

TO: Board of School Directors

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – Directors’ Study Forum

DATE OF MEETING/ TIME: June 17, 2013
8:08 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: Cindy Huber, Todd Staub

The Directors’ Study Forum of the Spring Grove Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order at 8:08 PM by Mr. Douglas Stein, President. Mr. Stein noted that seven Board members remained present from the voting meeting, and stated that Todd Staub terminated the conference call and was no longer participating in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Miller, Director of Windy Hill Senior Center, stated that plans for the renovations to the former Middle School are underway and Windy Hill remains on target to move into the building at the start of the 2013-14 school year. Miller shared construction details, noting Kinsley and DE Wildasin and Sons have agreed to perform renovations at cost. An estimated total for all work is currently just above \$50,000, which includes extensive restroom upgrades, relocation of two convection ovens, and a variety of electrical upgrades. Miller requested board consideration to waive Windy Hill’s monthly rent of \$910 for a period of 24 months in order to recoup a portion of their renovation investment. She noted the building will remain under district ownership, and stated a similar agreement existed with the borough and community center when moving to their present location. She and Phil Keener will remain available to answer questions during the lease agreement discussion, a part of the DSF agenda.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE

N/A

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cable called for executive session for real estate at 8:14 PM and Mr. Stein resumed the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Cable presented the Windy Hill lease agreement for review and discussion. The board will consider approval of the lease at the July 15 voting meeting. The administration may revisit the issue of waiving rental fees at some point in the future. George Ioannidis will review lease language prior to board vote.

Doug White presented the rear high school steps for discussion, carried over from a prior meeting, stating that Music Boosters currently have no interest in picking up costs for the project, since use of the steps would not be limited to band/music students. White will talk with other high school clubs to determine their interest in supporting the project. The board will review in September.

White presented the idea of a secondary access road at the High School for discussion, noting emergency vehicle access is a concern with only one entrance currently available. Dr. Lombardo noted a grass-covered access route currently exists behind Spring Grove Elementary for vehicles to get through, if necessary. If drivers were aware of the road's existence, it would not be limited to emergency use; rather, students/residents would use the road, creating additional problems. Cable noted Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates drafted multiple plan options in the past. Property behind the High School is not district owned; proposals reflected the road to be steep and it required a switch back to alleviate a drastic incline. Additionally at that time, the proper authorities reviewed design and placement of the existing entrance. Doug Stein questioned if the existing road simply needs to be widened, strengthened, and/or reinforced. The Superintendent will discuss possibilities with Mark Czapp to see what options may be available to make the existing road a little more viable. If necessary, police and fire departments will be included in discussions and the administration will include the access road on a future DSF agenda.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Brent Hoschar presented the 2013-2014 Operational Plan for consideration. The board will consider approval at the July 15 voting meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Stacy Meyer presented an overnight trip for the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Players, to Raystown Lake on August 16-17, 2013, for review. Following lengthy discussion, the board will consider approval of the request at the July 15 meeting.

Meyer presented a proposal for 2013 Fall Season Marching Band Music Development for review and discussion. Following lengthy discussion on the selection of music, the board will consider approval of the request at the July 15 meeting.

Emily Sindlinger presented the FBLA State Leadership Workshop, November 10-11, 2013, for review and discussion. The board will consider approval of the proposal for a major trip at the July 15 meeting.

Doug Stein noted there would be an executive session for real estate following adjournment of the meeting.

Cable made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Meyer/Trettel seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager / Board Secretary