

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: August 6, 2012
7:36 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

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

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

Absent:

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:36 PM by Douglas Stein, Board President. Mr. Stein noted nine Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eric Cable presented the Windy Hill Senior Center Proposal for discussion. Dr. Lombardo introduced Tammy Miller, Executive Director at Windy Hill, noting the Center’s interest in rental of the old Middle School. Miller named other center representatives in the audience: Dianna Benaknin, York County Area Agency on Aging, Phil Keener, Glatfelter, Dr. David Stricker, Windy Hill Facilities Committee, Donna Hake, Windy Hill Board Member, and Dave Brown, Jackson Township. Miller stated the center has seen tremendous growth in recent years, and cited parking, members’ physical disabilities, a desire to increase programs and increasing opportunities for future funding as major focus areas for this move. The board reviewed information presented, and discussed potential benefits to the district of rental income and partnership opportunities for programming and community service.

Dr. Lombardo noted there would be a few changes necessary to accommodate the move. Costs would be the responsibility of the center. A five-year lease would be developed, with the assistance of our Solicitor. George Ioannidis noted if the board recommends keeping the building for any use, the existing roof is an issue that will need addressed, which is currently on the list of capital projects. Ioannidis also stated that systems could be adjusted to provide heating / cooling only to Windy Hill’s area of the building. Significant building space would remain unoccupied for other considerations, and an enrollment study would provide opportunity to discuss options. Following discussion, Ioannidis noted he would speak with Jackson Township to make sure no other issues exist, and the administration will move forward with request for board approval at the August 20 voting meeting.

George Ioannidis noted the administration has conducted an investigation into a state ESCO program. He introduced Richard Schrecengost and Kendra McQuilton of ECG Engineering, LLC, a firm specializing in conducting the scope of work the district may be interested in having done. Ms. McQuilton shared that ECG engages their energy specialists to identify sustainable building renovations necessary to operate at

maximum efficiency. ECG then evaluates those renovations and equipment replacements. If pursued, ECG quantifies savings available to the district when making recommended changes. Consensus of the board was to have additional time to review the information. The board will consider additional discussion of the ESCO project at the September 10, 2012 Directors' Study Forum.

George Ioannidis requested board consent to proceed with RFPs for an enrollment study. Consensus of the board was to move forward with obtaining proposals. Ioannidis will post a formal request on the district website.

Eric Cable presented the 2012-2013 waiver of use of facilities fees listing for review. Dr. Lombardo indicated the board has had conversations over the past year indicating the Superintendent has the authority to approve requests for use of facilities in lieu of the board. Board consensus was for Dr. Lombardo to handle such approvals. However, the board requested the Superintendent's office verify that each organization listed on the waiver of fees' listing is in fact a non-profit organization. The board will consider approval of the listing, with verification completed, at the August 20 voting meeting. Dr. Lombardo will handle future requests for use of facilities.

George Ioannidis presented details surrounding an opportunity to pay off the 2006A Series Bonds. Chris Gibbons, Concord Public Finance, was present to answer questions. Ioannidis explained an early payoff in callable bonds will save the district approximately \$250,000 (+) on interest costs; however, the board will have to deal with another rescission of the millage rate. A resolution will be necessary in order to move forward and initiate the transaction. The board will consider approval of the resolution at the August 20 voting meeting.

Mr. Ioannidis noted the district is experiencing ongoing issues with Stanley, a company which acquired Sonitrol, the district's contracted provider for closed circuit TV, video monitoring, building security, etc. These issues remain unresolved, despite continued discussions. The district's tech department has investigated options as alternatives to continuing with Stanley. Meetings are scheduled to attempt to move through these issues; however, if not addressed to satisfaction, the administration will bring a recommendation to the board to sever portions of the Stanley contract and present alternatives for approval to replace and move forward. Dr. Lombardo noted this has been an issue since his employment in 2009.

Mr. Brookhart presented the 2012-2013 fund raising organizations listing for review. The board will consider approval of the listing at the August 20 voting meeting.

Mr. Ioannidis presented a request to develop a contract between parents of non-public students and the district, whereby parents become responsible to transport their children to the private educational facility in which they are enrolled. Because the district provides transportation to public students, School Code mandates the district provide transportation to non-public students attending schools within ten miles of our border. The proposed contract would include offering a payment to the family of the non-public school student(s), in exchange for signing off on district provided transportation. Ioannidis suggested offering a contractual payment of 14 cents per mile, which is the existing IRS charitable rate and would translate to approximately \$500-\$800.00 per family. The board gave consent to prepare the contract and proceed with approaching the parents.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Stacy Meyer presented competition cheerleading for discussion. Dr. Lombardo indicated it is now officially a PIAA sport, which includes district championships. Monies associated with funding the sport have been reflected in the 2012-2013 athletic budget. Many students involved in football cheerleading are also involved in competitive cheerleading. Scott Govern, Student Athletic Coordinator, is working with PIAA representatives on establishing guidelines for the sport. Dr. Lombardo is looking to know if he can advertise for the coaching position, currently vacant. The stipend is contracted. Board consensus is to move forward with advertising / hiring a coach. Dr. Cugliari, High School Principal, was requested to survey if students involved in football cheerleading are also involved in competitive cheerleading and respond to the board by the August 20 voting meeting.

Meyer presented two tournament requests for review and discussion. The board will consider approval of the requests at the August voting meeting.

Emily Sindlinger presented the Special Education Contract with South Western School District for discussion. Dr. Lombardo noted there is a youngster who would like to be part of the Spring Grove School District NI program. This translates to additional income for the district. The board will consider approval of the contract at the August 20 voting meeting.

Sindlinger presented the Alternative Education Contract with River Rock Academy for discussion. Karyn Brown, Director of Special Education, indicated that implementation of this High School program, capable of servicing 12 students, will reduce the number of free slots with River Rock. Spring Grove teachers will offer the content to the students, and collaboration between Spring Grove teachers and the River Rock individual will take place to evaluate the student. The contract includes periodic reviews of the staff person and the program. The board will consider approval of the contract at the August 20 voting meeting.

PLANNING

Doug Stein reminded board members of executive session following adjournment of the meeting for personnel. Cable moved for adjournment at 9:19 PM. The motion, seconded by Huber, was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary