

The Spring Grove Area School District Board of Directors met for its regular session on Monday, November 18, 2013. This meeting was held in the Board Room of the Spring Grove Area Educational Services 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 Board Recording Secretary showed Eric Cable, Brent Hoschar, Cindy Huber, Stacy Meyer, Emily Sindlinger, Douglas Stein, Todd Staub, David Trettel, and Douglas White present. Mr. Stein indicated one executive session was held since the last sunshine meeting, on November 4, 2013, for student discipline purposes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Lombardo, Superintendent, shared that Dr. Bob Krantz is retiring as Superintendent from Dover Area School District, effective in January 2014. Dr. Krantz had also served as Superintendent of Record for York Adams Academy; Dr. Lombardo announced he will take up that role in January.

Andrew Moul, Student Representative, gave a report of activities and events taking place at buildings throughout the district during November. Moul reported that he was part of this year’s Spring Grove Brain Busters Team, which took its first win over Central Dauphin, 270 to 185.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Staub noted there no report from Athletic Boosters; however, Dr. Lombardo indicated that the December 2, 2013 agenda will include a request for approval of a golf outing scheduled for the summer of 2014; all background information will accompany the request.

Carrie Livingston, 7th grade Science instructor, stated that this week is American Education Week, and on behalf of SGEA, handed out a small token of appreciation thanking board members and administrators for their support in education.

Board members and administrators thanked Mrs. Livingston.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Cindy Huber shared that PSBA is continuing its efforts to bring HB1734 up for a vote, noting this bill provides relief from the extensive interscholastic athletics reporting requirements under Act 82 of 2012. Huber also highlighted SB733 and HB1728, and noted public hearings are scheduled for HB1722, HB1735 and HB779.

YORK ADAMS ACADEMY

Stacy Meyer reported no YAA meeting was held this month. Superintendents are being asked to encourage School Counselors to do their best with referrals, and Meyer encouraged all board members to consider taking a tour of the YAA facility.

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Cindy Huber reported the most recent YCST meeting was held on October 31. There are currently 1590 students enrolled, with 275 on the waiting list. Students in the freshman class total 475. A goal of the YCST board is to increase enrollment to 1900. To that end, a YCST representative will be going to 8th grade classes to share a presentation. A special budget meeting is scheduled in two weeks and negotiations have started.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Cable moved and Sindlinger seconded the approval of the following minutes: Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2013; Voting Meeting, November 4, 2013; and Directors' Study Forum, November 4, 2013. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Eric Cable presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2013.

2. Cable 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 Eric Cable, Cable moved and Trettel seconded the following:

- A. Approval of the Accounts Payable lists as presented.

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

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

4. Following a report of the Policy Committee's recommendations read by Brent Hoschar, Hoschar moved and Trettel seconded the following:

- A. Approval of a second reading for the following policies:

- 1) Policy No. 204: PUPILS, Attendance

- B. Approval of the Middle School Administration and Superintendent's recommendation of the Agreement, Waiver and Stipulation as documented (for student 007) during a meeting held on November 6, 2013.

- C. Acceptance of the following donation in accordance with Board Policy No. 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations:

- 1) From Miller's Plant Farm, York, PA, one (1) bin of pumpkins, enough for each student to receive one pumpkin, for teachers to use in an in-class fall-related activity.

Vote by roll call on all items of policy resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by board members in favor.

5. 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 resignations:

- 1) High School Cook – Molly Heck, effective at the conclusion of the day, November 8, 2013, due to personal reasons.

- 2) High School Musical Light and Sound Advisor – Sara Smith, effective at the conclusion of the day, November 15, 2013, due to personal reasons.

- B. Approval of the following request for family and medical leave:

- 1) New Salem/Spring Grove Elementary Library Aide – Kelly Mills, effective November 7, 2013, through approximately November 29, 2013, not to exceed the 12 week maximum as outlined under the Family and Medical Leave guidelines for the restoration of health.
- C. Approval of the following transfer:
- 1) High School Personal Care Aide – Jennifer Weitzel, from a part-time, 4 hours per student day Learning Support Aide, to a full-time, 7 hours per student day Personal Care Aide, effective November 4, 2013, for as long as students require assistance. Compensation remains at current base stipend of \$9.17 per hour.
- D. Approval of the following appointments:
- 1) New Salem Elementary Cook – Julie Safley, as a part-time, 4.5 hours per student day cook, effective November 6, 2013. Compensation established at a base rate of \$9.07 per hour.
 - 2) Paradise Elementary Aide – Beth Marshall, as a part-time, 3 hours per student day, classroom aide, effective November 11, 2013, through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation established at a base rate of \$9.17 per hour.
- E. Approval of the following classified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year at the hourly rate approved in the Classified Wage & Salary Guidelines:
- 1) Alexis Anderson
 - 2) Tammy Atkins
- F. Approval of the following professional substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per day and \$110.00 per day beginning on the 21st day cumulative:
- 1) Benjamin Gambler – Chemistry Certification
 - 2) Nicole Negley – Elementary Education & Special Education Certification
 - 3) Ashley Saltmarsh – Early Childhood & Elementary Education Certification
- G. Approval of the following individuals holding a Bachelor’s degree and completing the District’s Guest Teacher orientation program to substitute teach in all subject areas during the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per day and \$110.00 per day beginning on the 21st day cumulative:
- 1) Melina Blackwell
 - 2) Nathan Hesselink

Vote by roll call on all items of personnel resulted in the motion carrying, with a unanimous vote by board members in favor.

PROGRAM REPORT:

6. Following a report of the Athletic & Music Committee’s recommendations read by Stacy Meyer, Meyer moved and Sindlinger seconded the following:
 - A. Approval for the Senior High Wrestling team to attend the King of the Mountain Tournament at Central Mountain High School in State College, Pennsylvania, December 13-14, 2013.
 - B. Approval for the Junior High Wrestling team to attend the Wilson Junior High Wrestling tournament at Wilson High School in West Lawn, Pennsylvania, February 7-8, 2014.

Vote by roll call on athletic and music items presented resulted in the motion carrying with a unanimous vote by board members in favor.

7. Following a report of the Curriculum Committee's recommendations read by Emily Sindlinger, Sindlinger moved and White seconded the following:
 - A. Approval for approximately eight high school students, along with Jason Baker, High School Social Studies Teacher, and Nicole Harlacher, High School World Language Teacher, to travel to the University of Pittsburgh to compete in a Mock Trial Competition, January 3-5, 2014.
 - B. Approval for approximately 18 high school students, along with Jason Baker, High School Social Studies Teacher, and Nicole Harlacher, High School World Language Teacher, to travel to the University of Pennsylvania to compete in a Mock Trial Competition, January 18-19, 2014.
 - C. Approval for Renee Eaton, Catrina Frey, Brian Hastings, and Kim Richard, High School Science Teachers, to accompany approximately 30 students to the TARC (Team America Rocketry Challenge) Nationals in The Plains, Virginia, May 8-11, 2014.
 - D. Approval for approximately 150 middle school students, along with Dan Fake, Sue Gross, and Kyle Showalter, Middle School Music Teachers, along with twelve additional parent or teacher chaperones, to travel to Blake High School and Six Flags America, Maryland, on May 17, 2014.
 - E. Approval of time allotment changes for the following courses, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year:
 - 1) English 11
 - 2) Advanced Placement Biology
 - F. Approval of the following new courses, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year:
 - 1) Advanced Placement German
 - 2) Advanced Placement Physics 1
 - 3) Advanced Placement Physics 2
 - 4) Enhanced Biology
 - 5) Harrisburg Area Community College Academy – Automotive Technology
 - 6) Harrisburg Area Community College Academy – Nurse Aide Program
 - 7) Human Anatomy and Physiology
 - 8) Science 1
 - 9) Science 2
 - G. Approval of the revision of the following courses, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year:
 - 1) College Prep English 9
 - 2) College Prep English Honors 9
 - 3) College Prep English 10
 - 4) College Prep English Honors 10
 - 5) College Prep English 11
 - 6) College Prep English Honors 11
 - 7) College Prep English 12
 - 8) English 12

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

Mr. Stein reminded members of the Board Reorganization meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2013. Both Stein and Hoschar announced their willingness to continue serving as President and Vice President, respectively.

Dr. Lombardo requested Board consent to close the school district on December 23 and December 30 in an effort to save energy. Board members were in favor of the closings, and non-instructional staff will be notified of the procedure for making up the time or using personal and/or vacation time.

Trettel moved and Huber seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager/Board Secretary