

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ September 10, 2012  
TIME: 7:38 PM

LOCATION: Educational Service Center

PARTICIPANTS: School Board: 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: Michael Brookhart

The Directors’ Study Forum meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District was called to order at 7:38 PM by Douglas Stein, Board President. Mr. Stein noted eight Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Dr. Lombardo introduced Leigh Dalton, York County Truancy Prevention Initiative Director, who recognized the administration of Spring Grove Area School District for its influence in authoring the program. Donna Hake, former Asst. Superintendent, was instrumental in creating the protocol and establishing a blueprint for collection of data. The district continues a leadership role with Dr. Lombardo as United Way board member (parent organization of the program), and Karyn Brown serving on Advisory Committee. Juvenile Delinquency Court Judge Uhler created the truancy task force. Dr. Lombardo noted student dropout figures affect a district’s AYP statistics. Truancy is a major influence to drop out data, and preventative measures are worth the effort. The Superintendent stated that students who cannot read are more likely to drop out. Trettel questioned if there are ratio statistics of student dropouts to later incarcerations. While data may be inconclusive, Dalton shared the state of California uses third grade students who cannot read as a barometer to measure potential numbers for incarceration in the future.

**BUSINESS/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

George Ioannidis presented a 2013-2014 budget timeline for review. Administration is recommending approval of the timeline, which lists preliminary budget adoption at the February voting meeting, at the September voting meeting. The board will consider approval of the timeline at the September 24 voting meeting.

Ioannidis presented the ESCO project with ECG for further discussion, following the board's request to review the proposal from the August meeting. Ioannidis confirmed ECG has not been involved in any litigation, and another York County School District has secured ECG for their services. Following lengthy discussion concerning the terms of agreement, the board requested George to verify that there is no financial obligation to conduct the initial facilities review. The board will consider approval of the project at the September voting meeting, with verification obtained.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Dr. Cugliari presented information concerning High School Summer Programs, Math and Communication Arts. Cugliari shared participation rates and statistical data with board members. Cost to the district is \$450 per course currently, at no cost to students, some of which are considered economically disadvantaged. If the board were to implement a fee, it may greatly hinder participation. Other districts are charging approximately \$175 to students. The administration does not recommend a fee.

Dr. Cugliari also presented information concerning outcomes of Advanced Placement courses, noting comparisons from 2011 to 2012. Second year courses reflected greater success than first year classes. The administration considers the program to be in its infancy stage. Teachers and students will need time before reaching a comfort level. The district continues to offer honors courses at the High School level, with weight for an AP class being 1.15 and 1.1 for an honors class.

Sindlinger presented two major trip proposals for review and discussion, Mock Trial Competition in January 2013, and the Music Department's Nashville Concert tour in March 2013. The board will consider approval of both trips at the September voting meeting.

### **PLANNING**

Dr. Lombardo noted that PDE recently announced Paradise Elementary as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School. He indicated this to be a rare and prestigious honor. Planning during November will appropriately include a lot celebrating. Board members, administrators and audience members recognized Annette Julius for her efforts as Paradise Elementary Building Principal representing all the staff and students. November 12-13, 2012, Mrs. Julius will travel to Washington, D.C. to accept the award and receive the "blue flag." Mr. Renaut noted the last York County district to receive such an award was Northeastern in 2001. Exceptionally high scores warranted Paradise's consideration. Only eight in PA were recipients, selected from more than 100,000 public and private schools.

Doug White requested future discussion include installation of steps on school property where students currently have band practice. Mark Czapp will get quotes and present to the board for consideration.

Cable motioned for adjournment at 8:25 PM. Meyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis  
Business Manager / Board Secretary