney

B. Approval of a second reading for the following policies:

- a. Policy No. 237: PUPILS, Electronic Devices
- b. Policy No. 815: OPERATIONS, Responsible Use of Internet and Network Resources

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 Cindy Huber, Huber moved and Trettel seconded the following:

A. Approval of the following resignation:

- a. High School Cafeteria Employee – Judy Frock, at the conclusion of the last student day of the 2011-2012 school year, due to retirement.
- b. Student Athletic Coordinator – Jacob Slagle, effective June 30, 2012, due to personal reasons.
- c. Assistant Boys’ Volleyball Coach – Michael Torress, effective April 13, 2012, due to personal reasons.

B. Approval of the following requests for uncompensated leave:

- a. Paradise Elementary School Aide – Cara Sullivan, on March 23, 2012, due to funeral leave of family member.
- b. Spring Grove Elementary Cafeteria Employee – Tuesday Decello, on April 25, 2012, due to personal reasons.

- C. Approval of the following professional substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per day and \$110.00 per day beginning on the 21st day cumulative:
 - a. Mandy Bentzel – Elementary Certification
 - b. Kelly Morgan – Elementary Certification

- D. Approval of the following instructors for the 2012 Summer Music Program to be used on an as-needed basis, with compensation at the approved curriculum rate, to be paid from tuition fees for this program:
 - a. Daniel Brenner – High School Instrumental Instructor
 - b. Timothy Bupp – Elementary Instrumental Instructor
 - c. Brian Buterbaugh – High School Instrumental Instructor
 - d. Daniel Fake – Middle School Instrumental Instructor
 - e. Susan Gross – Intermediate School Music Instructor
 - f. Marianne Moran – Elementary Music Instructor
 - g. William Robinson – Middle School Instrumental Instructor

- E. Approval of the following appointments:
 - a. New Salem Custodian – Richard Keller, as a full-time, 2nd shift custodian, effective April 16, 2012. Compensation established at a base rate of \$9.54 per hour + 20¢ shift differential when applicable.
 - b. Assistant Boys’ Volleyball Coach – Paul Zeroth, effective April 16, 2012. Compensation established at a stipend of \$959.00 for the remainder of the 2012 season.

- F. Approval of the following transfer:
 - a. New Salem Head Cook – Tonya Godfrey from a full-time, 6.25 hours per student day cook at the Middle School to a full-time, 6.75 hours per student day head cook at New Salem Elementary effective approximately, April 23, 2012. Compensation established at a rate of \$13.69 per hour + applicable supervisory rate.

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 Athletic and Music Committee’s recommendations read by Stacy Meyer, Meyer moved and Huber seconded the following:
 - A. Approval for the High School Competition Cheerleading Squad to attend the U.S. National Competition held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, May 4-6, 2012.

Vote by roll call resulted in the motion carrying with Huber, Trettel, Cable, Brookhart, White, Hoschar, Meyer and Stein voting in favor. Sindlinger voted against.

- 8. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee’s recommendations read by Emily Sindlinger, Sindlinger moved and Hoschar seconded the following:
 - A. Approval to implement an Alternative Education Program at the Spring Grove Area High School, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

- B. Approval for Kathleen Krall, High School Social Studies Teacher, Abbie Sechrist, High School Foreign Language Teacher, and Thomas Hunt, High School Math Teacher to accompany approximately 18 high school students on a European War History trip to France and Germany, July 9-18, 2013.

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

Sindlinger moved and Huber seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager/Board Secretary