

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: June 3, 2013
7:34 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: Todd Staub

The Directors’ Study Forum, of the Spring Grove Area School District Board of School Directors, was called to order at 7:34 PM by Mr. Douglas Stein, President. Mr. Stein noted that eight Board members remained present from the voting meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ioannidis introduced Stephen Flaherty, RBC Capital Markets, and Chris Gibbons, Concord Public Financial Advisors, to discuss board options regarding the refinancing of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 A & B. Flaherty and Gibbons shared possibilities concerning refinancing of bonds, noting the objective is to pursue the option that yields the greatest savings, with the least amount of risk. Consensus of the board is to have Flaherty and Gibbons prepare data and estimates for the Parameters Resolution, and return to the June 17th meeting with Bond Counsel to give an update of interest rates. Following such update, the administration will include request for approval of the Parameters Resolution with minimum thresholds on the June 17 voting agenda. This approval will authorize RBC to enter the market with the bonds for sale.

Ioannidis shared a memo and proposal from the Music Department / Music Boosters for the sharing of costs with the District to purchase a new truck for use to transport music equipment. The proposal includes a 50/50 cost split, as well as opportunity for district/Booster organization shared use of the truck. Truck maintenance will be responsibility of the district, while Boosters will cover cosmetic costs. The board will consider approval of the purchase on June 17.

Ioannidis introduced Tammy Miller, Director of Windy Hill Senior Center, who requested board approval to erect signage on the campus property, formerly the Middle School, with new name "Windy Hill on the Campus." Miller shared specifications for size and placement of the signage, and was asked to consider the size and style of district signage before installation, which may take place following final approval by the school. Miller also requested to move existing restroom facilities from the north lobby of the building to an area off the east cafeteria, at Windy Hill's expense. Board members gave authorization for Windy Hill to design and develop signage, and to move forward with renovations at no cost to the district.

Dr. Lombardo noted meeting with representatives from Glatfelter and Columbia Gas recently, regarding their interest in installation of a natural gas line on district property. Mark Czapp presented a drawing for review and discussion, showing a possible route for the pipe. Rick Hollinger, Columbia Gas, stated the line would be a high-pressure line of 300#, and there is a need for 50-feet along the entire route for safe and proper installation. Czapp and Hollinger noted a survey is the next step to determining the best placement of the line. The board gave consent to conduct the survey at no cost to the district, with Czapp as district contact. Columbia Gas / Glatfelter will restore district property to its existing condition, or better, following any work completed in the future.

Czapp shared a PowerPoint presentation reviewing 2012-2013 food service and facilities operations. He noted a future item for energy savings to be LED lighting, and Dr. Lombardo noted a future facilities agenda item will be the secondary access road on the High School campus, an outcome of a recent District Safety Committee meeting.

George Ioannidis noted the district is currently holding discussions with School Express, Inc. (SEI) to have them provide services related to the transportation of special education students to non-district programs and school locations. A similar model initiated by Adams County School Districts resulted in savings of approximately 30%. Ioannidis, in a collaborative effort with Dallastown, will continue to negotiate contract terms with SEI and present a final draft to the board with request for approval at the June 17 voting meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Brent Hoschar presented revisions to Policy 250, Student Recruitment, for review. The board will consider approval of a first reading at the June 17 voting meeting.

Hoschar presented 2013-2014 Student/Parent Handbooks for review and discussion, noting minor changes to building-specific sections. Following discussion of High School Clubs, board consensus was to consider approval of the handbooks at the June 17 voting meeting. Board members requested the High School Administration be diligent in monitoring those clubs that may have a connection with for-profit organizations that charge students to receive additional training. Dr. Cugliari will speak specifically to the Power of One club advisor noting the board's concerns.

Hoschar noted the reappointment of District Board Secretary is required every four years, and George Ioannidis will be placed on the June 17 voting agenda for approval.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Stacy Meyer presented the 2013-2014 Wellspan Athletic Trainer / School Physician Agreement for review and discussion. Dr. Lombardo noted this to be an annual contract, with this year's agreement combining trainer and physician services. The board will consider approval on June 17.

Emily Sindlinger presented two major trip proposals for review and discussion: American Choral Director's Association Jr. High Honors trip proposal, slated for February 5-8, 2014; and Penn State University THON, slated for February 22-23, 2014. Following brief discussion, the board will consider approval at the June 17 voting meeting.

Future planning items include the board retreat and discussion on the High School secondary access road at the DSF, both on June 17.

Cable made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 PM. Huber/Trettel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary