

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ June 18, 2012
TIME: 7:42 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS: School Board: Eric Cable, Brent Hoschar, Stacy Meyer,
Emily Sindlinger, Douglas Stein,
David Trettel, Douglas White

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

Absent: Michael Brookhart, Cindy Huber

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:42 PM by Douglas Stein, Board President. Mr. Stein noted seven Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hoschar presented the proposed 2012-2013 Operational Plan for review and discussion. Dr. Lombardo indicated the administration will continue with Best Practices training and begin to analyze and evaluate having an in-house Life Skills Program. The administrative team will also continue to implement property and facility plans in place following 2010-11 CAC recommendations, and continue moving forward with a very rigorous budgetary process over the next year. Board approval of the plan will be requested at the July voting meeting.

Mike Brookhart arrived at 7:48 PM.

Hoschar presented revisions to Policy #246, Student Wellness, for review. Dr. Lombardo indicated this policy needs amended to address severe issues not addressed in current policy language, such as student allergies. Karyn Brown, Pupil Services Director, stated revisions presented will bring everything in line with the Wellness Program and new regulations in the Food Service Program. The district currently has more than 150 students with food allergies. This policy will address parents wishing to bring in food items for classroom parties, etc. The board will consider approval of a first reading at the July voting meeting.

Hoschar presented a memo concerning paperless board meetings for discussion. Mr. Ioannidis indicated the administration is looking to transmit board items to members in electronic format and briefly reviewed steps of that process. He noted this will no longer require the district to make paper copies and hand deliver packets. This change will also allow members to bring their own devices to access the electronic version during meetings. Board meetings will be conducted using a dual electronic/paper platform until a comfort level is reached with members. Late notifications will continue to be shared in both paper and electronic format. Consensus of members was favorable. Board members were encouraged to give feedback.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sindlinger presented two proposals for major trip for review: FBLA State Leadership Workshop in November, 2012 and Penn State University THON in February, 2013. Sindlinger noted there are no costs to the district for either trip, and each will have two chaperones, a standard district procedure, depending on the number of students and their gender(s). The board will consider approval of the two trips at the July voting meeting.

PLANNING

George Ioannidis shared that the Spring Grove Area Education Fund has signed on with Stream Energy Power Up Program, a company that produces and markets electricity in various states. Customers sign on with the program in place of their existing electricity vendor, and a portion of the proceeds are returned back to the non-profit organization, in this case, SGAEF. The advisory board of SGASF has voted to share these proceeds with the school district. A program implementation timeline was shared with board members.

Sindlinger moved for adjournment at 8:04 PM. The motion, seconded by Meyer, was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary